



## Events and Adventures!



**Lori Stegmeyer**, Director of Workforce Initiatives, celebrated the wedding of her daughter, Taylor, to Greg Seibert. Surrounded by immediate family, the couple were married June 8 in Telluride, CO. The wedding was beautiful!



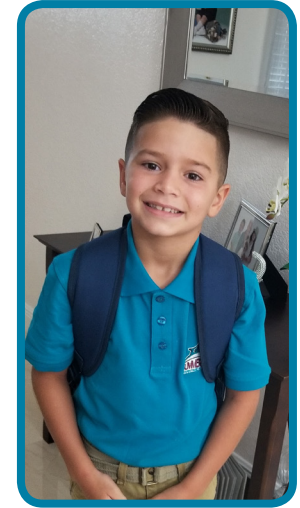
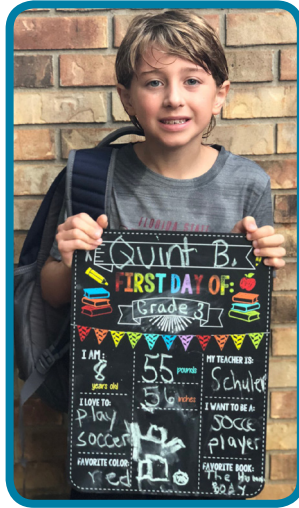
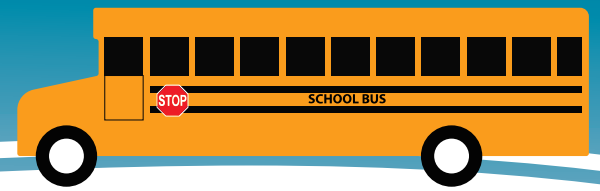
**Denise Bishop**, Vice President and Chief Outreach, Innovation, and Training Officer, her husband Carl, their daughter Bridget, and three of Bridget's closest friends (yes, four 16-year old girls) went to Canada over the summer. They flew to Montreal and enjoyed several days there before taking a train to Ottawa and spending the balance of the week in Canada's capital. Each city boasts its own unique character and a great time was had by all! Denise encourages everyone to visit this great country at least once if you get a chance!



**Tamela Nelloms**, Human Resources Coordinator, **Kathy Moffett**, Registry Payments Specialist, and **Erika Pope**, Registry Coach, attended the United Way of the Big Bend's Campaign Kickoff in Tallahassee. The Forum's United Way Campaign for Tallahassee-based employees is October 16-20, 2018. Details about campaign week activities are included in this issue of *Forum Focus*!

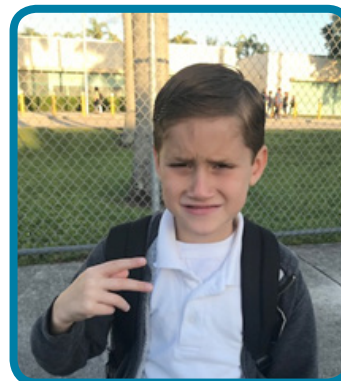
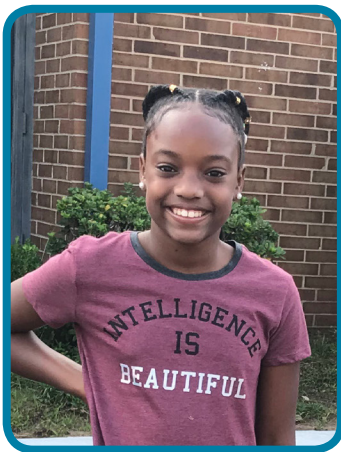


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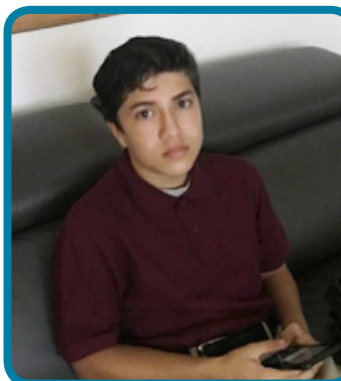


Quint and Sydney Brown, children of **Jenna Jacobsen-Brown**, Communications Director, had a wonderful summer, but were ready for their first day of school in Tallahassee. Quint began 3rd grade at Florida High and Sydney started her first day of VPK at Good Samaritan Academy.

