

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.”



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Newsletter

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Greetings fellow FCA Members and Friends,

As the year comes to an end, we hope that everyone has had ample time to recoup from and reflect upon his or her experiences at our 83rd convention in Orlando. This year, we had a multitude of workshops, panels and papers exploring the topic of Creating Community through Communication. Submissions ranged widely in topics from creating community through the hosting of a final presidential debate to the role of reality TV in the classroom. The inspired and inspiring speakers and the valuable teaching and research methods shared did not only challenge us to think about the trends in our discipline, but also allowed us to connect with colleagues in the region.

In addition to the great scholarship, the beautiful new location, the fun activities reuniting old friends and new ones, and each member's passion, hard work and dedication helped make this convention a truly memorable one. We would like to take a minute to thank everyone who was a part of the convention, from board members to presenters to volunteers and attendees. We honestly are honored to know you and to learn from and with you. Thank you for your amazing membership!

As we reminisce on the commitment and enthusiasm of all, we are also looking forward to another successful year with our new and recharged FCA board. If you have any suggestions you would like to offer us for next year's convention plans, please feel free to contact our 1st Vice President and Convention Coordinator, Stefanie Powers at spowers@lynn.edu.

Again, thanks for being a part of this community and making our association what it is. We wish you Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year and we hope to see you next year!

Kind regards,

FCA Board Members

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Stephanie Jackson
President

Lynn University

“This coming year is going to be another great one for FCA and I feel blessed to be a part of it all while working with such exceptionally talented and dedicated members.”



Stefanie Powers
1st Vice President

Lynn University

”As this year’s convention coordinator, I’m thrilled to continue the tradition of bringing a challenging yet fun-filled experience to FCA.”

MEET THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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If you have any questions or concerns about FCA, please use this list and contact the appropriate board member.

In addition, please direct general FCA questions to fl.communication.association@gmail.com and direct membership and/or convention registration questions to fcatreasurer@gmail.com.

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83rd CONVENTION PHOTO RECAP

Award Recipients



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CONGRATULATIONS!



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2013 Award Recipients

PAPER AWARDS

Undergraduate

1st Place

Eileen Sarra

Florida Atlantic University

"Lilly Ledbetter Teaches Us a Lesson"

2nd Place

Meredith Lax

Rollins College

"Improving Quality of Life for Familial Caregivers of Persons Living in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities"

Graduate

1st Place

Erin Looney

Florida State University

Melissa Looney

Full Sail University

"Has the World Baseball Classic Created a Monster?"

2nd Place

Audrey Post

Florida State University

Christine Willingham

Florida State University

"An Alliance of Fear and Smear"

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

1st Place

Whitney Sessa

University of Miami

"Targeting Millennials: Social Media Strategies Within Higher Education"

2nd Place

Courtney Banker

Rollins College

"TED Talks and the Need for a Changing Education System"

POSTER SESSION AWARDS

1st Place

Elissa DeCampli

Rollins College

2nd Place

Janette Smith

John Overberger

Rollins College

Outstanding Poster Session Oral Presentation

Stephen Hamblin

Melvin Thompson

Kris Boodoram

Rollins College

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Shari v. N. Hodsgon

University of Central Florida

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Eileen Sarra

Florida Atlantic University

Each year the Florida Communication Association presents awards at the annual convention to recognize the efforts of outstanding members. The FCA is currently accepting awards nominations for the 2013 convention. Interested individuals may nominate others or individuals may nominate themselves. All nominees must be current members of the FCA.

Nomination information pertaining to guidelines and deadlines may be viewed under *Awards and Recognition* tab on the FCA's official website www.flcom.org.

83rd CONVENTION PHOTO RECAP

Poster Session



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83rd CONVENTION PHOTO RECAP

Social Gatherings



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Among the many exciting events, FCA convention attendees enjoyed a unique dinner at Sleuth's Mystery Dinner Show and sank their teeth into their delicious food in Downtown Disney's famous T-Rex restaurant. If you missed this year's social events, we are looking forward to you joining us next year during our new adventures.



As a great nighttime entertainment and dining option, members joined in on the mysteries of Sleuth's Mystery Dinner shows laughing, playing, eating, and investigating along with the characters and our fellow audience members to solve the crime!



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



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The FCA Board is pleased to announce that the association's website is currently under remodelling in order to provide members and visitors alike with a cleaner interface and overall enhanced online experience. The new website will be available under www.floridacom.org. Look for further details on the changes in content and design in our next issue.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

We have yet to identify a **Treasurer**. If you know of someone who might be interested, please let us know by emailing Donald Painter at dpainter@polk.edu.



We are constantly seeking educational partnerships as well as sponsorships in order to help FCA grow and continue to provide our community with valuable research, teaching and networking opportunities.

If you know of organizations and institutions who might be interested, please don't hesitate to contact our Marketing Coordinator, Jen Whalen at jrwhalen@mail.usf.edu

FCA would like to thank our 2013 Convention Sponsors:

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Wishing You a Wonderful Holiday Season
and a Happy New Year.

The FCA Board

FCA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Why Become and Stay a Member

“Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean.”
~ Ryunosuke Satoro

We believe the FCA is a friendly and welcoming organization and we would love to have you stay with us as a member.



Benefits of Membership:

The **Florida Communication Journal** (delivered twice a year) provides current and informative research articles;

Information to improve your classroom effectiveness through **networking** and **convention sessions**;

The **FCA Newsletter** keeps you current on events and information between conventions;

Annual convention – guest speakers, informative panels, papers, and posters, allow you to stay current about issues relevant to communication scholars in Florida.



Benefits of Internet Membership:

Search the database for other Florida Communication Association members;

Keep your personal contact information up-to-date quickly and easily
Simplify future registration and **proposal submission** processes.

From the Desk of Timea Varga, Newsletter Editor
You Can Make a Difference

As an FCA member, you can learn while inspiring others to learn. Please send me membership highlights, classroom tips, best practices and anything else that you think would be relevant for our FCA members, and I will be happy to help you do just that by including your contribution in one of our coming newsletters. Thank you very much.

