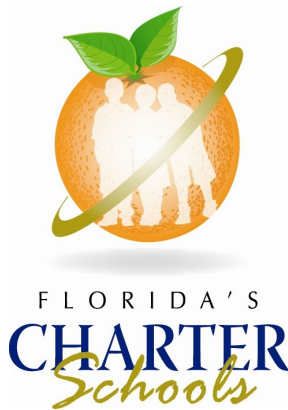


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Blended and Online Learning and Teaching (BOLT) Program



The Florida State University (FSU) College of Education is pleased to announce its new Blended and Online Learning and Teaching (BOLT) program for both undergraduate and graduate students. BOLT specifically addresses the United States Department of Education's (USDOE) call to improve digital learning in our nation's elementary and secondary schools. BOLT is designed to provide an online education to K-12 teachers and administrators to use online and blended instruction effectively in their classrooms and schools.



Four online courses provide current and future teachers and administrators with the advanced knowledge, skills, and abilities that are necessary for effective K-12 e-learning and e-teaching. America's education system is transforming rapidly, so be one of the first to become a "certified" online teacher by participating in the certificate program. This program begins summer 2011.

Required Courses

- Foundations of Blended and Online Learning and Teaching (EDF 5935-02) 3 credit hours, summer 2011 semester
- Pedagogy of Blended and Online Learning and Teaching (TBA) 3 credit hours, fall 2011 semester
- Technologies for Blended and Online Learning and Teaching (TBA) 3 credit hours, fall 2011 semester
- Issues, Trends, and Practices in Blended and Online Learning and Teaching (TBA) 3 credit hours, spring 2012 semester

Admissions Requirements

Students with a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution are eligible to enroll as a graduate-level special student (non-degree seeking).

Application to both the University and the BOLT Certificate program can be completed online using the appropriate applications:

Step 1: Apply for Admission to the University (select one)

- [Special Non-Degree Seeking](#)
- [Graduate Degree Seeking](#)

Step 2: Apply to the BOLT program by contacting the faculty [program coordinator](#).

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BOLT Program (continued)

Technology Requirements

Students will be required to obtain an FSU e-mail account to access the course Blackboard site. In order to complete class requirements, class participants will need to be able to:

- Access the Internet – this will require a high-speed, broadband connection;
- Be familiar with Internet Explorer or Firefox browsers or both;
- Download and upload document files;
- Download, view, and listen to PowerPoint presentations;
- Download and view PDF files using Acrobat Reader or similar software;
- Utilize Real Player or Windows Media to download, view, and listen to digital media;
- Download & install software plug-ins such as Adobe Reader, Real Audio, etc., and
- Send and receive e-mails.

For more information, please contact: Dr. Pamela Sissi Carroll, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs via e-mail at pcarroll@fsu.edu

Or complete the online form at: <http://tinyurl.com/BOLT-COE>

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Over Thirty Students Receive Awards at Inlet Grove Gala



Palm Beach County Convention Center Executive Chef Mark Aleks (left) and Food & Beverage Director Rebecca Hanson, of Ovations Food Services (far right) present a donation to Inlet Grove Community High School Principal Dr. Emma Banks at the 2011 Awards Gala.

Photo by Vincent Ali

Brown Benefit Consultants, A & Associates, Donna & Joel Englehardt, Herff Jones, radio station X102.3, Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, PA, Attorneys at Law, and The Morganti Group, Inc.

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“Students were chosen for working hard to bring up their GPAs and turning their lives around in a positive way.”



Donor Gives \$1 Million for LWHS Technology



An anonymous donor's \$1 million gift to Lake Wales High School will completely change the school's technology program for next year.

When school begins Monday, August 22, 2011, every student will find a new Apple iPad on his or her desk, and every LWHS teacher will have a new iMac laptop computer. Technology infrastructure will be improved and strengthened; a STEM lab will be installed for science, technology, engineering and math; and the LWHS gymnasium will be outfitted with new audio equipment and video screens.

