



Florida Orchestra Association

The Mission of F.O.A

- support, promote, and expand school orchestra programs throughout the State of Florida,
- provide support and training for members in teaching, leadership, and advocacy, and
- empower members through mentoring and continuing education.

Mentoring Survey

We are very excited to launch our new mentoring process for the 2023-2024 school year.

Your participation as both a potential mentor or mentee is needed in order for this to be successful.

If you are interested in being apart of this process, please fill out this google form by Sept. 15th, 2023.

This link is for potential mentors ONLY.

<https://forms.gle/s2KHbZ3y4c7W6oxo8>

or email Marcey Sperr with questions at sperr.marcey@brevardschools.org

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We are very excited to offer you this additional resource for beneficial information for the school year. Please never hesitate to reach out to any of the Executive board. We are here for you!

Upcoming events

Don't forget to pay your FOA dues so your students can participate in FOA events.

Fall Conference 2023

October 12-13, 2023

Come see our keynote speaker

Dr. Rebecca B. MacLeod

Registration is due by September 26th!

<https://myfoa.org/events/fall-conference/#hotel>



“Music is the universal language of mankind.” — Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



**By Andrea Szarowicz, M.B.A, M.M.E
FOA President Elect**

Adjudication Committee

The adjudication committee is looking for your feedback on the current adjudication forms. **This is due October 1st, 2023**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3EiPSqQX84AyRvINdMbgRkM_UP3JoYWonlSP1JntaT-TJBw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Awards Committee

FOA will be featuring a new award called the “Rising Stars” award. You should be hearing more about this award from your district chairs. There is no year restriction to recognize an educator that is doing a great job!

Criteria for Nominations:

- FOA member and current Orchestra Director in the State of Florida
- The Nominee is teaching at the same school the year they were nominated
- Regularly participates in District/State meetings and events
- Demonstrates maintenance, significant growth or establishment of their program



Also, the [Hall of Fame Award](#) nomination form is attached as well (you can also find it on the website under the awards tab). Any FOA member can nominate for this award. Think of all of the educators that have inspired YOU and consider nominating them for this prestigious honor to be a 2024 Hall of Fame Recipient!

Message from the President

I am so excited about the roll-out of the Inaugural FOA Newsletter. Thanks to your awards committee and President-Elect, Andrea Szarowicz, we hope that this additional resource helps you to stay “in-the-know” of all the cool and important things going on with your Florida Orchestra Association. The Florida Orchestra Association is here for you, its members, to provide you resources and information that will help you throughout your school year.

Committees and committee chairs have been put in place to provide you with mentoring opportunities, information on updates to MPA forms and evaluations, as well as the great news of new awards that will recognize all our rising stars in the organization. As you look through the newsletter, make note of things you would like to see and share your ideas with us. This newsletter is for your benefit and therefore, we welcome your ideas and input.

I hope you have a great beginning to the 2023-24 school year and please, do not hesitate to reach out if you have any queries, concerns, or thoughts.



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