



Shining Star and Team Spirit Awards!



Congratulations to the following Forum colleagues who received Team Spirit and Shining Star Awards! The awards recognize individuals or groups of individuals who displayed professional and personal growth as well as exemplary work surpassing the job description!

Team Spirit Award

T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Counselors: Erika Frisby, Emily Fulkerson, Martha Grant, Alex Goldberg, Jessica Long, Liz O'Neill, Jasmine Richardson, Heather Wilson,
(nominated by Lisa Adams)



Miami Office Staff (QCCC and RCCDP): Aymara Aguiar, Ana Aviles, Zoradia Ballestas, Flor Brito, Estela Chang, Daisy Cruz, Sonia D'Amico, Layota Jackson, Renata Lossano, Veronica Madriz, Ana Naranjo-Gonzalez, Nayree Navarro, Rebecca Quintero-Holly, Yunely Perdoma, Marjorie Rizzo, Leidy Sevilla
(nominated by Melissa Clements)



Outreach and Innovation Team: Jinan As-Siddiq, Jenna Brown, Angel Kreucher, Laura Richardson, Lisa Roberts (nominated by Denise Bishop)



Shining Star Award

Kathy Moffett, Registry Payments Specialist
(nominated by Dasiely Cruz)

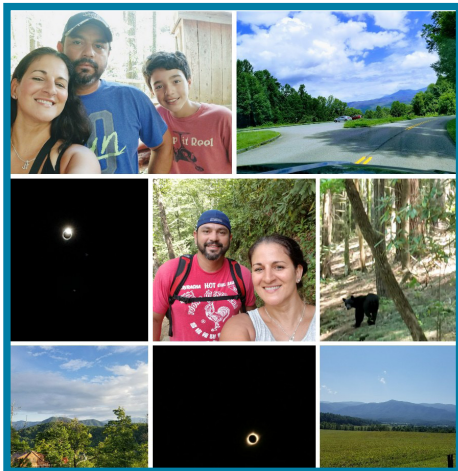
Liz O'Neill, T.E.A.C.H. Counselor
(nominated by Laura Cain)



Summertime Fun!



Tallahassee-based employees enjoyed an End of Summer Luncheon which took place immediately following the Shining Star and Team Spirit Awards presentation!



Dasiely Cruz, QCCC Director, vacationed in Sivierville, Tennessee with her stepson and husband! They stayed at a cabin in the Smoky Mountains and watched the spectacular eclipse, saw a bear while hiking, went whitewater rafting on the Ocoee River, enjoyed mini golfing in Gatlinburg on top of a mountain, and had fun tubing. They even repaired a broken picnic table at the cabin, owned by a family friend. This was by far the best time Dasiely and her family has had in Tennessee!

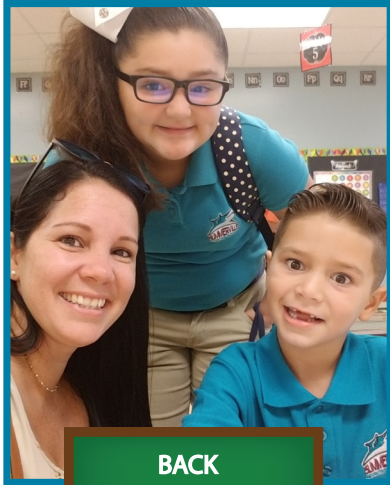
Martha Grant, T.E.A.C.H. Counselor, recharged her energies in Puerto Rico, where she celebrated her birthday with family and friends. She visited the 2017 Street Art Exhibition, "Santurce es Ley," and went to the beach with her goddaughters for some much needed vitamin "SEA." Martha's adventures left her with a tan that might last a season!

Kathy Moffett, Registry Payments Specialist, and her husband Jim traveled to New England the last week in July to visit family. The highlight of their trip was going to a Boston Red Sox game at Fenway Park. In addition, they saw Faneuil Hall, the Boston Harbor, the Paul Revere House and the old Italian North End of Boston. They had a fabulous time!





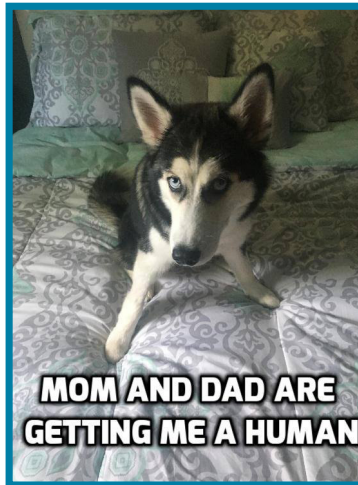
Events and Announcements



It was back to school time for Karla and Giancarlo Aguiar, children of **Aymara Aguiar**, Quality Improvement Specialist. Giancarlo entered first grade and Karla is now a fifth grader. They were very excited and Aymara can't believe how big they are!



