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Hammock Beach Resort, Palm Coast

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New Heads' Institute

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July 30-August 1, 2017
Sheraton Sand Key, Clearwater

Finance Institute

July 28, 2017
Sheraton Sand Key, Clearwater

Fundraising Institute

July 29, 2017
Sheraton Sand Key, Clearwater

from the executive director...

It is hard to believe that we are entering the final weeks of the 2016-17 school year. Just like all of you, we are in the midst of multiple projects and initiatives that will need attention before this school year officially ends.

New Accreditation Standards and Process. Hopefully, everyone is now aware that our new FCIS Standards, as presented at the Annual Business Meeting in November, will go into effect **July 1, 2017**.

- During the months since that meeting, Melissa Alton, Director of Accreditation, has been presenting **training webinars** on the various standards. Those webinars are available on the FCIS website.
- A **new self-study template** has been created and will be piloted next year. All schools up for evaluation during the 2017-18 received a copy of the template in December 2016. Schools being evaluated in that timeframe may use the new self-study template or the old template, but all schools are held accountable to the new standards.
- In collaboration with the California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS), a new **accreditation portal** is being developed. The portal should be available later in the summer. The first step in the portal will be for visiting teams to create their reports in that site.
- Chair training will take place this summer so that chairs will be knowledgeable about the new standards and process.

Innovation Leadership Institutes. This summer, the **Heads' Retreat** and the **Administrators' Retreat** will share similar themes, as well as some of the same speakers. The theme for the Heads' Retreat is "Leading Strategic Innovation", featuring Tim Fish, NAIS Chief Innovation Officer; Jefferson Burnett, Senior Vice President, Education Innovation; and Justin Reich, Executive Director of MIT Teaching Systems Lab. Jefferson Burnett and Justin Reich will return for the Administrators' Retreat, "Building a Successful Innovation Team", and will be joined by Kawai Lai, NAIS Vice President of Innovation Initiatives. In addition, the **21st Century Academy**

will offer similar opportunities for faculty and administrators. Our hope is that similar messages across this forum of topics and audiences will yield meaningful conversations during the coming school year.

Collaboration among Southeast Associations. As our schools were informed through our FCIS blasts, FCIS has joined seven other southeastern state associations in negotiating better pricing on several key electronic resources already being used by our schools. This is an expansion of VISnet, which we entered into with the North Carolina Association of Independent Schools (NCAIS) several years ago. The difference is that a membership fee is no longer required; only membership in one of the eight state participating associations, which includes FCIS, is necessary.

CAPE. Representatives from over 20 states gathered in Washington, DC, on March 18-20 for the State CAPE Meeting. Representatives discussed the legislative issues within their own states, including expansion of school choice scholarships, the progress on the Quality Rating System (QRIS) for early childhood programs in some states, the naming of an ombudsman within each state to oversee the fair distribution of federal funds, athletics, and the impact of the new leadership in Washington. In addition, the State Cape Board and the CAPE Board met with the new US Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, to discuss private school concerns for the future.

Summer Events. The registration for all summer events is now open. Please visit www.fcis.org to see our array of professional development events planned for summer 2017.

Annual Convention 2017. Please mark November 2-3, 2017 for the annual FCIS Convention at the Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate. Visit our website to see the bios of keynote speakers, as well as their topics.

Barbara H Hodges, Ed.D.
Executive Director

FCIS Professional Development Calendar

Mark your calendars for these upcoming professional development opportunities.

