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First in Florida

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Congratulations to the first group of Growth Mindset Micro-credential recipients. Your commitment to learning is evident and we are proud of your dedication to the development of this critical competency. One of the first recipients of the micro-credential wrote the following in her reflection:

“We have engaged our staff and students in the growth mindset philosophy this year. The impact has changed the way that our students are learning and how our teachers are teaching. Mascotte Charter Elementary is a Title I school in a rural area with a high Hispanic population. Before introducing growth mindset, students had a ‘defeatist’ attitude. They never believed they could truly do things and gave up very easily. Now, they know they can ‘grow their brains.’ Students are very excited and proud to show you their progress. **Teachers are seeing that students are working through difficult tasks and growing their minds leading to increased achievement. We see students and teachers working through the process, trying different strategies and seeing the benefits of growth mindset philosophy.**” - Tiffany Mayhugh-Rego, Mascotte Charter Elementary, Lake County

We know that students and educators alike have limitless potential when we believe that our abilities can be developed through hard work, high expectations, persistence and the right strategies. Congratulations to the pioneers below who are the first in Florida to earn the micro-credential, and keep up the hard work to all of those who continue to work on it.

Lauren Albert, Flagler County	Anne Hester, Lee County	Jagathy Nair, Palm Beach County
Sarah Baltunis, Lake County	Matthew Hutson, Palm Beach County	Merewyn Patrick, Brevard County
Dawn Barlow, Orange County	Jackie Jasko, Collier County	Jennifer Petti, Palm Beach County
Amy Dawn Batchelor, Clay County	Kathleen Jones, Bay County	Timothy Regula, Palm Beach County
Robin Bossinger, Clay County	Jodi Kirk, Pinellas County	Reshonda Scott, Lake County
Penny Branham, Lee County	Brian Koster, Florida Virtual School	Joan Starr, Lee County
Nanci Brilliant, Osceola County	Jacqueline Kratky, Palm Beach County	Luanne Sutton, Lee County
Carol Brody, Orange County	Megan LaVogue, Palm Beach County	Elizabeth Terry, Osceola County
Mary Burr, Leon County	David Law, Hamilton County	Gail Tyson, Lake County
Tomicka Cadogan, Orange County	Karen Lindsey, Seminole County	Adriana Velazquez, Volusia County
Sandra Caruso, Palm Beach County	Lisa Lord, Seminole County	Kelli Warren, Clay County
Tabetha Cox, Duval County	Spencer Lunsford, Santa Rosa County	Cortny Worrell, Sumter County
Stephanie Fabela, Florida Virtual School	Susan Maguire, Palm Beach County	Jennifer Wyatt, Sumter County
Gisela Maria Gutierrez, Dade County	Tiffany Mayhugh-Rego, Lake County	

All the best,

Abbey Stewart

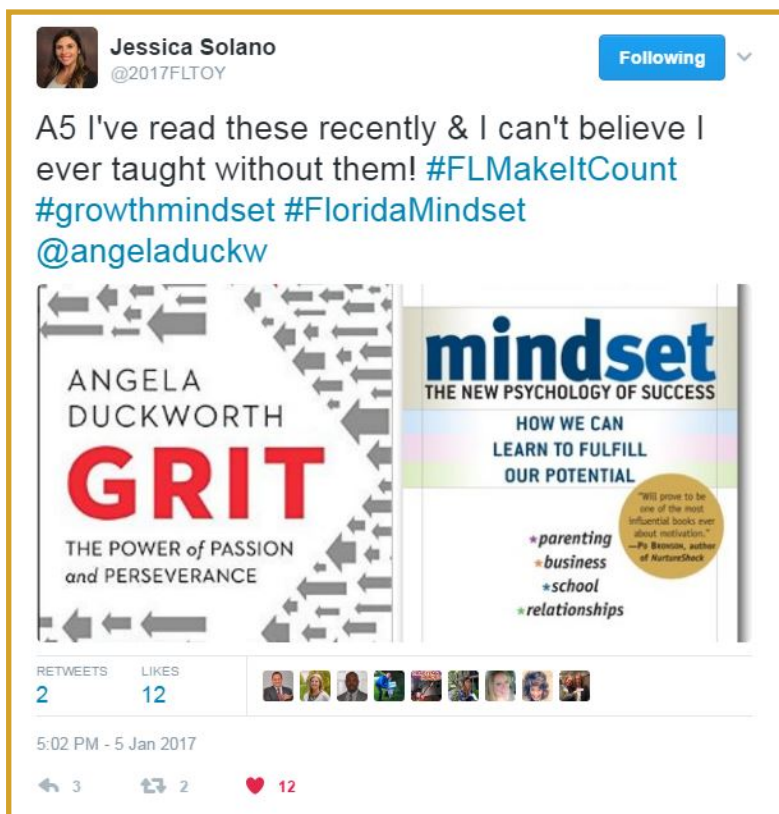
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Featured Tweet



Get a glimpse into 2017 Teacher of the Year Jessica Solano's innovative teaching strategies [here](#).

Educator Opportunities

PBS Digital Innovator

Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) is currently accepting applications for its PBS Digital Innovator Program, which brings together a community of pre-K-12 educators, who are thought-leaders and classroom “changemakers,” for ongoing professional development and opportunities to share strategies, empower peers and inspire students. One educator from each state will be selected to participate, and they will be provided with support and tools so their ideas can be shared with peers in their own communities and across the nation.

To learn more about this opportunity and apply, click [here](#). The application deadline is **February 12, 2017**.

Florida Humanities Council Workshop - Zora Neale Hurston

The Florida Humanities Council is offering a humanities-based workshop on the life and works of author and anthropologist Zora Neale Hurston in July 2017. The program is open to all K-12 educators in the United States at no charge, and participants will receive a stipend to offset their travel, lodging and meal expenses.

Additional information, along with the application, can be found [here](#). The deadline to apply through the National Endowment for the Humanities is **March 1, 2017**.

Research Experiences for Teachers Program with MagLab

Funded by the [National Science Foundation](#), this six-week residential program gives teachers from across the country the chance to participate in real-world science with MagLab scientists. Through weekly seminars, discussion groups, professional development and technology workshops, teachers will develop strategies and resources to translate the experience into material for their classrooms.

Each teacher accepted by the program will receive a stipend, classroom materials and, if necessary, travel support and housing. Teachers are expected to return to their jobs as leaders in service education, implementing science research in their classrooms.

To learn more about this opportunity click [here](#). The application deadline is **April 14, 2017**.