



# 87th Annual Convention

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Orlando, Florida





# Florida Communication Association

## *87th Annual Convention: Recap*

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### **Message from the FCA Board**

Greetings FCA Members and Friends,

*Thank you.*

Thank you to all of the presenters who ensured our 87th Annual Convention would continue to meet the high standards we have worked to establish over the preceding eighty-six years.

Thank you to those of you who, though you may not have presented, were present nonetheless. It is you who validate the labor of our presenters.

Thank you to our returning members, who recognize the importance and value in having an established professional academic association dedicated to our field. It is your continued support that gives a purpose to the Florida Communication Association.

Thank you to our new members. The addition of new voices and new ideas is absolutely vital to our ability to maintain a high degree of excellence. Just as important is the opportunity for new friends.

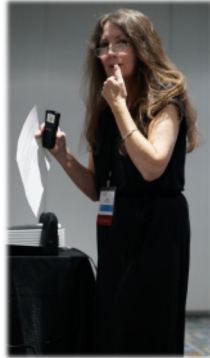
Thank you to our sponsors, without whom we would be unable to grow and improve so that we may offer more to our membership.

Thank you to the volunteers, former board members, and FCA "lifers" who provide assistance and support during our conventions, and throughout the year.

With Gratitude,

The FCA Board







## Poster Session Awards

### **Best Crowd Appeal:**

**Cassidy Kruse  
Megan Selfridge  
*Lynn University***



### **Best Oral Presentation:**

**Marissa Milazzo  
Christopher Canavan  
Melanie O'Hara  
*University of Tampa***

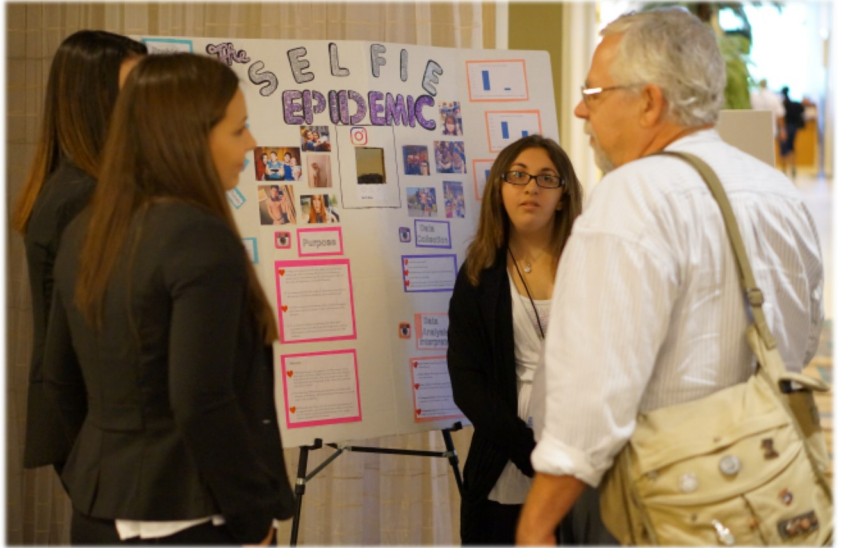


### **Best Poster, Runner-Up:**

**Matthew Riendeau  
Caeley McMillan  
Julia Boorse  
Diego Patino  
*University of Tampa***

**Best Poster, 1st Place:**  
**Ben Fagan**  
**James Bond**  
*Lynn University*







## Competitive Paper Awards

### **Top Graduate Paper:**

*Of Cookies, Dresses, and Sex:  
Consumable Prostitutes and  
Second-Hand Brides*

Rachel Copley

Florida Atlantic University



### **Top Undergraduate Paper:**

*Spirituality, Religion, and  
Listening: An Exploration of  
How Communication  
and Listening Direct Purpose*

Zachary Levensohn

University of North Florida



## Top Faculty Paper:

*Listening Skills and the Medical Encounter: Perceptions from Practicing Physicians*

Christa Arnold, Florida Atlantic University

Justin J. Coran, University Hospital of North Cleveland

Tanya Koropecyj-Cox, University Of Florida

## FCA Annual Awards

### FCA Grant Award:

Chandra A. Maldonado

North Carolina State University



## 2017 Scholar of the Year: David Purnell



## 2017 Teacher of the Year: Ed Kellerman



**Recognition of  
Technical Service to  
FCA:  
Stephanie A. Jackson**



**FCA Service  
Award:  
Jennifer Bender**



**President's  
Award:  
Timea Varga**















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You Next  
Year!*

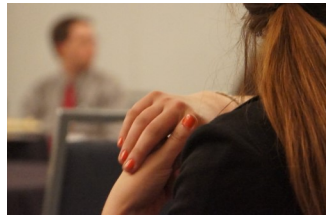


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## About the Florida Communication Association

The purpose of the Florida Communication Association (FCA) is to coordinate the efforts of teachers, students, and others interested in advancing the communication arts and sciences in the state of Florida.

The FCA is an affiliate of the National Communication Association (NCA). It welcomes a diversity of members from all communication disciplines, including speech communication, mass communication, organizational communication, public



relations and theater.

Members represent both public and private institutions and enjoy numerous benefits ranging from convention registration discounts through free journal subscriptions to the mere joy of being able to share and explore practical teaching, learning and research

methods in the field. Indeed, FCA's objective is to promote the study, criticism, research, teaching, and application of the artistic, humanistic, and scientific principles of communication while connecting with colleagues in the region.

FCA membership is open to faculty and students at the high school, college, and university levels, and to anyone who is interested in becoming part of a vibrant and embracing community united by great scholarship.

### Become a Member

Join FCA's supportive community and get connections that will last a lifetime. Some other benefits include access to:

- The *Florida Communication Journal* (delivered bi-annually), which provides current and innovative research articles
- *Networking and convention workshops* on relevant communication topics
- The *FCA Newsletter*, which keeps you up-to-date on events and information between conventions
- The *Annual FCA Convention*, where you can listen and meet guest speakers, interact with informative panels, and survey paper and poster presentations on current issues
- A personalized website profile so you and others can search the Internet database for FCA members

### Sponsorship Opportunities

The FCA is seeking sponsors for a number of convention related activities including breaks, lunches, printing, keynote speaker, entertainment, etc. Becoming a sponsor is a great opportunity to highlight and promote your organization. For additional information about sponsorship, please contact Jennifer Toole, Marketing Coordinator, at [Jennier.Toole02@saintleo.edu](mailto:Jennier.Toole02@saintleo.edu).

### You Can Make a Difference

As an FCA member, you can learn while inspiring others to do the same. Send me membership highlights, classroom tips and practices, and anything you think might be relevant for our fellow FCA members to read in these newsletters. Contact the Newsletter Editor at [jyouakim@fgcu.edu](mailto:jyouakim@fgcu.edu) with "FCA" in the subject .