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Three OCPS media specialists earn special recognitions from FAME

Jan. 25, 2018 – The Florida Association of Media Education (FAME) honored two OCPS media specialists with honors and awards this year, and another has been elected President for the upcoming year.



Pat Franklin
Media Specialist, Timber Creek High
FAME Amanda Award Recipient

Each year the Florida Association for Media in Education chooses an outstanding school library program to earn the Amanda Award for engaging students with the library and literacy. Timber Creek High's library program features a number of significant activities that engage students from all areas of the school. Of special significance was a Harry Potter activity that brought in students from the agriculture, veterinarian, bio-medical, graphic arts, stage craft, orchestra, TV production and Latin classes, among others.

A video made of the Harry Potter-themed event was part of Ms. Franklin's nomination and can be viewed [here](#).



Claire Gatrell-Stephens
District Media Specialist
FAME Administrator Advocacy Award Recipient

This award recognizes a district administrator who has made dynamic and significant contributions promoting effective school library media programs. Ms. Gatrell-Stephens, who's worked for OCPS for 32 years, was honored for her role in developing successful school library media programs throughout the district. She is an integral part of the One Book One Community initiative with the Orange County Public Library.

Together, Ms. Gatrell-Stephens and Ms. Franklin are also [published authors](#), writing three books together about running and managing school library programs. Ms. Gatrell-Stephens has written two additional books.



Andrea Parisi
Media Specialist, Colonial High
FAME President

Andrea Parisi, the media specialist for Colonial High, has been elected by her peers as President of the Florida Association of Media Education. Ms. Parisi is a veteran educator with 37 years of experience, 13 of which as a media specialist, and is a past president of the Orange County Association of Education Media. This is only the second time an OCPS media specialist has been chosen for this prestigious position, the first being in 2002-2003.

“I’m looking forward to promoting literacy and digital learning resources in our schools’ media centers,” says Ms. Parisi. “Representing Orange County at the state level, and all of Florida media specialists and library programs on the state and national levels, is a huge honor and I’m excited for the opportunities it provides.”

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