

# Bio from the Candidates

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President



Dr. David Burrage lives in Belleview with his wife and their four sons. As a family, they enjoy school-related activities, soccer, baseball, watching movies, building, canoeing, and traditional archery.

Dr. Burrage graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Florida Atlantic University. His graduate work includes a Master in Education degree from the University of Central Florida and a Doctorate of Philosophy degree from Northcentral University, both specializing in Exceptional Student Education. The focus of his doctoral work was on teacher training and the use of classroom management systems with students diagnosed with emotional and behavioral disabilities.

Aside from working part time online as an adjunct professor, faculty member, and intern supervisor for several universities; Dr. Burrage currently works full-time as a virtual elementary school teacher for MCPS. He received a district Golden Apple Award in 2010 for his work as a public school exceptional education teacher in the emotional and behavioral self-contained setting.

Dr. Burrage is very passionate about education and proud to be both a teacher and lifelong learner.

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### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

**Maleigha Flynn** joined her union on day one of her career in Marion County. She holds one of the K-5 seats on the executive board after having been appointed by the president. While teaching Kindergarten, Maleigha also represents her members as site rep at Emerald Shores Elementary.

Maleigha shows her commitment to members locally through her position on the action organizing team and the social committee as well as statewide by attending the most recent FEA delegate assembly. She also collaborates with other counties as a member of the coordinating council of the United Service Unit. Maleigha is a trail blazer bringing valuable information to our county through the informational series on Public Service Loan Forgiveness.

Maleigha's personal philosophy of accountability in action can be seen by all who meet her. Her most recent project demonstrates both her personal and Marion Education Association's dedication to our community through the promotion of family literacy at this year's NEA Read Across America Event. Promising transparency and follow through Maleigha humbly requests your vote.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

### Reginald E. Landers Jr

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### Objective

To use my experience and training to advance my career within the Marion County School System

### Work History

2015-Present: **Physical Education Coach College Park Elementary**

Assist in the Health and Physical development of students. Participate on PBS, School Safety and Discipline Committees

2015: **Dean of Students Evergreen Elementary**

Assisted with Discipline and Safety at Evergreen

2013-2015: **Howard Academy Program Manager**

Community outreach, curator of Black History Museum and Artifacts, Supervised The Jade Hagins' after school tutoring program. Oversaw the budget and expenditures.

2009-2013 **Dean of Students Reddick Collier Elementary**

In charge of Discipline and Safety at Reddick Collier, Implemented Positive Behavior Support and Strategies for R.T.I. Chair of Safety and Discipline Committee

2006-2009 **Dean of Students MTI**

In charge of Discipline and Safety of MTI. Chair of Safety and Discipline committees and Chair of ESE Department (Support Facilitation)

2004-2006 **Exceptional Student Education VE Teacher**

Ocala Forest High School

Asst. Boys Basketball Coach and Asst. JV Football Coach

2002-2004: **Exceptional Student Education VE Teacher**

Dunnellon High School

Asst. Boys Basketball Coach and Asst. Boys Track Coach

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## ***Reginald E. Landers Jr***

### **Memberships**

Leadership Ocala XX1  
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity  
New Covenant Missionary Church

### **Boards-Current**

Ocala Housing Authority (commissioner)  
Estella Byrd Whitman Wellness Center  
NAACP Marion County Branch, 3rd Vice President  
Westside C.R.A.  
City of Ocala Vision 2035

### **Education**

Aug.2004-June 2006 **National Louis University**  
Masters in Education and Supervision Suma Cum Laude  
Aug.1990-May 1993 **Florida A&M University**  
Bachelor of Science Cum Laude  
Aug.1988-May 1990 **Central Florida Community College**  
Associate of Arts, Psychology

### **Computer Skills**

SMS/Various Discipline Reports (SMS)  
SuccessMaker  
Fast Math  
Skyward

### **References**

Available upon request

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

### Paul R. Ouellette

*After playing drums for many years - working as a professional musician in pursuit of a career as a recording artist in an "almost famous" local rock band during the late eighties and early nineties, I switched gears and enrolled in college to pursue a career in social studies education. I began my post-secondary coursework at Central Florida Community College (CFCC is now the College of Central Florida, or CF) earning an Associate of Arts degree in Education and History. After graduating from CFCC, I transferred to the University of South Florida (Go Bulls!) earning a bachelor of science degree in Secondary Education Social Sciences 6 -12 and a bachelor of arts in History. I am now in my Seventeenth year of teaching for Marion County Public Schools. I began my career as an educator at Fort King Middle School in August of 2001 where I taught 8<sup>th</sup> Grade United States History. From 2002 – 2008, I taught 8<sup>th</sup> grade United States History at West Port Middle School, moving to a district administrative position at the end of that year. From 2008-2014 I served as the Social Studies Program Specialist / Teaching American History (TAH) Grant Project Director where I facilitated professional development for our district's elementary and secondary U.S. History and American Government teachers. With the end of the TAH Grant, The 2014-2015 school year brought me back to the classroom to Osceola Middle School where I am excited to be teaching 7<sup>th</sup> grade Civics.*

