



2020 Virtual Summer Symposium

June 8-9, 2020

Agenda

Monday, June 8, 2020

9:00 am – 9:15 am

Welcome, Overview and Announcements

Presenter and Moderator: Melanie Stefanowicz,
ACE of Florida, Inc. President, and Executive Director,
Secondary & Post-Secondary CTE,
School District of Osceola County

Session I – Sponsored by Burlington English

9:15 am – 10:00 am

Welcome from Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran

Welcome and Words from Senior Chancellor Eric Hall

Session II – Sponsored by DRC

10:05 am – 10:40 am

Florida Scorecard

Moderator: **Melanie Stefanowicz**, ACE of Florida President, and
Executive Director of Secondary and Postsecondary
CTE, School District of Osceola County
Presenter: **Dr. Jerry Parrish**, Chief Economist and
Director of Research, Florida Chamber Foundation

This session will discuss the impact to the economy of COVID-19 and how Florida’s industries are likely to recover. Also discussed will be the long-term opportunities that Florida has as we rebuild our economy.

10:45 am – 11:10 am

Visit the Virtual Exhibit Hall

Session III – Sponsored by Paxen Publishing

11:15 am – 11:50 am

2020 Legislative Update

Moderator: **Ashley Olevitch**, Special Projects Manager,
ACE of Florida, Inc.

Presenter: **Dave Barnes**, ACE of Florida Legislative Consultant

Learn what happened in the last legislative session, and what lies ahead for Florida’s Legislature over the next 12 months in a COVID-19 dominated, once-in-a-lifetime, presidential election year.

11:55 am – 1:00 pm

Lunch Break

Session IV – Sponsored by English Discoveries

1:05 pm – 1:40 pm

**Creating Economic Opportunities for Floridians
through Collaboration**

Moderator: **Melanie Stefanowicz**, ACE of Florida President, and
Executive Director of Secondary and Postsecondary
CTE, School District of Osceola County

Presenter: **Michelle Dennard**, President and CEO
CareerSource Florida

Working across sectors is critically important to advancing economic opportunities for Floridians—especially in today’s changing economic landscape. Empowered by the collaboration enhanced by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, we can support Florida’s growth industries that provide economic opportunities with sustainable and robust talent pipelines through coordinated strategies and investments.

Session V – Sponsored by Paxen Publishing

1:45 pm – 2:20 pm

Census 2020 Update

Moderator: **Dave Barnes**, ACE of Florida Legislative Consultant

Presenter: **Deborah Kennedy**, President,
National Coalition for Literacy

Adult educators have essential roles to play in ensuring an accurate Census that includes historically undercounted populations and safeguards appropriate funding and Congressional representation for programs and communities. This interactive session provides an update on the current state of Census completion in Florida and outlines strategies that adult educators can use to engage adult learners in completing the Census and encouraging others in their communities to do likewise.

2:25 pm – 2:50 pm

Visit Virtual Exhibit Hall

Session VI

2:55 pm – 3:30 pm

Prison Literacy Behind and Beyond the Walls

Moderator: **Jeff Arnott**, ACE of Florida President Elect and Director, Adult Education, Brevard County Public Schools

Presenter: **Jeffrey Abramowitz**, Executive Director of Reentry Services of JEVS Human Services

This workshop will take a journey in present day life looking at prison literacy inside of our correctional institutions and what happens as men and women are released back to their communities. We will explore the past and consider the future in light of the COVID19 pandemic.

Session VII – Sponsored by Paxen Publishing

3:35 pm – 4:05 pm

Canvas and Virtual Classroom Walkthroughs

Moderator: **Melanie Stefanowicz**, ACE of Florida President, and Executive Director of Secondary and Postsecondary CTE, School District of Osceola County

Presenter: **Magen Palo**, Program Specialist School District of Osceola County

This session will provide an overview of the Canvas Learning Management system from an Instructional support role. Focused and consistent virtual Classroom walkthroughs provide snapshots of student learning to inform Instructional support. Canvas features which support nonevaluative walkthroughs will be discussed and demonstrated.

Session VIII

4:10 pm – 4:45 pm

Online Platforms for Online Instruction

Moderator: **Jeff Arnott**, ACE of Florida President Elect, and Director, Adult Education, Brevard County Public Schools

Panelists: **Evelyn Padilla**, Communication and Engagement Coordinator, Brevard County Public Schools

Dominic Church, Instructure

Pamela Jo Wilson, Adult ESOL Program Academic Support, Palm Beach County Schools

Scott Clark, Director of Media and Instructional Technology, School District of Osceola County

During COVID-19, we had to transform our programs to an online format in lightning speed. Not only did we have to adjust our registration process, but many decisions had to be made with instruction delivery. With so many choices the decisions could be daunting. Hear from several programs on how they're adjusting and learning during these difficult times.

