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## Hernando County Supervisor of Elections Receives National Designation



Picture above from left to right:  
President of FSASE and Okaloosa County SOE Paul Lux, Hernando County SOE Shirley Anderson, Levy County SOE Tammy Jones and Citrus County SOE and Election Center Board Member Susan Gill.

Shirley Anderson, Hernando County Supervisor of Elections has recently earned the designation as a Certified Elections/Registration Administrator (CERA). She was recognized alongside Levy County Supervisor Tammy Jones, at the recent Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE) Winter Conference. Since being elected in 2012 Supervisor Anderson also has earned the Master Florida Certified Elections Professional (MFCEP) designation, which is a Florida certification. “Both programs have greatly increased my knowledge of the elections process and allows me to apply management concepts that are specific to election administration to better serve the voters of Hernando County,” stated Supervisor Anderson.

The CERA designation is achieved only through a multi-year course of study conducted by The Election Center’s Professional Education Program and completion of twelve core courses taught by the Master’s in Public Administration faculty of Auburn University (Auburn, Alabama) ranging from ethics, to voter registration and elections law, planning, communications, and voter participation, among others. The intent of the program is to professionalize the management of voter registration and elections administration in promoting and preserving public trust in the democratic process.

*“It is the mission of the Supervisor of Elections office to ensure the integrity of the electoral process and empower each voter through continuous education.”*  
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“This is the highest designation available to elections and voter registration officials,” said Tim Mattice, director of the Center. This graduating class of 58 professionals takes us to 1110 election officials and election vendors who have achieved the CERA status nationwide. This is an outstanding accomplishment.”

“Hernando County is indeed fortunate to have Supervisor Anderson as one of the top designated professionals in America. Obtaining and maintaining CERA status means that she has committed to a career long process of continuing education to improve the electoral process in Florida and the nation,” he stated.

The Professional Education Program is sponsored by The Election Center, a non-profit association of voter registrars and elections administrators throughout America. Its membership is comprised of township, city, county and state elections officials and other election related corporations. The Center’s primary purpose is education for local and state voter registrars and elections officials to promote and improve the democratic process. Professional Education Program participants receive continuing education credit from Auburn University as well as professional training credits from The Election Center.

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