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CAPITAL

NEW BEGINNINGS

Betty Castor, former state senator and Florida Education Commissioner, has joined Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell & Dunbar to launch the Center for Education Policy, an advocacy center for education.

Visit Tallahassee, the new, consolidated tourism marketing organization for Tallahassee and Leon County has officially begun operations under the direction of Executive Director **Lee Daniel**. **Kerri Post** has been named senior marketing director. Other staff members include: **Brian Hickey**, Sports Council director; **Chris O'Brien**, Sports Council assistant director; **Katie Kole**, marketing communications director; **Lorrie Allen**, leisure sales director; **Raymond (Rico) James**, visitor services director; **Kaye Hogan**, assistant to the executive director; and **Wanda Barnard**, administrative assistant.

Radey, Thomas, Yon & Clark lawyers **Elizabeth W. McArthur** and **Travis L. Miller** of Tallahassee are among the 101 attorneys statewide who recently earned Florida Bar board certification.

LOCAL HONORS

Karen B. Moore, president of Moore Consulting Group Inc. in Tallahassee, was this year's recipient of the Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce 2009 Godfrey Smith Past Chairmen's Award in honor of her work for the Chamber and the community.

Agustin G. "Gus" Corbella, director of the Governmental Affairs Practice of the Tallahassee office of the international law firm Greenberg Traurig, P.A., was listed by *Campaign and Elections' Politics Magazine* among its list of 100 "Influencers in Florida."

For the fifth year in a row, **Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare** is the recipient of the National Research Corporation's 2009/10 Consumer Choice Award.

Leon County At-Large Commissioner **Cliff Thael** was recently named to the National Association of Counties Board of Directors. Thael has previously served NACo on the

Community and Economic Development Steering Committee and currently serves as a member of the Environment, Energy, and Land Use Steering Committee.

Tallahassee-owned commercial and medical facility contractor **Childers Construction Company** won the Associated Builders and Contractors' 2009 Project of the Year Award for Excellence in Construction from the Associated Builders and Contractors - North Florida Chapter for the FSU College of Education Expansion and Renovation project. The \$10 million project included the construction of a 26,000 square foot addition and 11,000 square foot renovation of the existing structure. Childers' construction methods and materials also earned LEED Silver recognition from the U.S. Green Building Council.

APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR

Kimberle Moon McKee, 57, of Havana, professor at the Baptist College of Florida and **Dana G. Callen**, 66, of Tallahassee, assistant principal for Chiles High School, to the Tallahassee Community College board of trustees.

Harry Duncanson, 62, of Tallahassee, vice president of Dynacolor Graphics Inc., to the Early Learning Advisory Council.

FORGOTTEN COAST

APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR

Joyce S. Estes, 72, of Eastpoint, owner of Sea Oats Art Gallery, to the Northwest Florida Water Management District governing board.

Gulf County Tax Collector **Shirley J. Jenkins**, 54, of Port St. Joe, to Gulf Coast Community College Board of Trustees.

J. Allison DeFoor II, 55, of Crawfordville, consultant and managing member of Castille, DeFoor and Armstrong, to the Tallahassee Community College Board of Trustees.

BAY

RECOGNITIONS

Scott Brian Barloga of Pope & Barloga P.A. in Panama City is among the 101 attorneys

statewide who recently earned Florida Bar board certification. Barloga is board certified in wills, trusts and estates.

Ledman Construction & Development Inc. of Panama City was among several southeast builders and designers of environmentally friendly new homes that recently received a national AURORA award during the Southeast Building Conference/Green Building Show.

Edgewater Beach Resort Management, Inc., the management company for The Resort Collection of Panama City Beach, recently earned the Accredited Association Management Company designation from the Community Associations Institute.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Wanda Kaye Tillery, B.S.N., M.B.A., has been named vice president of quality and safety for Baptist Health Care. Tillery will focus on clinical outcomes, patient safety and satisfaction and regulatory compliance.

Fahlgren, a group based out of Ohio, with ties to VisitFlorida and Southwest Airlines, has been chosen as the ad agency for Panama City Beach. Public relations for the city will be handled by the **Lou Hammond** agency out of New York.

Gov. Charlie Crist has reappointed **Dan Estes**, a self-employed private investigator in Lynn Haven, to the Gulf Coast Community College Board of Trustees.

Hombre Golf Course in Panama City Beach hosted the second stage of the PGA TOUR Qualifying School in November — for the 16th time. Q-school is a survival test of as many as three tournaments that will eventually determine the players who earn their PGA TOUR cards for the 2010 season. The final stage for the 81 golfers will be held in West Palm Beach in December. Among local golfers competing are **Ben Bates** of Pace and **Chris Devlin** of Panama City.

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LOCAL HONORS

Ice River Springs water bottling plant in Marianna is one of 20 companies throughout the state recently honored with a Governor's Diversification Award.