

2026 FSHA AWARDS AND BUSINESS LUNCHEON



**Thursday, April 30, 2026
Rosen Centre Hotel
Orlando**

Florida School Health Association

Business Meeting & Awards Luncheon

Welcome

Alan Cox

Introduction of the Board

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Board Elections

Terri Anderson

2026 Award Recognitions

Other Business

Alan Cox

Adjourn

FSHA OFFICERS 2026

Elected Positions

President	Alan Cox
President Elect:/Bylaws	Vacant
Past President	Terri Anderson
Treasurer	Robert Ostbye
Councilor	Cheryll Hall
Councilor	Coco McClelland
Councilor	Brooks Rumenik

Appointed Positions

Business Manager	Sherri Reynolds
Northwest Regional Rep	Deeya Davis & Kala Glass
Northeast Regional Rep	Julie Haden
Central Regional Rep	Vacant
Southwest Regional Rep	Leisha Roy
Southern Regional Rep	Mary Claire Mucenic
Recording Secretary	Gloria Rivadeneyra
Membership Chair	Vacant
Legislative Committee Chair	Alan Cox
School Health Education DOE Rep	Steve Walker
School Health Services DOE Rep	Karla Bass
School Health Services DOH Rep	Adam Fundora
Public Relations/Social Media	Vacant
Annual Conference Director	Sherri Reynolds
Continuing Education Chair	Sherri Reynolds

2026 School Health Professional

Leticia De Jesus Ulate



Leticia De Jesus Ulate is an exemplary public health professional. Over the past 22 years, she has served DOH-Seminole with dedication and distinction—as a social worker and case manager for young mothers in the Healthy Start Program, as a coordinator for the Mom Care Program, and over the past 9 years as health educator, screener and operations analyst for the School Health Program at DOH-Seminole.

Since 2017, she facilitated as a health educator many engaging positive youth development workshops for middle and high school students. In 2020, Leticia transitioned to supporting school health operations, where she provides health screening support and coordination, data collection and management, and quality assurance and improvement activities. She also offers technical support that enables the School Health Advisory Committee to meet in a hybrid format.

Leticia is an active participant in workforce development initiatives that promote professional growth and integration at DOH-Seminole. Throughout her career in public health, she has earned several recognitions for her outstanding professionalism and dedication, including “Highest Number of Clients Served” in 2003 and “Most Women and Infants Served” in 2004 from the Seminole County Healthy Start Coalition, and DOH-Seminole Employee of the Quarter in 2018.

Leticia exemplifies the true model of community schools and healthy partnerships!

2026 School Health Coordinator

Dana Portillo



Dana Portillo, RNC, BA is a school health coordinator for Monroe County School District. She entered school health, working for Key West High School, for 10 years before taking on the new role. This also happened to coincide with the onset of COVID-19. She graduated with a BA in psychology from Georgetown College in 1995 and an associate's of nursing from Troy State University in 1999.

She has experience in long term care, medical-surgical, step down, telemetry, transplant, IV/admissions, and ICU before joining school health. This is her passion. She developed an immunization program within her school and won a state award for the improvement in vaccination rates among high school students for HPV and meningitis. The HPV vaccination rate started off below 7% and rose to over 94% in two years. She went on to expand that program to other schools and grades before taking on the role of school health coordinator. Dana shares her praise of her team for their accomplishments and roles within the school and community.

She loves to read, do crafts, learn, and take photos, and spend time with family and friends. She has been married for 31 years to her college sweetheart and has one grown son. The challenges and successes of parenthood have strengthened her role as advocate and supporter of the ESE community. She feels her family is her single biggest accomplishment.

2026 Legislator of the Year

Corey Simon



Corey Simon is the Florida State Senator for the 3rd district, assuming office in 2022.

Before his political career, he was a professional football player, spending eight seasons as a defensive tackle in the NFL, where he was a Super Bowl champion and a Pro Bowl selection. Senator Simon is a graduate of Florida State University (FSU), earning a B.S. in Information Studies in 1999. During his time at FSU, he was a Consensus All-American and Football Team Captain.

His career experience includes serving as the CEO of Volunteer Florida. He continues his community involvement as the founder of Corey's Kids and President of Big Bend Pop Warner. Corey and his wife, Natasha, live in Tallahassee.

Champions of a

Senator Corey Simon and Representative Jason Shoaf embody the dedication of Florida's student-athletes. Inspired by the memory of high school athlete Chance Gainer, who was the first to die of a heart attack, they became the legislative champions for student-athletes.