4:45 pm – 5:00 pm

Daily Wrap-up and Announcements

Join us for Virtual Happy Hour

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Join Zoom Virtual Happy Hour

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Tuesday, June 9, 2020

9:00 am – 9:10 am

Welcome and Announcements

Presenter: **Melanie Stefanowicz**, ACE of Florida President and Executive Director of Secondary and Postsecondary CTE, School District of Osceola County

Sponsored by JIST

9:10 am – 9:20 am

Welcome and Words from Henry Mack, Chancellor, Division of Career, Technical and Adult Education, Florida Department of

Education

Session IX

9:25 am – 10:00 am

Coffee with Carol and Melanie

Moderator: **Melanie Stefanowicz**, ACE of Florida President and Executive Director of Secondary and Postsecondary CTE, School District of Osceola County

Guest: **Carol Bailey**, State Director, Adult Education, Florida Department of Education

Grab your cup o' Joe and join Melanie Stefanowicz and Carol Bailey as they chat about current events and their impacts on our adult education programs. This informal session will include questions focused on key issues surrounding programming, testing, data reporting, grants management, and funding.

Session X

10:05 am – 10:20 am

Updates from COABE

Moderator: **Jeff Arnott**, ACE of Florida President Elect, and Director, Adult Education, Brevard County Public Schools

Presenter: **Sharon Bonney**, Chief Executive Officer, Coalition on Adult Basic Education

Come and hear the latest on COABE’s professional development, advocacy, and partnership with ACE of Florida.

Session XI

10:25 am – 10:50 am

Being Strategic in Your Student Recruitment

Moderator: **Melanie Stefanowicz**, ACE of Florida President, and Executive Director of Secondary and Postsecondary CTE, School District of Osceola County

Presenter: **Greg Smith**, Executive Director Florida Literacy Coalition

This session will provide results from phase 2 of the Florida Literacy Coalition market research project which studied key messages, terminology and communication methods that may be more or less effective in recruiting adult ESOL learners.

10:55 am – 11:20 am

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Session XII – Sponsored by Cambridge University Press

11:25 am – 12:15 pm

All Things Data

Moderator: **Julie Roberts**, Executive Director, ACE of Florida, Inc.

Presenter: **Tara McLarnon**, Director, Research and Evaluation Budget, Accountability and Assessment, DCAE Florida Department of Education

This session will look at current performance trends over the past three years of WIOA implementation and progress towards state targets. In addition, information on reporting changes for 2019-20 and 2020-21 will be presented as well as any changes to policies and procedures related to the collection of data from the emergency closures and the emergency orders.

12:15 pm – 1:00 pm

Lunch Break

Session XIII – Sponsored by Paxen Publishing

1:05 pm – 1:40 pm

Florida Economic and Workforce Conditions

Moderator: **Melanie Stefanowicz**, ACE of Florida President, and Executive Director of Secondary and Postsecondary CTE, School District of Osceola County

Presenter: **Adrienne Johnston**, Bureau Chief Workforce Statistics and Economic Research Department of Economic Opportunity

In this presentation, we will see some economic indicators and how they are performing now compared with the pre-pandemic periods. We will illustrate over-the-year changes in employment for both Florida and the United States as it relates to the impact of COVID-19. The economic variables included in this presentation are employment, unemployment, and unemployment insurance claims. We will also discuss how the impact varies by county and industry to industry.

Session XIV

1:45 pm – 2:20 pm

Cyber Security

Moderator: **Julie Roberts**, Executive Director, ACE of Florida, Inc.

Presenter: **Blake Dowling**, CEO, Aegis Business Technologies

Cyber Security is a hot topic as cyber threats run rampant around our state, nation and world. Learn more about the latest cyber threats, what to be on the lookout for and some tips on how to protect yourself from one of our community’s technology experts.

2:25 pm – 2:50 pm

Last Chance to Visit Virtual Exhibit Hall

Session XV – Sponsored by Paxen Publishing

2:55 pm – 3:30 pm

PostCovid-19 Return to Campus – Changes and Challenges

Moderator: **Alex Heidelberg**, Senior Director Orange Technical College – Mid Florida Campus Orange County Public Schools

Panelists: **Sophia Watson**, Supervisor Adult and Technical Education Hernando County Public Schools
Neeta Rancourt, Assistant Director Atlantic Technical College
Courtney Green, Director, Adult Education South Florida State College
Karen Combs, Principal

Adult Learning Center of Osceola
The School District of Osceola County

Join us as we discuss the changes and challenges with returning back to campus. We will cover topics such as measures to put in place, resources, phases to return, and “must haves.” Lastly, we will answer questions on the effects of the return on students, teachers, and staff.

Session XVI

3:35 pm – 4:20 pm

**Navigating Behavioral Health Resources:
An Integrated Approach to Accessing Services
Following COVID-19**

Moderator: **Ashley Olevitch**, Special Projects Coordinator
ACE of Florida, Inc.

Presenter: **Alexis Rojas**, Owner/Operator
A Rojas LLC/Consulting

This session will provide an overview of some of the common thoughts and feelings that may present following a pandemic (e.g., anxiety, worry, fear), behavioral health resources to support students and teachers, and the tools to navigate and access high-quality services. It will also provide an overview on how teachers, administrators, and support staff can assist in improving the overall functioning outcomes of their students following COVID-19 by empowering them to reach their personal and professional goals through accessing behavioral health care through an integrated approach.

4:20 pm- 4:30 pm

Wrap-up, Announcements and iPad Giveaway



Funds provided through the Federal Adult Education and Family Literacy State Leadership Grant from the Florida Department of Education, Division of Career and Adult Education.