**Aymara Aguiar**, Professional Development Specialist, was not ready for her daughter, Karla, to begin middle school on August 20 in Miami. Karla was ready, however, and so was Giancarlo, Aymara's son, who started the 2nd grade.



Amilya Johnson, daughter of **Angela Nathan**, T.E.A.C.H. Counselor, started her new school year at Fairview Middle School in Tallahassee as an incoming 6th grader. She is most excited about switching classes. She says her favorite subject is science!

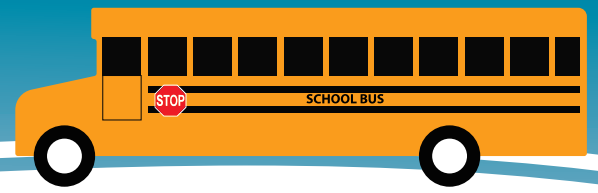


Alejandro Gonzalez, Esteban Acevedo, and Sebastian Acevedo, sons of **Ana Naranjo-Gonzalez**, Professional Development Specialist, began their school year in Miami! Alejandro began kindergarten, Esteban began 5th grade, and Sebastian began high school as a 9th grader.

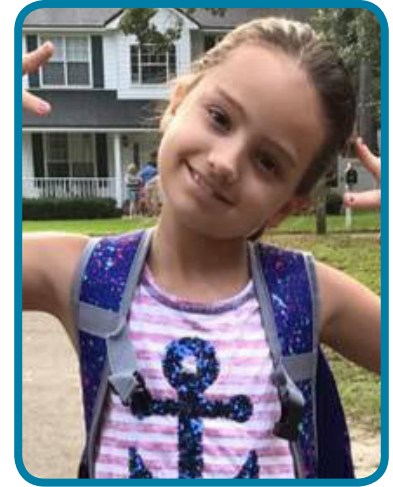




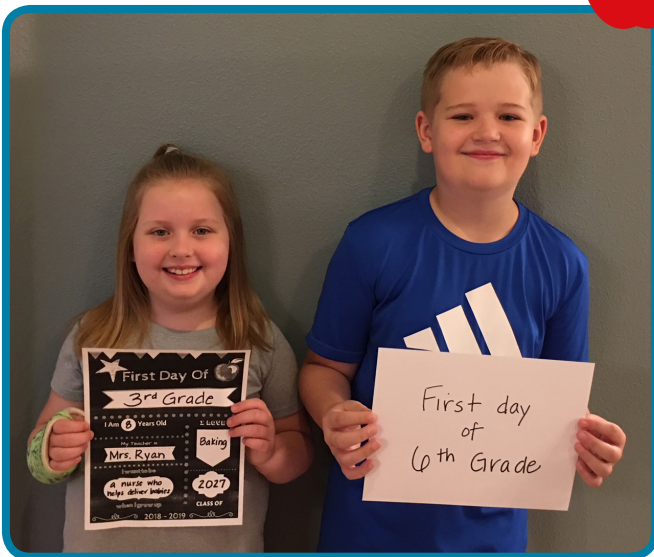
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Tristen and Adalynn Wulfekuhl, grandchildren of **Lori Stegmeyer**, Director of Workforce Initiatives, began their school year at DeSoto Trail Elementary School in Tallahassee. Adalynn started 2nd grade and Tristen began the 4th grade!



Hailey and Brooke McEllhenney, daughters of **Melissa Clements**, Vice President and Chief Research Officer, were ready to start a new school year at Killearn Lakes Elementary School in Tallahassee. Hailey started kindergarten and Brooke began the 4th grade!