2017-18

<p>Business Officers' Conference May 7-9, 2017 Renaissance Hotel, Orlando</p> <p>FCIS Chair Training June 12, 2017 Hammock Beach Resort, Palm Coast</p> <p>Heads' Retreat June 12-14, 2017 Hammock Beach Resort, Palm Coast</p> <p>21st Century Learning Academy June 21-23, 2017 Corbett Prep at IDS, Tampa</p> <p>New Heads' Institute July 27-29, 2017 Sheraton Sand Key, Clearwater</p> <p>Finance Institute July 28, 2017 Sheraton Sand Key, Clearwater</p>	<p>Fundraising Institute July 29, 2017 Sheraton Sand Key, Clearwater</p> <p>Administrators' Retreat July 30-August 1, 2017 Sheraton Sand Key, Clearwater</p> <p>New Teacher Institute September 17-19, 2017 Mission Inn Resort, Howey-in-the-Hills</p> <p>Leadership Partners through Principles of Good Governance October 1-2, 2017 Hyatt Regency, Orlando Airport</p> <p>FCIS Pre-Conf: ISM November 1, 2017 Omni ChampionsGate, Orlando</p>	<p>Business Officers' Pre-Conf November 1, 2017 Omni ChampionsGate, Orlando</p> <p>Annual Convention November 2-3, 2017 Omni ChampionsGate, Orlando</p> <p>Prospective Heads' Institute I, II & III January 10-11, 2018 Mission Inn Resort, Howey-in-the-Hills</p> <p>Winter Symposium: Finance and Legal Workshop February 6, 2018 Technology Workshop February 7, 2018 Pine Crest, Ft. Lauderdale</p>	<p>Chair Training June 11, 2018 Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, Bonita Springs</p> <p>Heads' Retreat June 11-13, 2018 Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, Bonita Springs</p> <p>New Heads' Institute July 26-28, 2018 Delray Beach Marriott , Delray</p> <p>Finance Institute July 27, 2018 Delray Beach Marriott , Delray</p> <p>Fundraising Institute July 28, 2018 Delray Beach Marriott , Delray</p> <p>Administrators' Retreat July 29-31 Delray Beach Marriott , Delray</p>
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Heads' Luncheons Hosts

Thank you for hosting the 2017 Heads' Luncheon in your area.

Tallahassee: Peter Klekamp
Holy Comforter Episcopal School

Palm Beach Gardens: Bob Goldberg
The Benjamin School

Boca Raton/Ft. Lauderdale: Dr. Dana Markham
Pine Crest School

Miami: Patrick Roberts
Palmer Trinity School

Orlando: Dr. Steve Whitaker
The First Academy

Tampa/St. Petersburg/Sarasota/Naples:
Dr. Joyce Swarzman
Corbett Preparatory School of IDS

Jacksonville: Martha Milton
Beaches Episcopal School

School News



Congratulations to Marcos Tejada a senior at **Community School of Naples**. He won the 2017 Joseph Adams Senior Scholarship from the Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica (SHH). This national award is a prestig-

ious honor for CSN. Officials from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced that 7 students from CSN have met all the requirements to advance to Finalist standing in the 2017 competition. Between 1996, the year CSN graduated its first full class, and now, 99 of its students have been named National Merit Finalists. Congratulations!



On April 4, CareerQuest at **Seacrest Country Day School** in Naples paired students with experts from various industries in an interactive, roundtable format so they could get first-hand advice from professionals before entering college. This year's keynote speaker was renowned workplace culture expert Kristen Hadeed. Ms. Hadeed launched a company in college that has now employed hundreds of millennials and is known for its industry-leading retention rate and culture of trust, accountability and empowerment. CareerQuest is part of Seacrest's comprehensive and individualized Right Fit College program that begins in 9th grade and culminates senior year.

Making Caring Common, a project of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, has recognized **Carrollwood Day School's** commitment to creating a caring community and has authorized CDS to display the Making Caring Common badge on the school's website, newsletter, and social media channels. CDS has been partnering

with Making Caring Common since 2014 to purposefully maintain a caring, inclusive school community where students feel safe, supported, and connected. As an MCC Caring School, CDS uses data to better understand how students, staff, and parents perceive the school community and have access to a library of research-based strategies and insights from leaders in the field.

All Saints Academy hosted the tech and engineering students from its sister school, Nannestad High School in Norway, on Feb. 22. The students have been collaborating on an innovation studio to design a Martian habitat over the past two years. As winners of the Congressional App Challenge, All Saints students, Noah Horowitz, Trevor Hallett, Will Harding, and Robert Lane were honored at the #HouseofCode reception held in Washington DC. In addition to having their work honored and displayed in Congress, the students spent the week meeting Congressional Representatives and important members of the tech community.



Several members of **Tampa Preparatory School's** Future Business Leaders of America represented Tampa Prep at the state competition in Orlando where 5,000 students competed in over 70 different events. Tampa Prep's students competed in four different events (performances, projects and subject tests) and placed in an event for the first time. They have now qualified to go to the National Leadership Conference over the summer in Anaheim, California, in June. Congratulations!



FKC Corner



Mark Your Calendars - FKC Convention 2018

Friday, February 9, 2018

6:30-8:00pm Meet and Greet

Complimentary Beverages and Hors D'oeuvres

Saturday, February 10, 2018

7:30am Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00am - 3:30pm General Meeting/Sessions

The DoubleTree Sea World Orlando

10100 International Drive

Orlando, FL

800-327-0363

