



I would like to start out by thanking you all for allowing me to be your State President this year. We have a fantastic group of Board Members who have already started out with a very productive Board meeting. The Board Members showed their dedication to making this Association the best it has ever been. All Board Members

have also committed to lead by example to make education, membership, and energy savings a priority.

each board member will be benchmarking their hospitals in the EPA's Energy Star program and ASHE's E2C (Energy to Care) Program. We hope to get many member hospitals to enter these programs as well.

We have a great 34th Annual Spring Meeting planned for May 17 - 18 at the beautiful World Golf Village Renaissance Hotel in St. Augustine. There will be a variety of informative topics and speakers that can be seen on our web site, as well as in the conference brochure that you will soon be receiving in the mail. We have expanded our tabletop exhibits to 40 vendors, all of which are sold out.

The President's Corner

KEVIN DANIEL, CHE

FHEA now has a new Executive Director, Sarah Jeffcoat, and with her, we have the Meeting Management Group (MMG) staff to manage the various day to day aspects of the Association. One of MMG's latest accomplishments is completing our new Web site. If you haven't seen it lately, please go to FHEA.org to see the totally revamped site. The site contains all membership forms, individual District pages with their individual meeting schedules, resource pages, statewide event schedules, and information about upcoming events. Please look it over and let us know if there is anything else you would like to see.

Our new Vice President, Thomas Gibson, has been working diligently this year preparing our ASHE Annual Chapter Award documentation to attain ASHE's Platinum Chapter Award again for 2017. Thomas was also ASHE's Regional Leader Award Recipient for 2017 for Region 4. He will be a great President next year.

The Board has committed to work to achieving the Platinum Elite award this year by committing to lead by example and

Starting on Thursday, we will have our 11th Annual Spring Meeting Golf Scramble on the Slammer and Squire course at the hotel. More information and registration for Golf will be coming soon.

The CHFM Exam Review Course will also be offered on Thursday, followed on Friday afternoon with a pencil and paper exam. It should be a great spring meeting. Registration is now open so please make sure you register as soon as possible. The event and all details and forms are posted on our new web site. You may also make your hotel room reservations by calling 800-331-3131 or electronically at http://www.fhea.org/spring-meeting-registration. If you are planning to play in the golf tournament or taking the CHFM Review Course, be sure to arrive on Wednesday, May 16th.

Planning has already begun for our 34th Annual AHCA Seminar & Annual Fall FHEA Meeting and Trade Show. This event will be at the Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando once again. The theme of this year's seminars is "Back to the Basics of Health Care Design and Construction." If there are any special topics you would like to hear about or specific speakers you would like to see,

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The President's Corner...continued

please let us know so we can try to include them in our speaker sessions. To download the Call for Presentations, see http://ahcaseminar.com/presentations18.html

Registration for this event has also just opened, so please register soon. Please visit our website for further details on this event as well.

Our membership has continued to grow with a 13% (859 to 758) increase in overall membership from 2017 to 2018. We have also increased our CHEs by 27% (37 to 47). We want to continue to increase our CHEs as much as possible this year so a mentoring program is beginning in each District to help facilitate this goal. This program will assist new and interested members in how to get certified by assisting them with planning and paperwork.

FHEA is still being challenged to increase our membership in ASHE. It is an important element to keep our Platinum Level Chapter Award with ASHE. For this award, we are required to keep a specific percentage of our members, both regular and supporting, with dual membership in FHEA and ASHE. More important than the Platinum Award, is that ASHE membership gives all members access to more resources in education,

professional development, and contact with peers across the country. The benefits of the dual enrollment far outweigh the small cost of membership, so please consider this option.

I want to personally thank Past President Larry Peterson and last years' Board for their hard work in continuing to grow the association and showing their dedication to our organization.

I would also like to thank you again for the opportunity this year to serve as your State President and look forward to the challenges and successes in store for us for this year.

See you soon in St. Augustine,

Kevin

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CHFM Exam Review Course \$50 (MEMBERS)

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018

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SCIENCE SCREEN REPORT

It's been another successful year providing the SCIENCE SCREEN REPORT video series to middle and high schools in the state of Florida. Entering our 15th year of support, partner, Allegro Productions, is working with schools to complete the switch-over from DVD to the FHEA Online STEM News Channel.

Feedback from students, teachers, and supervisors has been positive. The format used provides immediate access to the FHEA sponsored SCIENCE SCREEN REPORT episodes,

teacher guides, and additional information about each topic. The platform is expandable and can include information from our member hospitals, as well as the FHEA. As our educational presence online expands, we will have the opportunity to reach out to students who are future patients, doctors, nurses, facility managers, administrators, and community leaders.