Carter and Sydney Roberts, children of **Lisa Roberts**, T.E.A.C.H. Outreach Coordinator, were happy for their school year to begin in Tallahassee. Carter is a 6th grader at Swift Creek Middle School while Sydney is a 3rd grader at Buck Lake Elementary!



Andrew Morgan and Angel Mora, foster children of **Kerri Cloud**, Vice President and Chief Research Officer, both started 6th grade at Trinity Catholic School in Tallahassee. The 12-year-olds were excited to begin another year of school!



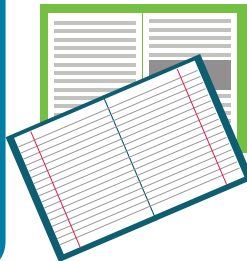
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Nicholas Wolfe, the oldest grandchild of **Phyllis Kalifeh**, President and CEO, is an official freshman at USF in Tampa. Phyllis can't believe she is the grandmother of a college student. Nicholas's sister, Madison Wolfe, began her junior year at Lincoln High School in Tallahassee.



James Cain, son of **Laura Cain**, Registry Coordinator, began his first day of school at a family child care home in Tallahassee on August 20. Laura was nervous, but he had a wonderful day!



It was a bitter sweet moment for **Kiki Peters**, WAGE\$ Coordinator, as she dropped her son, E.J. Shorter, off at Mesabi Range College in Minnesota. She knows E.J. will be okay as he begins his college career, but it was hard to let him go!



Margot and Bridget Mooney, daughters of **Denise Bishop**, Vice President and Chief Outreach, Innovation, and Training Officer, welcomed another year of school in Tallahassee! Bridget is a junior at Lincoln High School, while Margot is a transfer junior at Florida State University.

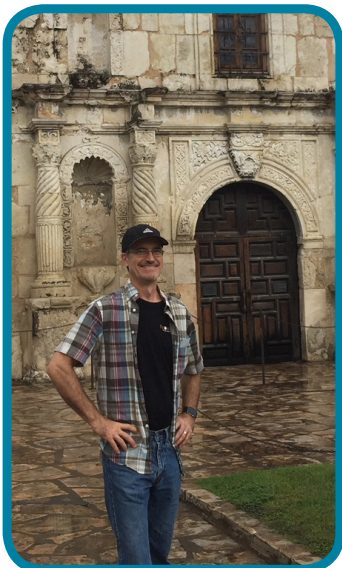


# Conferences and Symposiums



**Phyllis Kalifeh**, President and CEO, **Denise Bishop**, Vice President and Chief Outreach, Innovation, and Training Officer, and **Lisa Roberts**, T.E.A.C.H. Outreach Coordinator, had a thought-provoking day at the University of Florida (UF) in Gainesville. They attended the Symposium on Professionalizing the Early Childhood Workforce on September 13th. The event was sponsored by the Anita Zucker Center for Excellence at UF.

**Alexandra Goldberg**, HMG Statewide Program and Training Manager, recently presented at the Center for IDEA Early Childhood Data Systems Conference in Arlington, VA. She discussed her role as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Act Early Ambassador to Florida and Help Me Grow's collaboration with Early Steps to support Child Find efforts and improve earlier identification in our state. Alex was honored to present with such motivated and passionate early childhood professionals!



**Bill Kirchhoff**, Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, **Lori Stegmeyer**, Director of Workforce Initiatives, and Registry Coaches **Erika Pope** and **Courtney Hutcheson**, attended the 15th annual National Workforce Registry Alliance Conference in San Antonio, TX September 4-7. The conference sessions taught them new strategies to strengthen operational practices, accountability, saturation, and reciprocity. They enjoyed a lovely Riverwalk cruise and a stroll around the Alamo, as well as some fantastic Tex-Mex cuisine.



# Forum Professional Development Conference 2018!



We hope you had an awesome time at the Forum's annual Professional Development Conference in Winter Park! Employees in our Tallahassee, Miami, and Palm Beach offices came together to enjoy learning, networking, and team-building activities.