Representative Shoaf sponsored HB 1135, and Senator Simon co-authored the bill. The bill would require high school athletes to complete an EKG and medical evaluation starting in the 2026-2027 school year. Representative Shoaf stated, "a promise to parents that we will do everything we can to protect our children. Every student-athlete in Florida deserves the best protection possible."

2026 Legislator of the Year

Jason Shoaf



Jason Shoaf is a Republican member of the Florida House of Representatives, representing the 7th district since his election in a 2019 special election.

A North Florida native residing in Port St. Joe, Representative Shoaf is an active businessman, serving as the Vice President of St. Joe Natural Gas Company, and owns Gulf South Self Storage and Alliance Property Management. He attended Tallahassee Community College and graduated from Florida State University.

Representative Shoaf has focused his legislative work on protecting North Florida's natural resources, fighting for small businesses, and increasing workforce training opportunities.

Second Chance

ication required to transform tragedy into lasting, life-saving change. lost to sudden cardiac arrest, Senator Simon and Representative Shoaf ns for the Second Chance Act.

hored the bill alongside Who We Play For (WWPF) and the Gainer ehind this law," has resulted in a mandate requiring all first-year high g in the 2026–2027 school year. This act is not just a law; it is, as ything possible to prevent tragedies like this." Their work ensures that a gets a second chance at life.

2026 Legislator of the Year

Taylor Yarkosky



Representative Taylor Yarkosky grew up in a small Iowa farm town as the oldest of nine children, where he learned the values of hard work, faith, and integrity. After graduating from the University of Iowa, he moved to Florida in 1999 and has lived in Lake County since 2004. An entrepreneur who launched his first business with a loan, he has created hundreds of jobs across Central Florida.

He was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2022 and has served on numerous education policy committees. He lives in Montverde with his wife, Courtney, and their five children and is active in Lakeside Church and organizations including the Clermont Cancer Foundation.

In 2025, he sponsored HB 1607 to strengthen cardiac emergency preparedness in Florida schools by requiring on-site AEDs, response plans, and trained staff. The bill passed both chambers and was signed into law on May 21, 2025, helping improve survival outcomes for students experiencing cardiac arrest.

2026 Honorary Lifetime Award

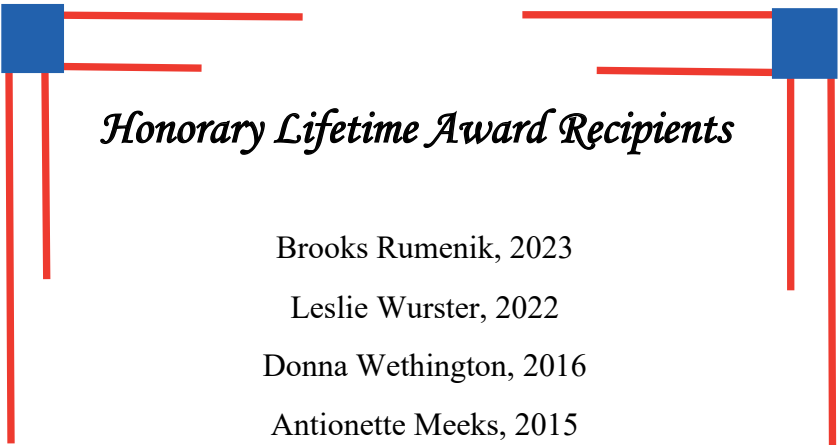
Kathleen Bowles



As a teacher and subsequently supervisor of Safe and Healthy Schools for Duval County Public Schools, Kathleen's tireless support for children is commendable. For many years we are lucky to have her as a member, committee participant, regional representative, board member and speaker for the Florida School Health Association.

She has been recognized for her extensive strategic work with substance use prevention, anti-bullying, safety protocols, mental and behavioral health, RTI initiatives, health services, and comprehensive health and physical education programs, all seen as an exemplary model district in Jacksonville, Florida. She's authored many papers in support of her work on behalf of students, their schools and communities using Coordinated School Health Programs as the model.

A Boston native, and former swimmer at Florida State University, Kathleen holds a BS in Science, Health Education, Physical Education, and Biology, a Masters in Educational Leadership, and a Masters in Public Health. Kathleen continues to volunteer for the Drug Free Duval board, historical preservation in Duval County and is a talented textile artist and member of the Jacksonville Weavers Guild.



Honorary Lifetime Award Recipients

Brooks Rumenik, 2023

Leslie Wurster, 2022

Donna Wethington, 2016

Antionette Meeks, 2015

Sandra Gallogly, 2013

Myrna Watkins, 2010

Sherri Reynolds, 2008

Marge Whaley, 2007

Mary Ellen Gillette, 2002

Mae Waters, 2000

John Tolliver, 1999

Jean Battaglin, 1998



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