



A Message from the President

Dear SHAPE Florida Family,

As we reflect on another year of growth, progress, and meaningful impact, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support, dedication, and commitment to the mission and vision of SHAPE Florida.

Thanks to your dedication and involvement, we have been able to move the organization forward with a new board of directors that are preparing new guiding documents to make a real difference for the members that we serve. Whether you've been a longtime member, volunteered your time, delivered a presentation, shared your expertise, or simply spread the word about our work, you have played a vital role in helping us achieve our goals.

Looking ahead, we are more inspired than ever to continue our work and expand our reach. There are new challenges to face, but I am confident that with your passion and collaboration, we will rise to meet them. Together, we will continue to build on our successes and create lasting change for the communities and individuals who need us most.

Over the next few months, the Board of Directors will seek to find a well-qualified Executive Director that will support the needs of our Health and Physical Education professionals. Be on the lookout for communication coming forward on nominating Teacher of the Year (TOY) candidates, save the date for the next SHAPE Florida conference and opportunities to submit a program proposal. The SHAPE Florida conference is scheduled for September 26-28, 2025 at the World Golf Village in St. Augustine, Florida.

You are the unsung heroes shaping the lives of students in ways that go far beyond the classroom. Every day, you inspire kids to move, to challenge themselves, and to believe in their own strength—physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Your lessons extend beyond just the classroom as they cultivate teamwork, resilience, discipline, and perseverance. Through your guidance, students learn the importance of staying active, pushing limits, and most importantly, taking care of themselves. You instill values that last a lifetime.

Keep motivating, keep inspiring, and keep making a difference!

With gratitude and admiration,

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