We learned about trauma-informed care and resilience, implicit bias, 16 Personalities, ACES, workplace violence and prevention, brain development in young children, and so much more.

We all got creative with our groups using supplies provided at the Forum Fashion Show. Staff were also given the opportunity to tour the Charles Hosmer More Museum of American Art, which houses the world's most comprehensive collection of works by Louis Comfort Tiffany. We ended the day with a guided boat tour across Winter Park's canals and lakes. The tour passed by grand mansions, Rollins College, Isle of Sicily, and Kraft Azalea Gardens.



If you have not already done so, please provide the PD Conference Planning Committee with your feedback on the activities, location, and venue of this year's conference at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018PDConf>.

We look forward to your responses that will help the PD Planning Committee in our efforts for future conferences.

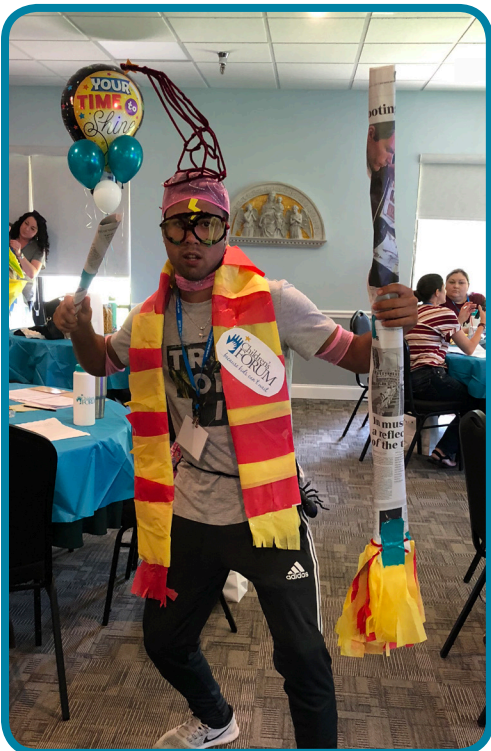


# Welcome to the PD Conference!





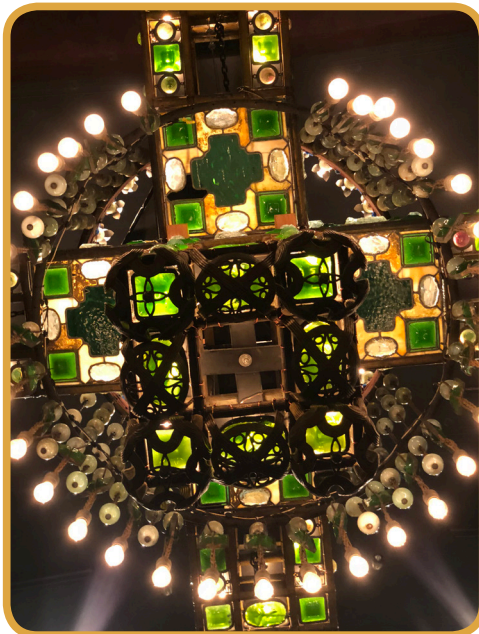
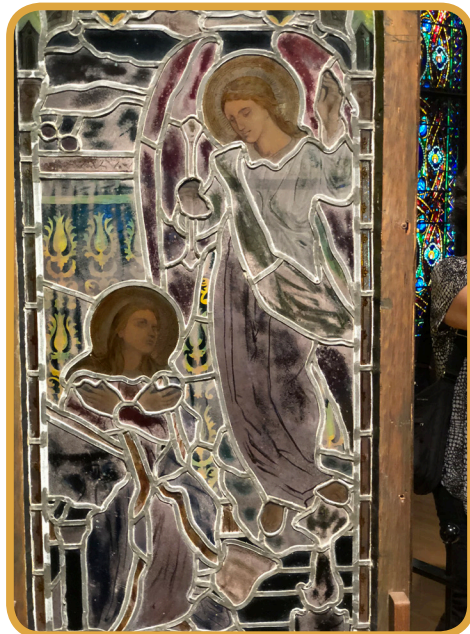
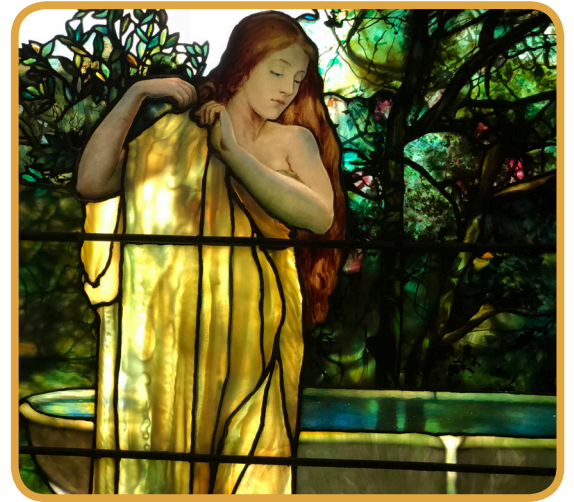
# Forum Fashion Show Flair!







