

DEPARTMENT OF EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

College of Education, Florida Atlantic University

HOOT Presents...*



From Benefactor to Contributor: Becoming an Active Member of Society Through Volunteering

This colloquium and guided discussion will be led by

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***HOOT: Honoring Outstanding Owl Teachers**
Expanding research and practice to prepare educators for the future.

**Friday,
October 7,
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6-7:30 PM

**III A/B
Parliament Hall
FAU, Boca Campus**

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Abstract

Individuals with disabilities often do not experience the same quality of life as those without disabilities. Many school programs focus solely on employment as preparation for post-secondary transition, yet there are other experiences that would help improve the quality of life for individuals with disabilities. Volunteering can be a viable supplement to transition programming. It can be used as a stepping stone to teach individuals vital employment skills, provide exposure to different career fields, and even increase social engagement and activity in the community. Further, volunteering can be used to teach self-determination skills such as: self-advocacy, making choices, problem solving, decision making, setting and obtaining goals, and understanding personal needs. In this session, participants will learn how to teach individuals with disabilities how to identify appropriate volunteering activities and how these opportunities can help people with disabilities to grow and become active members of society.

Agenda

6:00-6:10	Introductions
6:10-6:20	HOOT Program Overview
6:20-7:10	Colloquium
7:10-7:30	Q&A/Discussion

Come and learn about the DESE's Honors in the major program, HOOT, and/or engage in a "high impact" activity around your major. Light refreshments will be served.

This event is open to all education majors.

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