

## Michigan Association of State and Federal Program Specialists

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### **A Note from the President:**

It has been my honor to serve as the President of the Michigan Association of State and Federal Program Specialists during the 2007 – 2008 school year. Each and every member of our Executive Board brings knowledge and history of working in state and federal programs to the table. The quality of professional development continues to grow with each Institute. We value and listen to the feedback of each and every member and continue to strive to improve our offerings. I encourage all of our members of MAS/FPS to mark their calendars for the Fall Director’s Institute at the Sheraton Lansing on November 5, 6 and 7 2008.

Congratulations to our MAS/FPS member and NAFEPA Representative, Glenda Virden on her recent election to NAFEPA Secretary! Many of you know Glenda from her work with MAS/FPS Boot Camp for New Directors and her many years of experience working throughout Michigan on state and federal programs.

This year we had three NAFEPA State Leadership Award recipients in Washington, DC. Karen Ruple from Kent ISD, Margarita Frommert from Melvindale/North Allen Park School District and Melanie Schroder from Whitehall District Schools. These educators give their time and talent to share their knowledge and innovative practice with other educators in the state of Michigan. I applaud their volunteer efforts and dedication.

We also had two scholarship award winners. Melissa Partlo is a senior at Central Montcalm High School. She is planning on attending Kettering University to earn her degree in mechanical engineering. Laura Moyle is a freshman at Gogebic Community College in Ironwood and is continuing her education in health careers.

This year has seen an unprecedented collaboration between MAS/FPS and MDE. Our organization looks forward to the continued work we do together to benefit of all children living and receiving a quality education in the great state of Michigan. Each and every one of you has answered questions, volunteered to provide professional development opportunities and continue to add many hats to your long list of other responsibilities.

I know that MAS/FPS has a bright future with Judy Handley as President for the 2008 – 2009 school year. The Executive Board is represented by educators around the state who bring their time, talent and experience to provide quality professional development opportunities. Thank you for your continued support of MAS/FPS!

Educationally yours,  
*Deborah Kitson, President*  
*MAS/FPS*