



national substitute teachers alliance

James Politis, President

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Dear Colleagues,

I have just returned from a visit to the campus of Florida Gulf State U. and everyone there is ready to welcome us when we arrive for our conference. The dates are July 24-26 The



food service operation and the residence halls are top notch. The meeting facilities are state-of-the-art. The campus facilities and the catering department will facilitate a great "Friendship Night" party for us on Saturday. Plan on having a fun and relaxing evening. Network and make friends with fellow conferees while you enjoy the Florida Bar-B-Que.

We will have a brief business meeting during the last time bloc on Saturday to receive the budget and elect officers and board members. Anyone desiring to help lead the organization is invited to run. Nominations will be made from the floor, but advance written announcements of interest or intention are welcomed and will be disseminated.

NSTA has established the "Shirley Award" named for Shirley Kirsten, founding president of NSTA It is to be awarded for excellence in substitute teaching. I will be appointing a committee to draw up the requirements and procedures for the prize. If you would like to serve on this panel, please let me know. Both practicing substitutes and Teacher Educators are needed.

The screening committee is accepting applications to present at the conference. Sessions will be 55 minutes, but a double block may be arranged. Contact the chair, Ms. Judith Kieffer, by email at jkieffer@columbus.rr.com for further details.

The Gulf Coast University Bell Tower pictured here actually sounds the hour during the day, a charming combination of contemporary architecture and traditional function.

Please feel free to contact me for additional information on the conference

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National Substitute Teachers Alliance 7th Annual Conference



Fort Myers Florida

July 24-26 on the campus of

Florida Gulf Coast University



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Registration of \$180 includes room and meals, all materials and membership in NSTA
Contact Mr. Marvin Goetz, President Lee County Professional Substitutes Association
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Nature Trail FGCU



Casual Dining Area



Recreation Center