

## Bulletin Update - Florida Mentoring

April 15, 2005

### Awards of Excellence - Congratulations!

The Florida Mentoring Partnership "Awards of Excellence" were presented on Thursday, April 14, 2005, to six Florida mentors who were honored for their exemplary service in mentoring. The awards ceremony took place at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, Florida. The award recipients received a vacation cruise for two courtesy of Carnival Cruise Lines. The 2005 "Awards of Excellence" recipients are:

- **School or Community-Based Mentoring** – Ira Klosk, a volunteer mentor at Poinciana Elementary School in Palm Beach County.
- **Corporate Mentoring** – Sharon M. Tarlow, Coordinator for Educational Services at Columbia Hospital in West Palm Beach, Florida.
- **Faith-Based Mentoring** – Nita Miller actively involved with the Prison Fellowship Ministries at Brevard Correctional Institute (BCI).
- **Municipal Mentoring** – Perry M. Lopez, a public works construction manager for the City of Clearwater, is actively involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas County.
- **School Volunteer Coordinator** – Jane Lane, district level Mentor Coordinator and Manager of the Dividends School Volunteer Program for Seminole County Public Schools,
- **State Agency Mentoring** – Harold D. Daniels has coordinated groups of tutors/mentors from the Agency for Health Care Administration for the past six years in Hillsborough County.

### First Coast's Unsung Hero Celebration - April 20, 2005

The Unsung Hero Celebration "Walk Among the Stars" is an event to honor the mentors of the Take Stock in Children program. It is also a recruitment opportunity for Take Stock in Children as mentors are allowed to bring a guest and anyone who is interested in mentoring is encouraged to attend. Morocco Shrine Center and Auditorium, 3800 St. Johns Bluff Road South, Jacksonville, Florida. For more information and to R.S.V.P, please direct emails to: [unsungherocelebration2005@hotmail.com](mailto:unsungherocelebration2005@hotmail.com) or call Communities In Schools at (904) 354-5918.

### National Youth Service Day - April 15-17 2005

Youth worldwide will teach, mentor, advocate, and devote their National Youth Service Day to "Giving Back." For more information about National Youth Service Day, please visit [www.YSA.org/NYSD](http://www.YSA.org/NYSD).

### New Website On School Information

On March 29, the National Education Data Partnership (a collaboration among Achieve, the Council of Chief State School Officers, Standard & Poor's, and the CELT Corporation, financed by the Broad Foundation and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation) unveiled [www.schoolmatters.com](http://www.schoolmatters.com), a web-based service that provides in-depth information and analysis about public schools, school districts, and state education agencies. Online, users will find: Student proficiency results; Student demographic information; District and state financial data; Community demographic data; and Standard & Poor's unique ratios.

Please forgive any cross-posting and advise us at [FLAmentoring@aol.com](mailto:FLAmentoring@aol.com) if you would like names added or deleted from the Bulletin Update - Florida Mentoring. For prior issues, please visit the Florida Mentoring Partnership, under Monthly Mentoring Update at: <http://www.volunteerfloridafoundation.org>.

### Be a Mentor!

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