# Exploring the Morse Museum of American Art



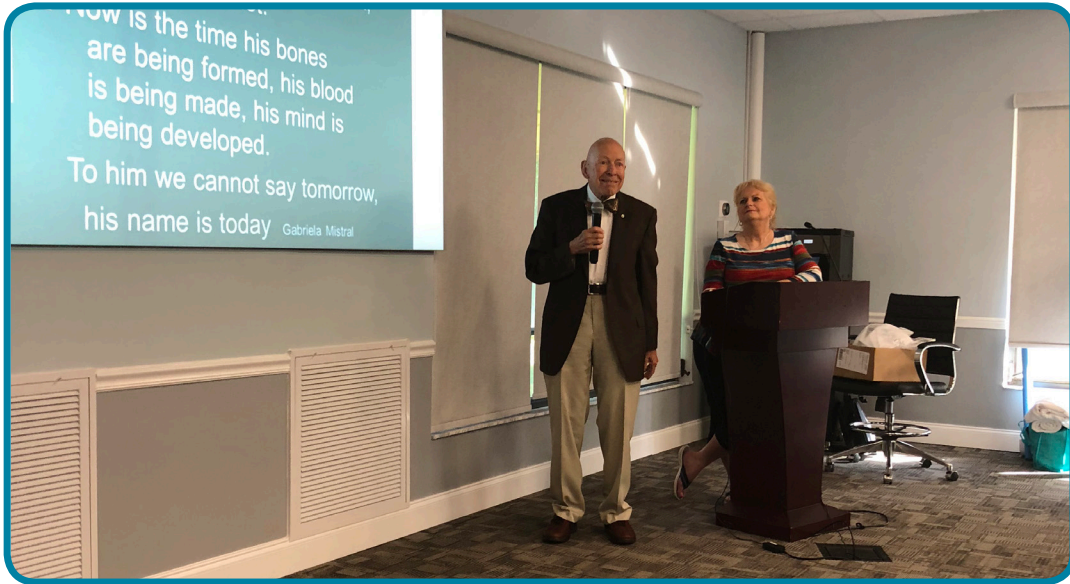
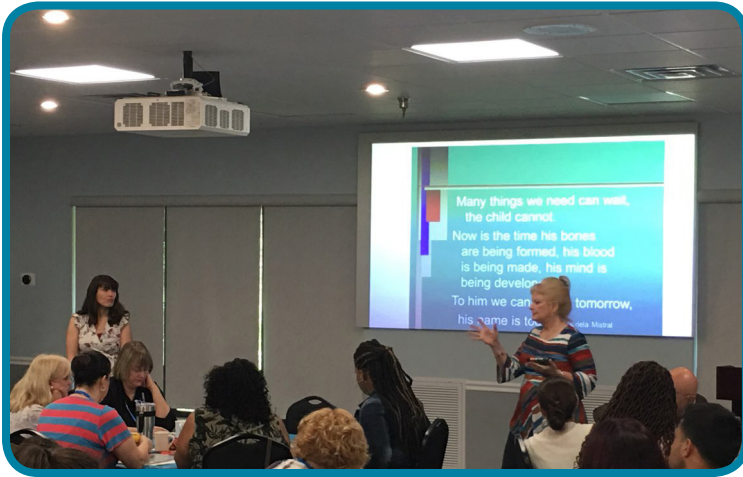