"The appointment of a new principal at Lake Wales High School creates a unique opportunity to transform not only the high school but the entire community," the donor said. "The time is right to maximize this opportunity by equipping the teachers and students with the latest and best technology.

"I'm optimistic that this gift will allow everyone – administrators, teachers and students – to realize their full potential. Next year will be exciting," he added. He first announced the gift March 24th during a meeting with LWHS faculty.

"This donor is keenly interested in the rapidly changing field of technology, and the impact it can have on student achievement," said Robin Gibson, chair of the Lake Wales Charter Schools Foundation. "He has been working with LWCS Foundation leaders and other volunteers to plan the campaign. This gift is a game changer for our high school and our community."

Gibson said this is the first large gift in a major four-year Capital Campaign that is under way to raise money for infrastructure and technology at LWHS, Bok Academy and the system's four elementary schools. The Capital Campaign will end in 2014, the 100th anniversary of the establishment of public schools in Lake Wales.

"Originally, this summer was intended to be our Quiet Phase for leadership gifts to the Capital Campaign," Gibson said. "But it is impossible to keep quiet about a one million dollar gift!"

School leaders are negotiating with Apple Computer for their order of 1,300 iPad2s, the latest version of the product, plus additional software, teacher laptops, and teacher training.

"We are honored to receive this gift. Our ability to transform Lake Wales High School has just skyrocketed," said Donna Dunson, who becomes LWHS principal in June. She currently is principal at Bok Academy, which has several classrooms using iPads.

"The students at Lake Wales High School have tremendous potential, and this will help them rise to a new level of achievement," Dunson said.

Teachers and support staff will have multiple opportunities this spring and summer to become proficient with the new technology. Once they complete training, LWHS teachers will get iPads and iMac laptops to use fulltime.

"We are very grateful for this gift," said Superintendent Jesse Jackson. "It demonstrates that leaders in our community recognize the hard work going on in our schools, and they are willing to step forward to support our efforts."

Other changes are taking place at Lake Wales High School before school starts next August. The exterior of the buildings has been repainted. Landscaping will be redesigned and installed this summer, thanks to two private donations that were pledged as leadership gifts for the Capital Campaign, according to Gibson.

Lake Wales High also is expanding its Career Academy programs, and planning for the introduction of the International Baccalaureate program.

*"We are very grateful
for this gift," said
Superintendent Jesse
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Imagine Schools – Chancellor Campus in Boynton Beach



At Imagine-Chancellor, Ms. Patricia Surago’s kindergarten class has been studying inventions and evolving cultures in Social Studies. They looked at pictures, read books and discussed the history of inventions and the evolving of different environments. They also studied how people and things change throughout the centuries. As a culminating activity and using a time-line, Ms. Surago’s students created dioramas depicting four different living environments and then created their own inventions using common household objects. Each student spoke about their invention and how inventions can change people’s lives.



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JH Wilson student wins Kiwanis award



Vanessa is pictured with (l-r) Assistant Principal Steven Whitaker, Kiwanis member Larry Tonjes and Micky Caban, chorus and drumming teacher.

Vanessa Alcantara, a fifth grade student at Janie Howard Wilson Elementary, was honored recently as a Kiwanis Terrific Kid.

“Vanessa always follows school expectations by being respectful, responsible and safe,” said Principal Beverly Lynne. Vanessa is a member of the Silver Streak Chorus, strings, World Drummers, and serves on the Safety Patrol. She has made the A/B

Honor Roll all year, and has been accepted to Bok Academy next year.

Terrific Kids is part of a Kiwanis International program to recognize outstanding, responsible elementary students.

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**Janie Howard Wilson
Elementary School**

Home of the Silver Streaks!

Congratulations to the Orlando Science Schools Science Olympiad Team!!!

Orlando Science Schools (OSS) Science Olympiad Team received first place in the Central Florida Regional and second place in the Florida State Science Olympiad.

