



2020 VISION For Grant Development

Winter Training Forum for Grant Professionals
December 4-6, 2019

Wednesday – December 4, 2019

2:00 – 4:30	Mandatory Board Meeting	FGDNK- 12 Board Members
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Thursday – December 5, 2019

Times	Topics	Presenters
8:00 – 8:30	Registration	
8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast	
8:30 – 8:35	Announcements and Introductions	Michelle Robinson, Grants Specialist, Pinellas County Schools
8:35 – 9:05	Welcome	Lynn Dotson, Education Specialist, NASA Exploration Station
9:05 – 10:15	<i>Session I</i> Attendee introductions and facilitated round table discussions.	All Attendees
10:15 – 10:30	Break	
10:30 – 12:00	<i>Session II</i> U.S. Census Bureau data,	(Luke) Anh Nguyen, Data Dissemination Specialist, U.S. Census Bureau

	programs, sources, and tools catered to grant proposal developers. <u>Please bring an internet- connected device for hands- on activities.</u>	
12:00 – 1:00	Networking Lunch Annual General Membership Meeting – Elections, Business and Awards	FGDNK- 12 Board Members
1:00 – 2:15	Session III Facilitated Networking Session: Best Practices Sharing, Burning Questions Answered, Lessons Learned	All Attendees
2:15 – 2:30	Break	
2:30 – 3:00	Session IV Sharpen Your Grant Writing Vision Through IXL	Dr. Polly Haldeman , Florida District Manager and Cari Warnock , Strategic Account Executive, IXL Learning
3:00 – 3:30	Day One Review and Wrap- Up	FGDNK- 12 Board Members

Friday – DECEMBER 6, 2019

Times	Topics	Presenters
8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast	
8:30 – 8:45	Announcements and Introductions	Michelle Robinson , Grants Specialist, Pinellas County Schools
8:45 – 10:15	Session V Florida Department of Education updates, grant forecasting, ESSA, UGG, legislative updates and other topics helpful for grant professionals. Title IV, Part A updates, resource sharing and best practices.	Janice Brown , Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Contracts, Grants & Procurement, Florida Department of Education Michelle Gaines , Director Title IV, Part A, Florida Department of Education
10:15 – 10:30	Break	FGDNK- 12 Board Members
10:30 – 12:00	Session VI Advanced Accounting training for educational grant writers.	Michelle Factor and Lisa Maynard , Office of Florida Financial Education
12:00 – 1:00	Networking Lunch	
1:00 – 2:30	Session VII Advanced Accounting training for educational grant writers.	Michelle Factor and Lisa Maynard , Office of Florida Financial Education
2:30 – 3:00	Day Two Conference Review, Evaluation and Wrap- Up	FGDNK- 12 Board Members

PRESENTER BIOS

Janice Brown, Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Contracts, Grants & Procurement at the Florida Department of Education

Janice has been with the Department since 2011. She started out managing the complex competitive procurements for Race to the Top & Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College & Careers, PARCC. She moved into the bureau chief position in 2013. Some of her DOE duties include oversight for formal competitive procurement and contract processes for the Department, oversight on the grant project award process, providing guidance to leadership, program offices and others regarding fiscal and compliance administrative responsibilities. Janice is a Florida Certified Negotiator and Florida Certified Contract Manager. Prior to DOE, she worked with the Department of Health for 7 years in the purchasing office leading a wide variety of formal competitive procurements and single sources.

Lynn Dotson, Education Specialist, NASA Exploration Station



Lynn Dotson joined AMF and NASA Education Team in January of 2013 as an Education Specialist at NASA's Kennedy Space Center Public Engagement Center, after 8 years of classroom teaching experience. She grew up in Columbia, Missouri and attended the University of Missouri, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Biology in 2000. During her S.C.U.B.A. Theory Science class, she was presented with an opportunity to teach Marine Science in the Florida Keys at Seacamp. After three years of Keys living, Lynn decided to return to school at the University of Florida, graduating with her Master's in Secondary Science Education. In 2005, Lynn landed her first teaching job in Brevard at a Montessori School and continued teaching science at various levels with Brevard County Schools.

