



## Chairman's Message Fall 2005

We have just concluded two weeks of examiner classes that resulted in close to 160 examiners being trained for the 2006 assessment cycle. The 2006 Sterling Board of Examiners is now posted on our web page. A special thanks to the Pinellas County Schools for hosting this annual two week event and Honeywell Corporation for printing the examiner handbooks for this training. Also, a special thanks to our Trainers/Faciliators for both weeks: Barbara Barnhouse, Phil Centonze, Jose Fernandez, Dave Klater, Bob Madeiros, Larry Romeo, and Chris Wehrenberg. A very special thanks to Barbara Barnhouse for all the work that she put into developing the refined Examiner Leadership Day and helping to review and edit the handbook and leadership materials, and to Chris Wehrenberg for all her efforts in coordinating and formatting the Examiner Handbook. Countless hours went into these tasks and Sterling is grateful for key volunteers such as Barbara and Chris. Finally, recognition needs to go to our examiners who were promoted this year. Promoted to Master Examiner were Dave Harrawood and Barbara Hinson. Promoted to Lead Examiner were Richard Alleman, John Becker, Patricia Krauser, Tom Rankin, and Chris Wehrenberg. Promoted to Senior Examiner were George Addicott, Alyson Goermar, Deborah Martel, Patricia O'Bannon, Sally O'Hara, Dennise Suarez, Marianne Whittemore, Karen Vail, and Ileana Zequeria. Thanks to all of our examiners for their hard work and dedication to making Florida a state of excellence.

This fall has resulted in the largest total number of applicants in several years across all three processes. Numbers are up for the Governor's Sterling Award and the Challenge, and the Navigators are continuing to move forward in record numbers. We are excited about the volume of applicants and are proud of our applicant organizations for continuing to move forward in their improvement efforts while dealing with this year's devastating hurricane season.

On a more personal note, I would like to offer my thanks to a wonderful Board of Directors and an especially hardworking Executive Committee. Our outgoing President Jim Zingale, Executive Director of the Department of Revenue and his fellow officers, Past President, Sidney Morgan, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Bill Grant, the Boeing Company, and John Medina, Wachovia Bank all provided tremendous leadership during this past year. We appreciate their visionary leadership in helping the Florida Sterling Council excel today and prepare for the future.

Finally, don't forget that winter regional training begins in January. I hope you will take this opportunity to review the schedule on our website and register for a workshop in your area.

Thank you!

John A. Pieno  
Chairman  
Florida Sterling Council

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