



**Florida Association of Colleges for Teacher Education**  
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## **Message from the FACTE President**

With 37 member institutions, the Florida Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (FACTE), an affiliate of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, is an essential voice in Florida for educator preparation. FACTE has a strong history in the areas of policy and practice, leadership, and advocacy.

At the 2009 Spring FACTE meeting and annual Day on the Hill in Tallahassee, we demonstrated that FACTE continues to be a leader in promoting teacher preparation in Florida as we met with legislators and their assistants to share the FACTE policy agenda and to advocate for specific legislation. During the 2009 Spring FACTE meeting and Day on the Hill, we presented the first Friend of FACTE award to a business partner, Mr. Bob Budnick, and held a reception in the Florida Historic Capitol where we honored Senator Ted Deutch with the first Friend of FACTE award to a state legislator.

Now we look forward to the 2009 Fall FACTE meeting at the University of Central Florida in Orlando that includes:

- A preconference session focused on *Assessing Candidate and Completer Impact on P-12 Student Learning* scheduled for the afternoon of October 14
- Florida Commissioner of Education, Eric Smith
- A panel of state leaders who will discuss the *Changing Face of Higher Education* in Florida
- An update from the *Florida Department of Education*
- A session dedicated to *Title II Reporting* presented by a representative of Westat

In addition, the FACTE Executive Committee plans to present a paper for your consideration. This paper includes recommendations for improving efficiency and cost savings in Florida's teacher education program approval process.

Along with the other members of the FACTE Executive Committee, I look forward to your active involvement in the fall meeting because it is through our collective efforts that we influence policies and practices in Florida that improve student outcomes in P-12 schools. Please join us in Orlando to collaborate with state leaders and policy makers, the Florida Department of Education and each other to address the challenges that confront education and teacher education in Florida.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Platt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Platt