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Attention all FCTE MEMBERS:

Join FCTE for our Annual Professional Development Institute –  
October 13-15, 2011

As summer draws to an end and school days approach, educators are already planning and preparing for the new school year. Part of that plan should include one's own professional development. Florida Council of Teachers of English (FCTE) has done the planning and invites you to attend.

Our annual Professional Development Institute will begin on Thursday, October 13, 2011, at 7:00 PM. Our institute theme is Portrait of an Artist in the ELA Classroom will be supported not only by Florida educators, but also a variety of professional educators, consultants, and well-know authors.

Our opening session features Alan Sitomer, author of Nerd Girls, Homeboyz, and many more books. That session will include a special give-away prize and a meet and greet reception that follows, neither of which you will want to miss. Our opening session on Friday, October 14, begins with nationally known author, Jimmy Santiago Baca whose writing comes from his heart, his amazing life experiences, and a voice that needs to be heard. He shares this voice in A Glass of Water, A Place to Stand, Healing Earthquakes, and The Esai poems are just a few examples of his work. Jimmy will not stand alone at our opening session on Friday, but will be joined by his friend and colleague Releah Cossett Lent. Releah a long-time member of our FCTE community has supported teachers nationally for years. Her work on censorship, her books Literacy for Real, Engaging Adolescent Learners, and Learning Communities are a few of the books she wrote that have guided our way. Their combined commitment to learning is their focus in the co-authored, Adolescents on the Edge. Both Baca and Lent have so much to share with us that one session is not enough!

This is just a teaser to the great line up of talent we have to share with educators. Our work is not limited to a single classroom and we hope that not only English and/or Reading teachers join us, but also administrators, content teachers, and anyone who has an interest in best practices that are current and research based.

Watch our website ([www.fccte.org](http://www.fccte.org)) for a program preview and our Facebook page-Florida Council of Teachers of English for updates and a program. There is also a site to register on line through Acteva – type in FCTE and you will find this on our site or Facebook! Join us in October and bring a friend.

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