

2020 Fall Workshop Speakers



Austin Holifield holds a Master's in Marriage and Family Therapy and is committed to the growth of individuals, families, and organizations. His knowledge of systems, communication, and psychology offer key insights and tools into leading with resilience even in the midst of chaos.



Brooke is an up and coming procurement professional with a true passion for the industry. She has over ten years of experience in the private business sector which brings a different perspective to her role in public procurement.

She currently serves as a Procurement Analyst for Lee County Board of County Commissioners. In addition, Brooke is attending the University of Florida earning her Bachelors of Science degree in Business Administration and Management. She is in her senior year and anticipates graduating this fall. Brooke's previous roles within procurement include Purchasing Agent for Lee County Port Authority and Administrative Assistant at a private water management company.

Brooke has been actively involved in local and national public procurement associations where she has served as the Scholarship Committee Chair for Gulf Coast Association of Procurement Official's (GCAGPO), Secretary of Gulf Coast Association of Governmental Purchasing Official's (GCAGPO); and is currently serving as Treasurer of Gulf Coast Association of Governmental Purchasing

Official's (GCAGPO); she has also served as the Trade Show Committee Chair for Florida Association of Public Procurement Officer's (FAPPO) and currently serves as Education Chair for Florida Association of Public Procurement Officer's (FAPPO) and on the Awards Committee for the Institute for Public Procurement (NIGP). She received Florida Association of Public Procurement Officer's (FAPPO)'s 2020 Rising Star Award.

Brooke is a strong and passionate procurement professional who has been mentored by individuals who have decades of knowledge within the procurement profession. Brooke's background and experience in both the private and public sector brings a fresh, energized perspective to procurement. Her goal is to foster the enrichment of the procurement profession and mentor incoming procurement professionals.

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Joanne began her governmental purchasing career in the City of Winter Park in 1988, moving to the Orange County Purchasing & Contract Division in 1992, where her focus was exclusively on architectural/engineering/construction contracting.

In 2006, Joanne accepted the position of Purchasing Agent in the City of Daytona Beach, where she has expanded her purchasing horizons into commodity and service purchasing.

Mrs. Flick holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the State University of New York and has been an active member of her local NIGP chapter and a member and presenter for FAPPO since 1993.

Joanne was named FAPPO Educator of the Year in 2017.



Denise has over twenty-six years of professional procurement experience in both the public and private sector, beginning her career as a raw materials buyer at ICI Superior Explosives in Northern Ontario Canada.

Although Denise spent the majority of her public procurement career in higher education, first at Yavapai College in Prescott Arizona and then the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY the gulf shore of Florida kept calling. Denise and her family relocated to Florida in June of 2016 after she accepted the Purchasing Manager position with the Lee County Port Authority. Denise has spent the last two years with the City of Fort Myers.

Denise has been an active participant in public procurement for over twenty-five years, having served on the board of both the National Purchasing Institute (NPI) and the National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP), as well as serving on the UPPCC Board of Examiners for nine years. Denise is the current NIGP representative on the (NCPPC) and is proud to represent the members as Secretary of FAPPO.

Denise is a strong proponent of the profession, continuing education and certification and is always happy to “play it forward” by sharing her knowledge and experience with others.