This vital message that STEM – SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING & MATHEMATICS – is a critical part of the world in which we live, work, and play is paramount to giving Florida – and America – a competitive edge while being a global leader in STEM. FHEA is providing help to educators who "teach" today's visual smart-phone learners about the role of STEM in our everyday lives. Our support of the SCIENCE SCREEN REPORT and STEM education also has an added benefit of helping to bridge the ethnic and gender gaps too often found in math and science fields.

Our participation in Florida is part of a bigger, national collective of corporations, foundations, and organizations that reach more than 25,000,000 students each school year. Daniel A. MacFarland, Supervisor of Secondary Science at Hillsborough County Public Schools, one of the largest districts in the state, said, "Our schools serve over 100,000 students in grades six through twelve with a diverse population of students who bring a variety of interests and needs. The donation of SCIENCE SCREEN REPORT OnLine has been well received and this valuable resource of online videos that can be used for enrichment, extension of learning, remediation, and most importantly, inspiration. Improv-

Helen Muir, the assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in Putnam County Schools, said, "Thank you for providing the sponsorship that enables us to use the videos and teacher guides to enrich science instruction. The Florida Healthcare Engineering Association's support makes it possible for teachers to provide learning experiences that may very well lead to students deciding to pursue careers in engineering."

ing STEM education within our schools relies on organizations like the Florida Healthcare Engineering Association. Such a partnership provides the link between the student and a possible career."

Other educators throughout the state have expressed their appreciation to the FHEA for their participation and support of the SCREEN SCIENCE. REPORT.

Some of the SCIENCE SCREEN REPORT episodes released in 2017 - 18 included: Biomedical Engineering, 21st Century Breakthroughs; Chemistry, Periodic Table of the Elements Part 6; Energy, Powering Smart Cities; Engineering, Studying Automation & Mechatronics; Computer Science, Simulation & Gaming Innovations; Environment, The Science Within Our Forests; Robotics, Careers in Engineering; and Medicine, Stem Cells Saving Lives.

Cynthia Dunham-Derheimer, a specialist in science curriculum and instruction for Charlotte County Public Schools, said, "The high interest examples, relating elements to human health, are engaging and relevant."

Topics for 2018 – 19 include Environmental Engineering, Protecting the People; Chemistry, Exploring Atoms & Molecules; Engineering, The Electric Vehicle Revolution; Physics, The Science of Lasers; Medical Science, Understanding Tissues & Organs; and Energy, Creating Power from the Oceans.

In order to get the word to schools about the availability of materials, our senior education coordinator, Karen Douglas, based in Delray Beach, is in constant contact with educators via email and telephone. E-newsletters are sent to schools throughout the year informing them of new releases and links for information that support previously released episodes.

(Science Screen Report Continued)



Representing more than 800,000 students, over 1000 middle and high schools have confirmed their use of the SCIENCE SCREEN REPORT. Each episode is produced with an advisory panel of dedicated educators and curriculum specialists who help control the quality of the content as well as the way it supports current science units and state and national science standards.

Because STEM is so important for our children, state, and country, students currently in our educational systems need to be motivated to understand and embrace new technology that will have an impact on them every day. Students should be advised on the importance of taking as many science and math courses in middle and high school as possible - and these courses need to be taught by enthusiastic teachers using exciting curriculum and activities such as those offered by SCIENCE SCREEN REPORT. Making science and math courses fun and interesting will not only help students to learn, but might also plant the "seed of interest" that will lead to continued studies in the sciences making a better tomorrow for Florida.

Thanks to you, our FHEA members, for your generous support and participation in this very worthwhile and important project.



The FHEA has recently received letters of appreciation for

providing the Science Screen Report resources from Donna Ritchie, with the Video Services Department of Orange County Schools, and Ryan Zimmerman, with Curriculum and Instruction, with the Putnam County Schools.

Another letter of thanks was received from Veronica Castaldi, one of the scholarship award recipients. Veronica said, "This award was very helpful to me and enabled me to pay for books as well as some monies towards my tuition and housing."

Get Involved!A Message from FHEA Headquarters

Besides paying your annual dues, there is much more you can do to become an involved member of the FHFA.

Come to the 34th Annual Spring Meeting in St. Augustine at the beautiful Renaissance World Golf Village Hotel, May 16 - 18. Besides getting great education, meet other healthcare engineering professionals, facilities managers, and supporting members who will be in attendance. On Thursday, you may also take the CHFM Review Course, or play in the golf tournament at the Squire and Slammer.

Submit a proposal for presentation at the October AHCA and FHEA Joint Conference. If you are interested, submitted presentations will also be forwarded to districts and included in our new FHEA Speakers' Bureau.

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Write an article for "The Whistle" that would be of interest to others in our industry.

Get active in your District events and meetings.

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