



FLORIDA CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION



Dear CEA-FL Members,

As we wrap up another successful year, I want to take a moment to personally thank each and every one of you for your continued support and participation in our association. Whether you've been a long-time member or recently joined us, your commitment to advancing our collective goals is what makes CEA-FL such a strong and vibrant community.

This holiday season, I extend my warmest wishes to you and your loved ones. May this time of year bring you peace, joy, and well-deserved rest as we reflect on our achievements and the challenges we've overcome together.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited about the opportunities that await us. With your involvement, we can continue to strengthen our association, advocate for our shared interests, and achieve even greater success. I am confident that with the passion and dedication of our members, 2025 will be another year of growth and progress for CEA-FL.

Thank you once again for being a vital part of our community. I look forward to working with you in the coming year and wish you all a Happy New Year filled with health, happiness, and new opportunities.

Warmest regards,

Robert Melgaard

President, CEA-FL

Mark Your Calendars:

2025 Correctional Education Association Forum

Join us for the 2025 CEA Forum: Sowing Seeds of Success Through Correctional Education, happening April 27-29, 2025, in vibrant Omaha, Nebraska.

This year's forum will bring together educators, administrators, and stakeholders to explore innovative strategies and solutions that transform lives through correctional education.

Don't miss this opportunity to network, share insights, and drive positive change in our field. Visit ceanational.org for more details and registration information. Let's sow the seeds of success together!





MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This holiday season, we proudly recognize **Holly Gerrell** for her unselfish dedication to the CEA Florida newsletter and website. Her creativity and commitment have kept our members informed and connected, making a lasting impact on our organization.

Community impact and interaction has always been more important to Holly than job descriptions, leading to a varied background with strong educational, management, and organizational skills. She finished her Master's degree at Florida State University, taught special education in Leon county, served as a youth minister, and edited fiction for a global publishing company. Holly currently serves as the Reading Room Coordinator for the Tallahassee State College Literacy for Life program at Wakulla CI.

Holly married a Tallahassee native in 1996 and has five grown children. Deeply tied to her community, she has spent the last twenty years learning that you can have a global presence from the smallest of towns.

Thank you, Holly, for your invaluable contributions!

Teacher OF THE Year

CEA-FL is now accepting nominations for the 2025 Teacher of the Year!

Help us recognize outstanding educators who transform lives through correctional education.

Submit your nomination to Conner@FloridaCEA.org by February 15, 2025, and celebrate the exceptional work of your colleagues.

NEW TEACHER ONBOARDING STATEMENT

CEA-FL is excited to support new educators in correctional education through our onboarding connections initiative! Designed to help you navigate this unique teaching environment, this program provides valuable resources, mentorship opportunities, and a network of peers to ensure your success.

Whether you're seeking advice, classroom strategies, or a sense of community, we're here to guide you every step of the way. Together, we can transform lives through education.

For more information or to get connected, contact us at Conner@FloridaCEA.org.



Reminder: We Value Your Feedback!

Don't forget to share your input by completing the survey! Your feedback is essential in helping us improve and shape future initiatives.

Click the link to participate:

[Complete the Survey](#)

Thank you for your time and valuable insights!