Florida Literacy Conference Celebrates 30th Anniversary
Five Award Recipients Recognized for Their Achievements

Byron Pitts, the Chief National Correspondent at ABC News, spoke at the opening general session and shared his struggles with literacy as a young man. During that event, Florida Blue announced the continuation of the Florida Health Literacy Initiative grant program with FLC and this year’s award winners. Wells Fargo introduced a new partnership with FLC to provide mini-grants to local organizations to integrate financial education into adult education, literacy, and family literacy programs.

Rob Shindler, an adult literacy tutor and author from Chicago, gave the keynote address for the event. The conference ended with the hosting of the Florida Literacy Awards, which honors and recognizes outstanding literacy practitioners.

Congratulations to this year’s Florida Literacy Award recipients:

Outstanding Business Partner – Forest Hill Elementary, West Palm Beach, FL
Outstanding Literacy Volunteer – Ken Horton, Learn to Read, Jacksonville
Flight for Freedom Award (Student) – Marco Hernandez, Marion County Literacy Council
Excellence in Education – Marion County Literacy Council, Ocala, FL
Mary J. Brogan Leadership Award – Susan Mutschler, Citrus County Library

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