*With the exception of the years at the district as a teacher on assignment under an administrative contract (rules do not allow such employees to have union membership), I have been an MEA member. I have always promoted MEA membership at each school at which I have worked, in large part because I believe that being pro-teacher equates to being pro-student. Everyone in the education field should be pro-student; they are the end user and the reason for our public service.*

*P.R.O.*

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

### *Corinne Turk*



- MCPS teacher 23 years
- MEA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President 2016 – present
- MEA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President 2015 – 2016
- MEA Membership Chair 2012 – 2016
- MEA Site Leader 2008 - present
- FEA Governance Board Member
- Membership 365 Committee member
- Coordinating Council member
- MCPS Code of Conduct Committee member
- Presenter at MEA Leadership Academy 2015, 2016 and 2017
- Attended FEA Women's Leadership Conference
- Attended FEA Summer Academy
- Attended FEA Winter Leadership Conference
- Attended Membership 365 Conference
- Delegate at FEA delegate assembly
- 2001 West Port Middle School Teacher of the Year
- 1998 Marion County Rookie Teacher of the Year

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### Secretary

My name is **Nikki Hannon** and I am running for the position of **Secretary of MEA**.

I am currently the Media Specialist and a Site Leader at Lake Weir High School. Prior to Lake Weir High, I taught at Liberty Middle School for 4 years as a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher. Union membership is important to me, so I joined the union at the beginning of my teaching career.

Why should you vote for me? I am a very detail-oriented, organized individual that excels at any task given to her. I am in attendance at all required meetings and I frequently attend additional MEA meetings and events. In 2015, I was awarded Rookie Teacher of the Year at Liberty Middle School.



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### ESE Executive Board Seat

My name is **Nancy Rosky** and I would very much like to continue being your **ESE board member**. I have been on the executive board for 2.5 years.

I have been a teacher at Howard Middle for all 12 years I have been teaching in Marion County. I am the Gifted teacher for 8th Grade US History, and have also been the inclusion teacher.

I have been lead site rep for our school for four years and a rep for 6.

I have been a coordinating council member, which is the council that represents the United Service Unit, for 3 years.

Thank you for your vote!

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### **Middle School Director on the Executive Board**

**Helen Hamel**, a career-long member of our union, is an 8th grade Physical Science teacher who taught at Belleview Middle School before moving to Lake Weir Middle as their Content Area Specialist for Science.

She is currently serving our union as a non-voting member of the executive board, representing young teachers through Florida's Young Remarkable Educators (FYRE). She is working to establish a functioning FYRE committee. She is also serving as a site rep and has been for the last 3 years. She has served as a delegate to the FEA delegate assembly several times.

As an advocate of an active union, Helen looks forward to increasing the visibility of our union in local issues. Helen is an advocate of Public Education and has served on lobbying teams visiting our legislators both at home and in Tallahassee.

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## Middle School Director on the Executive Board

### Mary Rivera

candidate for Middle School Director



I am a veteran teacher of 26 years, mom of 3 MCPS students, the oldest of which is a teacher.

It would be an honor to serve on the MEA Executive Board as the Middle School Director. My engagement in MEA related activities/committees is high and my desire to serve the members of our unit even higher. Allow me an opportunity to serve YOU!

#### Education

- National Louis University  
MA - Educational Leadership and Administration  
January 2008 – June 2009
- West Liberty University  
BA – Music Education K-12  
August 1985 - December 1991

#### Employment History

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| • 1992-Present                    | Marion County Public School Teacher          |
| ○ READ180 (Intensive Reading)     | grades 6-8                      2012-current |
| ○ Dean of Buses and Language Arts | grades 6-8                      2010-2012    |
| ○ Dean of Buses and Geography     | grades 6-8                      2009-2010    |
| ○ Music K-8                       | grades K-5                      1992-2009    |

#### Professional Association Memberships

- Florida Educator's Association
- National Education Association
- American Federation of Teachers
- Marion Education Association
  - Member of district bargaining team (2008-current)
  - School-based representative (2008-current)
  - Social committee member (current)
  - Membership committee chair (current)

#### Leadership Activities

- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Coordinator

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- District Code of Conduct Revision Committee 2010
- Developed incentives for bus students, drivers and aids
- Certified Clinical Educator/Peer Teacher
- Member-Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration Grant Team
- Clinician for St Leo's Music for the Child class (Fay Johnson)
- Facilitator - FCAT and Benchmark testing
- School Advisory Committee Chair 2007-2009