Shelley Shafer, Fiscal Specialist, recently celebrated the birth of her fifth grandchild! Easton Marris Shafer was born August 9 and was 7 pounds 15 ounces and 19.5 inches long. Her big brother Nolan was especially excited to meet her. Best wishes, Shelley!



Anita Bushnyakova, Fiscal/Contract Specialist, and her husband Erek are proud to announce they're expecting their first child! Baby Bushnyakova, a.k.a. "little ray of sunshine," is due on February 14, 2018. They feel extremely blessed and excited for their new adventure as parents. Congratulations to the happy couple!



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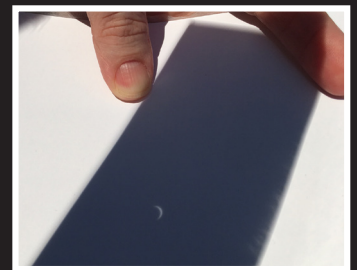
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**September 20-22
San Pedro Center
in Winter Park, FL**

Stay Tuned for Details!



On Monday, August 21, 2017, some Tallahassee-based **Forum** employees ventured outside to view one of nature's most awe inspiring sights - a solar eclipse! Observers in Tallahassee saw 89% totality (a partial solar eclipse where the moon covers part of the sun's disk). It was so cool to experience!



Kelly Fountain, IT Systems Designs and Implementation Coordinator, used the pinhole method to view the eclipse.



Jessica Long, T.E.A.C.H. Counselor, enjoyed the eclipse with her daughter Becca.



Jenna Jacobsen Brown, Communications Director, watched the eclipse with her husband Paul.



Forum Happenings



Shout Outs!



"We are selling our house as it is too big for two old people to maintain properly and have been getting it ready for sale. On one occasion, **Felicia Bonner**, Child Care Evaluation Services Director, came over, cleaned, packed boxes, and carried heavy boxes downstairs. On a second occasion, **Chelsea Lister**, Senior T.E.A.C.H. Program Specialist, **Ashley Casey**, T.E.A.C.H. Program Specialist, and **Laura Cain**, Registry Coordinator, and Laura's husband of two weeks, Nic, scrubbed woodwork, sanded, painted and scrubbed floors on their hands and knees for five hours. While the ladies toiled inside, Nic cut down 20-foot and smaller 'trash' trees (he used to be a lumberjack), limbed, and cleaned up other shrubbery. How can you begin to thank people like this? I'll offer a simple thank you, wonderful friends!"

-**Tricia Lindlau**, T.E.A.C.H. Administrative Coordinator

"Thanks to **Jinan As-Siddiq**, CEU Coordinator, **Laura Richardson**, T.E.A.C.H. Data Management Specialist, and **Kati Settle**, Help Me Grow Data Manager, for helping with our Florida Head Start wage comparability report. Their flexibility, attention to detail, and quick turn-around was much appreciated."

-**Melissa Clements**, Vice President and Chief Research Officer

"Thank you, **Paul Robinson**, IT Developer, for doing an amazing job of editing the Research Department and the Outreach and Innovation team's videos for the PD Conference. You rock!"

-**Melissa Clements and the Outreach and Innovation Team**

Happy Birthday



August

- Martha Grant**, T.E.A.C.H..... Aug 04
- Jenna Brown**, Outreach and Innovation..... Aug 06
- Liliana Murphy**, Help Me Grow..... Aug 08
- Renata Lossano**, QCCC..... Aug 09
- Phyllis Kalifeh**, Admin..... Aug 25
- Tricia Lindlau**, T.E.A.C.H..... Aug 28
- Shelley Shafer**, Fiscal..... Aug 30

Happy Anniversary



August

- Kate Nielsen-Nuñez**, Fiscal..... 15 years
- Chelsea Lister**, T.E.A.C.H..... 13 years
- Kiki Peters**, WAGE\$..... 13 years
- Jessica Long**, T.E.A.C.H..... 11 years
- Flor Brito**, QCCC..... 9 years
- Laura Cain**, Registry..... 9 years
- Felicia Bonner**, CCES..... 6 years
- Martha Grant**, T.E.A.C.H..... 2 years