



## **FREE: “FEA VIRTUAL SUMMER ACADEMY”**

**DEADLINE: June 3**

Open to All Members wanting to get involved and engaged in their Union. Participation is free of charge this year. Sessions are organized in tracks and course level.

There are five tracks:

- Leadership Development
- Organizing
- Advocacy and Bargaining
- Education Staff Professionals
- Professional Development

There are three levels of courses:

- 101 (Foundational)
- 201 (Mobilizing & Power-Building)
- 301 (Agenda-Driving).

Use this link to register:

[2020 FEA Summer Academy Online.](#)

Most courses are June 8<sup>th</sup> through June 12<sup>th</sup> and have two to three online sessions.

FEA and EEA looks forward to seeing you at our 2020 FEA Summer Online Academy.

This is an amazing opportunity for all our members to get more involved in Our EEA to be trained, motivated, and engaged.

## **“WE’RE IN THIS TOGETHER”**

### **EEA Membership 365 Team**

*(Darzell Warren, Carol Cleaver, Cyndi Brown, Dorie Nickerson, Kim Garman, Lisette Guttery, and Donna Harper)*

They have attended multiple meetings with FEA and continue to work together to develop the EEA plan for the 2020-2021 year. The team is already Hustling out text messages and will be following up with phone banking and one-on-one conversations. We all know, Membership just like back to school will look very different as it should and not just because of Covid-19. Membership and the diversity that must come with that in order to be successful is crucial to Our EEA. This work cannot be done through an isolated process. It is very important that we, as current members, have those one-on-one conversations with any and all potential members in your school site and beyond. Always assume everyone is interested in their only professional organization, Our EEA. A new teacher, a new teacher to your school, a seasoned educator are all potential members. The initial ask is the most important seed you can plant in the mind of a potential member. Membership is never a one size fits all. We all join our local for different reasons but becoming an engaged activist also looks very different for all. Be mindful of your audience of one or many when having that first conversation that is always 80% listening. Together our Voice is Powerful for Our Profession and the Students We Serve.

## **EEA: 2020 BEHIND US - 2021 AHEAD OF US**

\* Virtual Teaching has become something we can all now add to our Toolbox as a strength and one of the many ways we move forward as education professionals. Our local EEA is working diligently with putting long term goals in place for the Safe re-opening of schools in the 20-21 school year. We would appreciate your input. Please email me at [donna.harper@floridaea.org](mailto:donna.harper@floridaea.org)

**Remember: Be Kind. Social Distancing Matters even in the summer.**

## SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.”  
-Benjamin Franklin

“Memories fade with time and lessons are forgotten, but experiences shape a human being and leave a lasting mark. Teachers have the privilege of guiding early experience and discoveries.”

– DONNA HARPER, EEA President

## LOCAL RESOURCES

[Escambiafea.org](http://Escambiafea.org)

[Escambia Education Association](#)

[Facebook Escambia Education Association](#)

[Facebook FYRE](#)

[www.escambia-fl.schoolloop.com](http://www.escambia-fl.schoolloop.com)

[Epic Connections](#)

[Feaweb.org](#)

[Facebook FEA](#)

[Nea.org](#)

[Aft.org](https://www.aft.org/benefits/trauma)  
<https://www.aft.org/benefits/trauma>

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#EEALeader #EEAAdvocate

## “WE’RE IN THIS TOGETHER”

***FEA’s Task Force*** is built with education and healthcare professionals as well as statewide leaders with purpose to focus on safety and the ability to smartly reopen our neighborhood public schools. Our team members Al Culp, Carol Cleaver, and Hannah Ard have been a vital part of the Task Force with Carol and Al even leading their subcommittees. The Task Force committees have been laser focused to generate recommendations to the Governor.

Physical Health and Safety, Hannah Ard; Social and Emotional Wellness and Support; Funding and Policy; Responses; Academics and Student Success, Carol Cleaver/ EEA, chair; and Working Conditions, Al Culp/EEA, chair.

Thank you to Al, Carol, and Hannah for your commitment to serve Your Union and the children we serve. Your efforts to ensure safety and continued learning of our students and employees is greatly appreciated. We look forward to you bringing home the great things we can share with our district.

## SUMMER: RELAX, REFLECT, RECHARGE, REJUVENATE

Summer is a chance for teachers to be intentional about finding time to relax, while also improving your craft in many ways. As we approached the end of our school year, I was not even sure we would get a summer vacation. Despite what has happened to us in the last 3 months, it is extremely important for teachers to recharge our batteries before heading back to the ‘20-’21 school year.

Here are a few tips:

- Choose 3 things you can improve in your classroom for the new year
- Get a great book that has nothing to do with your classroom in a direct way
- Catch up on favorite shows, TV, Netflix, Hulu, Blogs, Podcast, YouTube, etc.
- Get Physical to become healthier, happier, and a more effective teacher
- Reach out to 2 old friends from years gone by
- Experience Nature to repurpose your happiness
- Grasp every moment with your family
- Harmonize your personal environment
- Take time to just veg out for 30 minutes everyday
- Reflect on the year behind you and visualize the year ahead

Check out **“Your Guide to Summer Rejuvenation”** at [neamb.com](http://neamb.com)

This is a 3-part plan that can help you reflect and recharge, and it all starts with a few questions to ask yourself. Make your summer great – and your next school year even better.