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Florida Women's Hall of Fame Nominations



Nominations for the 2007-2008 Florida Women's Hall of Fame are now being accepted through Monday, July 16, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. by the Florida Commission on the Status of Women. Since its inception in 1982, the Hall of Fame has recognized and honored Florida women who, through their lives and works, have made significant contributions to the improvement of life for all citizens of the state.

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Dear Kelly,

Welcome to the Spring 2007 edition of *FCSW Connections*, the e-newsletter of the Florida Commission on the Status of Women. We sincerely hope that you will find this publication a useful and informative resource. Please share with us your thoughts and suggestions by e-mailing us at info@fcsw.net.

2007 - 2008 FCSW Chair Norma White, L.H.D.,

 Norma White

I am thrilled to serve as the 2007 - 2008 Chair of the Florida Commission on the Status of Women. We are looking forward to an exciting and busy year.

The Florida Commission on the Status of Women held a successful and productive 1st Quarterly meeting on March 12 & 13, 2007, at the TCC Capitol Center in Tallahassee, FL. We were honored to be welcomed by Florida Attorney General, Bill McCollum, who commended the Commission for its work and accomplishments that improve the lives of women and girls across the state of Florida. He also addressed the Commission regarding the many significant issues facing Florida's women and families and stressed his dedication and administrative priority to fight against cyber crimes and internet predators.

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Women's History Month at Tallahassee Community College

Florida Commission on the Status of Women participated in Tallahassee Community College's Women's History Month Celebration on March 21, 2007. The theme of this year's celebration was *Generations of Women Moving History Forward* and featured a

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keynote presentation by Tallahassee news anchor Ms. Shonda Knight of WCTV 6. The afternoon was filled with exciting presentations, music, dramatic oracles, and honorary presentations to distinguished ladies and students of college and surrounding community.

Among the honored guest was former FCSW Commissioner Elsie Crowell. Ms. Crowell has impacted the lives of many women and is still continuing her tradition of changing lives of women.

Commissioner Spotlight: Mohinder "Mona" Jain, M.D., Ph.D.



Commissioner Mohinder "Mona" Jain, M.D., Ph.D., diligently serves the Florida Commission on the Status of Women (FCSW) and is known among her colleagues as an individual that "leaves no stone unturned." She has not only dedicated many years to the FCSW, she also serves as Honorary Chair Emeritus of the Manatee Commission on the Status of Women. The expertise that she brings from her many facets of life is invaluable.

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Southern Women in Public Service

[The Southern Women in Public Service: Coming Together to Make a Difference](#) conference began in 1991 as an effort to promote women in government leadership in the South. This conference is unique because it brings together women leaders from both political parties, all levels and branches of government, along with women leaders in business and academia. They are united behind the idea that women are making a difference in the quality and character of government and that more women need to be involved as leaders in American politics.

[Carrie Meek](#), the first African American elected to Congress from Florida since Reconstruction and member of the [Florida Women's Hall of Fame](#), will receive the [Lindy Boggs Award](#) at the conference on May 20-21, 2007 in Tampa, Florida. Judy Genshaft, president of the University of South Florida, will open the conference and Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio will welcome participants. Invited speakers include newly elected CFO of Florida, Alex Sink, and three members of Congress: Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Kathy Castor (D-FL) and Virginia Foxx (R-NC).

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Commission Participates in Florida Conferences

The Florida Commission on the Status of Women had the honor of participating in a number of exciting and informative conferences this spring, the *Women's Leadership Conference* at the University of Florida and *Behind Closed Doors* sponsored by the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

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FCSW Hosts Osteoporosis Screenings at Florida Capitol

by Commissioner Thelma V. Crump



The Florida Commission on the Status of Women (FCSW) partnered with [Radiology Associates of Tallahassee Women's Imaging Center](#) on March 16, 2007 to provide osteoporosis screenings at the Florida Capitol. Free heel screenings for the disease were offered and extensive literature distributed to

those who visited the display. FCSW Commissioner Thelma V. Crump and FCSW staff greeted attendees and answered questions about the Commission.

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For the latest on other Commission activities, including:
[2006 - 2007 Florida Women' Hall of Fame](#)
[2007 Florida Legislative Session](#)
 visit the [FCSW website](#).

Sincerely,

Kelly Sciba
 Florida Commission on the Status of Women

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North-central Florida women will have the unique opportunity to learn how to successfully start and manage their own business at ***Florida Women Mean Business!***, a **FREE** conference presented by the Florida Commission on the Status of Women that will provide skills and training specifically geared toward the special needs of female entrepreneurs as they plan and start businesses. Featured topics include building a business plan, legal issues involved with starting a business, managing risk, finding financial resources, and balancing family and business.

DATE: Saturday, April 28, 2007 **TIME:** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION:
SantaFe Community College
 James L. Wattenbarger Student Services Building
 S-029
 3000 NW 83rd Street
 Gainesville, FL 32606

Price: \$FREE

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