# Fun on the Water!





# Fabulous Friday!



See you at the next  
PD Conference!





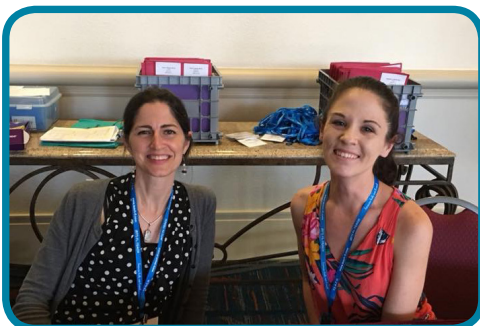
# FLAEYC 2018 Conference



The Children’s Forum coordinated planning efforts for the Florida Association for the Education of Young Children’s (FLAEYC) 2018 Annual Conference, which was held in Orlando, September 5-9. We were pleased with the outcome of the conference, after months of careful planning and organization. Numerous seasoned FLAEYC volunteers shared their enthusiasm for this year’s conference, based on some of the thoughtful changes the Forum made to improve the conference.

Attendees, sponsors, volunteers, and sponsors all had a wonderful time at the conference which included two pre-conference sessions, special luncheons, an Advocacy Awards ceremony, a *Time of Your Life* Celebration, more than 100 breakout sessions, and so much more.

The FLAEYC Conference Planning team included **Jinan As-Siddiq**, Shared Services Coordinator and Committee Chair, **Phyllis Kalifeh**, President and CEO, **Denise Bishop**, Vice President and Chief Outreach, Innovation, and Training Officer, **Lisa Roberts**, T.E.A.C.H. Outreach Coordinator, **Jenna Jacobsen-Brown**, Communications Director, **Jillian Davis**, IT/Office Manager, **Bill Kirchhoff**, Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, **Paul Robinson**, Web Developer and Video Production Specialist and **Angeline Kreucher**, Graphic Designer. Thank you to **Kiki Peters**, WAGE\$ Coordinator, and **Tomica King-Jackson**, T.E.A.C.H. Counselor, who exhibited at the conference and assisted the Conference Planning Committee as needed.





# Forum Happenings



**Tallahassee-based employees:**

**You're invited to a**



# UNITED WAY MUSIC FEST

**MON. 10/15**

"All Staff Opening Act"  
Kick off meeting/Music Trivia  
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Put on your dancing shoes and come on down to the Opening Act and United Way Music Trivia all staff meeting. Learn how United Way agencies are making a difference in our community. United Way packets will be distributed and door prizes will be awarded to several lucky winners.

**WED. 10/17**

"Bust A Move Bingo"  
2:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Bust A Move with your co-workers Forum-style to celebrate good times and play Bingo! Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each game \$2 per card to participate. No limit on the number of cards available to purchase.

**FRI. 10/19**

"Encore" Live Auction  
10:00 - 11:20 a.m.

Warm up your bidding arm and prepare for our best auction yet! Wear an outfit that represents your favorite genre of music, anything goes (within the dress code of course)! Bid on incredible prizes such as gift baskets, jewelry, massages, and more!

## WEEK-LONG EVENTS:



### JEANS FOR A WEEK:

Pay \$5 and wear jeans October 22-29! Money is due to Tamela by **Friday, October 19.**



### SCAVENGER HUNT:

Look for cups, pens, and other materials that contain the Live United logo and United Way facts. If you find one, bring it to your UW Committee Captain on your floor to receive a prize.

