

FCRC SPRING WORKSHOP

The Florida College Reading Council (FCRC) hosted its annual spring workshop in Daytona Beach, April 1-3, 2009. Members of the organization from Daytona State College did an outstanding job planning the workshop, which included a number of presentations over a two-day period.

Hunter Boylan, Director of the National Center of Developmental Education at Appalachian State University, opened the program at Wednesday evening's reception with a round-table discussion about the importance of developmental education. At Thursday and Friday's sessions, topics included developing learning communities for college prep reading and writing classes, understanding the unique role of the academic support center in developmental education,

using students' cognitive styles to create individualized reading strategies for learning content, developing online reading instruction, using My Reading Lab to individualize reading instruction, and using ACT as an alternative to FCAT to determine college readiness.

Additionally, reading teachers from Volusia County Schools joined in some of the workshop sessions, and Melinda Milles, with the Division of Community Colleges and Coordinator of the Teacher Preparation Program, talked about the new legislation connected with developmental education and the high schools.

At the Thursday luncheon, members had an opportunity to meet Kristin Sutton, a student at Daytona State College and one of this year's recipients of the Cathy Denny

Scholarship. Kristin was presented with a check for \$500 based on an essay she wrote describing how reading a specific book has changed her life.

Attendees were also the guests at a presentation of **I LEAVE YOU LOVE**, a play based on the life of Mary McCleod Bethune.

New officers were presented at Friday's session. Officers appointed to a two-year term were: President, Karen Nails Porter, Bethune Cookman University; Vice President, Karin Alderfer, Miami Dade College; Treasurer, Patti Levine-Brown, Florida State College.

Next year's workshop will be hosted by Florida State College in Jacksonville. No decision has been made about the date of next year's workshop.

