



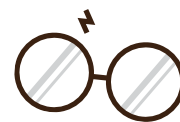
Travels and Events



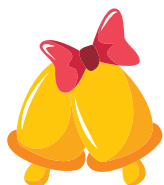
Kate Nielsen-Nuñez, Contracts and Grants Administrator, and her husband Jorge spent two weeks in Panama, where he was raised. Traveling with a small group of friends who are also "Zonians," they visited Jorge's old neighborhood in the former Canal Zone, toured the Miraflores locks, spent a couple of days at the beach, and headed into the mountains for the 2017 Boquete Jazz and Blues Festival where they enjoyed lots of great music. They had a great time seeing familiar places and discovering new favorites.



Jessica Long, T.E.A.C.H. Counselor, threw a Harry Potter-themed party to celebrate the 11th birthday of her daughter Rebecca! The slumber party was complete with Harry Potter capes, hanging candles of the Great Hall, golden snitches, and fun times with Rebecca's closest friends. Jessica loves watching Rebecca grow into the most beautiful young lady with a wonderful heart to match her smile. She is thankful for her many Forum friends who contributed items to make the Hogwarts Castle come alive!



Phyllis Kalifeh, President and CEO, is looking forward to an eventful year as she becomes a grandmother of eight children (four boys and four girls) and welcomes a new daughter-in-law to the family! Her son, Cayce, daughter-in-law Christine, and grandson Carter are excited for the arrival of a baby boy named Carson Anthony on March 1! In addition, Phyllis's son Michael and daughter-in-law Ashley are expecting a baby girl in late July! Her name will be MaryAnn Mae Kalifeh. Finally, Phyllis's son Jeffrey is getting married to his sweetheart, Courtney Payne, on October 28! Best wishes to the proud grandma and her ever-growing family!





Events and Awards



Jinan As-Siddiq, CEU Coordinator, received her Zumba license and is certified to teach the popular Latin-inspired cardio-dance workout that uses music and choreographed steps to form a fitness party atmosphere. She has led songs for Zumba classes and for a Zumbathon-fundraiser. Great job, Jinan!



Nicholas Wolfe, oldest grandson of **Phyllis Kalifeh**, President and CEO, was selected to attend the American Legions Boys State this summer representing Leon County! The American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high school students. The organization selects six students during their junior year of high school, and Nicholas was one of 21 students who were interviewed. Way to go, Nicholas!



Saralyn Grass, Help Me Grow Statewide Director, was selected as a "25 Women You Need to Know" by the *Tallahassee Democrat*! She was chosen for this distinction among nearly 200 nominations. On April 10, the *Tallahassee Democrat* will host an event to honor Saralyn and her peers on the contributions they have made to our community. Congratulations, Saralyn!



The Children's Forum Lunch & Learn Committee invites you to:

Moving While Working

March 8 12:00pm - 1:00pm


Main Conference Room

Liovani Nazario, T.E.A.C.H. Assistant, will guide Tallahassee-based employees through easy exercises that include yoga poses, stretching, and calisthenics! Anyone can do these simple routines during a quick break at work. Please bring a lunch (we'll provide drinks) and a yoga mat if you have one.

Events and Adventures

The **Forum's Emerging Leaders team** and their mentors visited the Capitol last month to learn about the legislative process and share information with legislators and their staff about our Help Me Grow and T.E.A.C.H. programs!



Our **T.E.A.C.H. Counselors and Outreach Team** have been busy hitting the road promoting T.E.A.C.H. across Florida at regional early learning conferences! Beginning in late January, T.E.A.C.H. staff have enjoyed presenting sessions on T.E.A.C.H., educating local ECE providers about our scholarships and making face to face connections with scholars and T.E.A.C.H. Ambassadors. By the end of May, T.E.A.C.H. will be represented at 18 scheduled conferences. Way to go, team! 



Forum Happenings

Welcome Newbies!



Alex Goldberg
T.E.A.C.H. Assistant

- Likes to work out and hike
- Enjoys playing with her cat and cooking



Brenda Romuauld
T.E.A.C.H. Assistant

- Loves to run and participate in 5K races
- Enjoys reading fiction books; her favorite author is Harlan Coben



Ilesha Grinnell
Registry Coach

- Watches all Oscar-nominated movies
- Loves listening to music and experimenting with makeup



Shania Galloway
T.E.A.C.H. Assistant

- Has a puppy named Lily
- Is a foodie (she loves all foods) and likes to listen to country music

Tech Tips from the IT Department

Are you locked out of your computer? Did someone ELSE log into your computer and forget to sign out? If so, shut down your computer and turn it on again! You'll get a second chance to login.

Are you having printer troubleshooting issues? Here's some things we need to know:

- Is it giving you an error? If so, what is the message?
- Could you print earlier that same day?
- When you look at "Devices and Printers" in the Control Panel, is it greyed-out or offline?
- What program are you trying to print from and what are you trying to print?

As always, please email the [Helpdesk](#) for assistance regarding IT questions, maintenance requests, and other needs.

Happy Birthday

February

Dasiely Marrero, QCCC..... Feb 02
Paula Grant, T.E.A.C.H..... Feb 12
Mary Terry, T.E.A.C.H..... Feb 12
Emily Fulkerson, T.E.A.C.H..... Feb 15

Erika Williams, WAGE\$..... Feb 15
Beverly Esposito, Quality Initiatives..... Feb 16
Viviana Avila, Quality Initiatives..... Feb 18
Jessica Long, T.E.A.C.H..... Feb 22

Happy Anniversary

February

Kerri Cloud, Fiscal.....10 years

Paul Robinson, IT.....4 years