



## 79<sup>th</sup> Annual FCA Convention

### Reflections on FCA's 2009 Convention By Natalia Cherjovsky - 1st VP

What an event! I don't know about the rest of you, but I am still glowing from all the learning and all the fun that happened during our 79th Convention. With more than 100 registrations and close to 30 sessions packed with incredible research, new insights, and useful suggestions, this year's convention was a great success. We want to thank our new President Donald Painter Jr. for an amazing job. It was truly a blast, not only because of the academic and professional sessions, but because it was also filled with fun social events that allowed us to reconnect with colleagues and even make new contacts and friends.

As I look at the task before me, planning the next convention, I am aware I have big shoes to fill. Yet, I look forward to meeting that challenge head on and put together yet another successful convention next year.

We certainly hope everyone had a great time and walked away armed with new ideas and a refreshed sense of why we do what we do. If you have any suggestions you would like to offer me as I work on next year's plans, please feel free to contact me at [nataliac@fullsail.com](mailto:nataliac@fullsail.com).

I hope to see everyone next year in Orlando and thanks for making this year's convention a memorable event.





## ***Congratulations.....***

**Teacher of the Year:** Sue Easton, Rollins College

**FCA Outstanding Service Award:** Carole Bledsoe,  
University of Central Florida

**FCA Grant:** Undergraduate Student Research Group,  
University of Florida

**Best Competitive Paper:** Beth Eschenfelder,  
University of Tampa

### **Academic Poster Awards**

#### **Most Crowd Appeal:**

Sara Keeling, Jacqueline Colon, Michael DiMascio,  
Rollins University

#### **Most Effective Oral Presentation:**

Jason Jacobo, Ryan Shephard, Deandra Weckerle,  
Rollins University

#### **Best Overall Poster:**

Brian Panzella, Melany Schafer, Charlane Sexton,  
Shar-De Perkins, Rollins University

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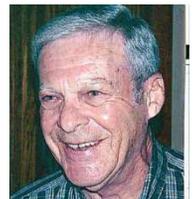


### **In Memory...**

Our good friend and colleague and former FCA member and journal editor, Dr. John O'Hara, passed away this fall after a bravely fought battle with cancer. He had been retired from UCF for a few years, but still continued to stay up to date with FCA activities. A fund has been established in his name to carry on John's enthusiasm for teaching and education.

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