### KOINZ 4 KIDZ:

Get as many pennies in your team's bucket as possible while putting "negative change" such as coins and bills in your opponent's jar. The team that has the most pennies at the end of the week will win a pizza party!



**Thanks for making a difference in our community and for Living United!**

Questions? Call Tamela at ext. 318



# Forum Happenings



## Children's Home Society Donation Collection



### CHS Donation Drive for Tallahassee-based staff

We are collecting donations of new children's socks, underwear (toddler to teen sizes), wash cloths, and towels to benefit the children and families served by Children's Home Society (CHS). As the adopted agency for the Forum's annual United Way Employee fundraising campaign, CHS provides fostering, stable housing, and other safe havens/supports to children in need of temporary or emergency shelter.

Please drop off your donations at the designated boxes located on each floor. Your kindness and generosity are always appreciated!



## Shout Outs!



I would like to thank the Forum's FLAEYC Conference Planning Committee for pulling off a successful conference. Their hard work, long hours, and teamwork paid off! Sending a special shout out to **Jinan As-Siddiq**, Shared Services Coordinator and FLAEYC conference queen, who has the most patience ever and worked harder than anybody should have to in conference coordination planning!  
**-Jenna Jacobsen-Brown**



# Forum Happenings



On September 28, Tallahassee-based employees celebrated **Angela Nathan**, T.E.A.C.H. Counselor, and the upcoming arrival of her baby boy. This is Angela's second child, who will make his debut sometime in October. Congratulations, Angela!



**Camisha Hodge**, T.E.A.C.H. Assistant, wore some fun, funky, and fashionable footwear to work. They are definitely some cool kicks!

## Happy Birthday



### August

- Martha Grant**, T.E.A.C.H..... Aug 04
- Tomica King-Jackson**, T.E.A.C.H..... Aug 05
- Jenna Jacobsen-Brown**, Outreach..... Aug 06
- Phyllis Kalifeh**, Administration ..... Aug 25
- Shelley Shafer**, Fiscal ..... Aug 30

### September

- Kimyarra Gardner**, Registry ..... Sept 02
- Ana Naranjo-Gonzalez**, ELCC..... Sept 11
- Cristan Oliva**, WAGE\$ ..... Sept 13
- Jillian Davis**, IT ..... Sept 30

### October

- Anita Bushnyakova**, Fiscal ..... Oct 11
- Melissa Quinnell**, WAGE\$..... Oct 17
- Kathy Moffett**, Registry ..... Oct 22
- Chelsea Lister**, T.E.A.C.H..... Oct 25
- Leidy Sevilla**, ELCC..... Oct 25
- Erika Frisby**, T.E.A.C.H..... Oct 28

## Happy Anniversary



### August

- Kate Nielsen-Núñez**, Fiscal ..... 16 years
- Chelsea Lister**, T.E.A.C.H..... 14 years
- Kiki Peters**, WAGE\$ ..... 14 years
- Jessica Long**, T.E.A.C.H..... 12 years
- Flor Brito**, ELCC..... 10 years
- Laura Cain**, Registry..... 10 years
- Felicia Bonner**, CCES ..... 7 years
- Martha Grant**, T.E.A.C.H..... 4 years

### September

- Emily Fulkerson**, T.E.A.C.H..... 13 years
- Melissa Clements**, Research..... 8 years
- Denise Bishop**, Outreach..... 4 years

### October

- Mary Terry**, T.E.A.C.H..... 15 years
- Dawn Lynn**, T.E.A.C.H ..... 11 years
- Nayree Navarro**, ELCC..... 10 years
- Erika Frisby**, T.E.A.C.H ..... 3 years
- Angela Nathan**, T.E.A.C.H..... 3 years
- Allyson Adolphson**, Help Me Grow ..... 1 year

# Welcome Fall!