With this tremendous accomplishment, the OSS Science Olympiad team progressed to the next level and competed in the National Science Olympiad held at the University of Wisconsin at Madison on May 20, 2011. The OSS Science Olympiad team was very happy to represent Florida at the national level and looked forward to the National Tournament. The state tournament results are as follows:

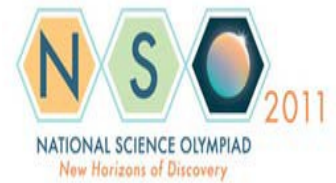
Gold Medals

1. **Ecology:** Carlos Barea, Kristen Williams - *Coach Ms. Longo*
2. **Fossils:** Kristen Williams, Markus Zirkle - *Coach Mr. Zirkle*
3. **Junkyard Challenge:** Cory Ruchlin, Alexis Hardin - *Coach Ms. Cimentepe*
4. **Road Scholar:** Danh Pham, Samuel Dai - *Coach Ms. Dai*
5. **Shock Value:** Lucas Lamoureux, Danh Pham - *Coach Mr. Yalcin*



Silver Medals

1. **Awesome Aquifers:** Carlos Barea, Pruthvi Patel - *Coach Ms. Barea*
2. **Battery Buggy:** Oscar and Raquel Guerrero - *Coach Mr. Aksu*
3. **Dynamic Planet:** Pruthvi Patel, Cory Ruchlin - *Coach Mr. Altintas*
4. **Experimental Design:** Sebastian Gonzalez, Raquel Guerrero, Beth Martin - *Coach Mr. Akgul*
5. **Ornithology:** Lucas Lamoureux, Kristen Williams - *Coach Mr. Altintas*
6. **Solar System:** Jordanis Barzana, Samuel Dai - *Coach Mr. Altintas*
7. **Tower Building:** Carlos Barea, Sebastian Gonzalez - *Coach Mr. Barea*



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First Annual Polished Apple Award Presented to Lorraine Snarberg, South Tech Academy Instructor



Lorraine Snarberg, Physical Education Instructor at South Tech Academy, was selected as one of the distinguished recipients of the First Annual Polished Apple Award, presented by the Palm Beach County Community Choice Committee. The awards program, which featured keynote speaker State Senator Maria P. Sachs, was held on Sunday, May 15th at Suncoast High School.

The Committee strives to recognize both educators and members of the community who selflessly devote their time and efforts in improving the quality of education for students in Palm Beach County. Recipients were further selected upon the basis of demonstrating a profound, individual commitment in bettering the lives of these students.

Mrs. Snarberg embodies many disciplines and leadership skills that have certainly contributed to her success in passing the baton of fitness enthusiasm to her students. Her dedication to athletics and fitness began at a young age as she was involved in an array of activities including track and field, volleyball, gymnastics, and archery. In addition to competing, she also served as team manager for several other athletic teams.

Her passion became a full-time job, ten years ago, when she accepted the Physical Education Instructor position at South Tech Academy. Reflecting on her teaching career, she says, "Coming back to teaching has been very enjoyable and rewarding to me. I am going to miss the students a lot." Her camaraderie and spirit will surely be missed at South Tech as she is transitioning into retirement this year.

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Conferences/Workshops

Conference/Workshop	Dates	Location	Contact Information
Florida Association for Pupil Transportation Summer Symposium	June 28 - 29, 2011	Ocala Hilton Ocala, FL	www.taptflorida.org/FAPT%20Summer%20Symposium.htm
Panhandle Area Educational Consortium/FloridaLearns Foundation 44th Annual Leadership Conference	July 13-14, 2011	Bay Point Marriott Resort Panama City Beach, FL	(877) 873-7232 ext. 2260 http://www.paec.org/leadershipconference/
Florida Distance Learning Association Annual Conference	Sept. 23 - 24, 2011	Nova Southeastern University Orlando Campus Orlando, FL	www.fdma.com or Program Coordinator Tara Kobel at ticonsultants@aol.com