In 2010, Lynn was awarded Exemplary Science Teacher of Brevard County and sent to Space Camp for Educators in Huntsville, Alabama. Her passion for teaching both teachers and students, her experiences on the Space Coast, and Space Camp ultimately led to her current job with NASA's Exploration Station.

Michelle Factor, Contract and Grant Management Training Team, Florida Department of Financial Services



Michelle Factor serves as a member of the Contract and Grant Management Training Team for the State of Florida, Department of Financial Services (DFS). As a lifelong educator, Michelle has served as both a classroom teacher and a volunteer for Leon County Schools over the past 15 years. While focusing her efforts on fundraising and business partner relationships, Michelle was named 2013 Leon County Schools volunteer of the year out of 17,000 volunteers. Michelle grew up in Birmingham, AL and is a graduate of Auburn University. She has resided in Tallahassee with her family for the past 25 years.

Michelle Gaines, Director Title IV, Part A, Florida Department of Education



Michelle L. Gaines is the founding Director of Title IV-Part A for the Florida Department of Education. The Arkansas native comes from a family of educators, and this year marks her 29th year in education. For nearly a decade, she taught and coached in Arkansas public schools before relocating to Florida. While in Orange County Public Schools, Michelle was a teacher and an administrator. In 2012, Michelle made the shift to the state education agency (DOE) and began championing the agency's anti-trafficking initiative. Michelle strongly believes in Gandhi's words, "be the change that you wish to see in the world."

Dr. Polly Haldeman, Florida District Manager, IXL Learning



Dr. Polly Haldeman is a senior leader with 20 years of public education experience with more than 15 years of those in online K-12 education; credited as a creative and resourceful leader with exceptional skills in analysis and strategic planning. She has a successful track record of exceeding student enrollment goals and exponentially increasing annual district partnership outcomes. Dr. Haldeman is recognized as an avid relationship builder, who excels in customer satisfaction, creating partnerships that promote effective blended education solutions throughout the country.

Lisa Maynard, Contract and Grant Management Training Team, Florida, Department of Financial Services



Lisa Maynard serves as a member of the Contract and Grant Management Training Team for the State of Florida, Department of Financial Services (DFS). Lisa, along with other members of the training team, provides statutorily mandated classes in Advancing Accountability, Monitoring Contracts & Grants, and the Florida Certified Contract Manager course, which is co-taught with instructors from the Department of Management Services.

Prior to joining DFS, Lisa worked as the Director of Programs for The Claude Pepper Center on the campus of Florida State University. Her focus was on the development of programs assisting senior citizens with legal, health and social issues. She also enjoyed instructing classes at Tallahassee Community College in the business administration program. In her free time, Lisa volunteers with animal rescue groups and works in her garden, alongside her husband, and menagerie of creatures.

(Luke) Anh Nguyen, Data Dissemination Specialist, U.S. Census Bureau



Anh Nguyen, a.k.a. Luke, was born and raised in Vietnam, immigrated to the United States, and graduated from Cornell University with a degree in History of Architecture and Urbanism. His research focused on the production of architecture and human geography, (i.e. the interaction between communities, cultures, and economies with the built space and place)

Anh has worked at the Census Bureau, Atlanta Region, as a Partnership Specialist and Data Dissemination Specialist since 2008.

As a Data Dissemination Specialist, Anh engages with diverse data users from different backgrounds, geographies, cultures, data proficiency and needs. His work involves raising public awareness of, and participation in census surveys and programs, as well as providing Census data training workshops, based on customers' data needs and requests.

In September 2011, Anh received a Community Champion Award, given by the GA Asian Complete Count Committee and presented by Congressman John Lewis, for his works in promoting participation of the Asian communities in the 2010 Census.

Cari Warnock, IXL Strategic Account Executive



Cari Warnock is an IXL Strategic Account Executive and former Director of Magnet Schools in Metro Nashville and Brevard Public Schools in Viera, Florida.

She holds a bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Central Florida and a master's degree in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

Warnock served 24 years in public education and previously held positions as Race to the Top Project Director, Assistant Principal, and MSAP Coordinating Teacher. She has written and managed 40 million dollars' worth of grants and worked with a diverse set of stakeholders. Her current role allows her to support school districts in their strategic alignment of resources and academics.