

Hello FAST Members,

The expression “time flies when you are having fun” is so true. It’s hard to believe we are almost to the year 2010. Just looking at these numbers seems futuristic. I remember hearing that by the year 2020 cars will be able to fly; now it’s not far off. Do we still think this is feasible? Possibly, and we owe it all to the science teachers that inspired inventors in their early years of education.

I hope you all still enjoy inspiring student thinkers as much as I do. Every day is a different experience. Because no two days are the same, I am constantly challenged to deliver material in a new way to a variety of learners. This is one of many reasons why I love my profession. Remember, your impact on students’ lives is what is changing the world. I always focus on these positive experiences when a lesson isn’t going as planned.

I’m really looking forward to science education over the next year. The national conference this year will be in Philadelphia during the month of March. NSTA is beginning to recognize the importance of field trips and informal education. I encourage you to attend an event during this national (or another regional) conference to learn more about informal education. I hope formal and informal educators can network more to share knowledge about how we can best collaborate to teach today’s youth.

What do science, the beach, golf, and Florida’s most historic city have in common? The 2010 FAST conference! I’m pleased to announce that St. Augustine will be the site of the next conference during the third week of October 2010. More information regarding presentation proposals and the conference itself can be found inside this journal and on the website at www.fastscience.org.

I’m deeply honored to represent the Florida Association of Science Teachers over the next year.

Thanks you for all you do!

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