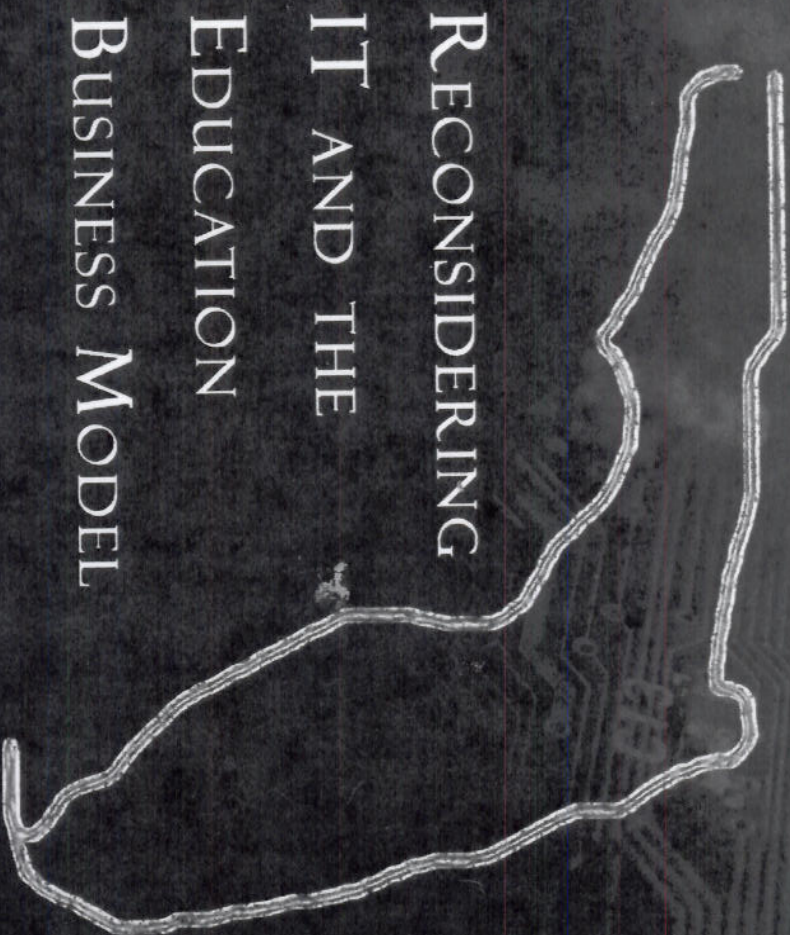




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Message from the
**President
 President-Elect**

September 23, 2007

Welcome to the 2007 FAEDS Conference!

This annual event has been the centerpiece of this organization since its inception. We like to think that it has been the single forum that attempts to bring together administrative and academic IT practitioners from the range of Florida's K-20 institutions.

Every year the FAEDS Board, with the assistance of the organization's members, develops the program content to reflect those issues and themes that are of contemporary and immediate concern to the Florida educational IT community.

This year is no exception, thanks to your contributions the program continues to evolve and improve. Our keynote presentations focus on enduring themes of our profession such as technology integration and the management of change, as well as the look and feel of the future as impacted by technological changes such as social networking, virtualization, collaborative computing and the world of Second Life and Web 2.0.

Our sessions span the issues that continue to confront and challenge us all: security, E-learning, connectivity, digital rights management, business recovery and other recurring themes.

Our business sponsors, partners and vendors will again provide us with a look at the range of technological solutions and tools that not only attempt to address our common problems but are also reflective of the current state of technology in our profession.

Both the Business Partner Tuesday sessions and Casino night have become veritable fixtures of the Annual Conference. Extensive participation in the Tuesday sessions will also enhance your chances of success in Casino night. In addition, on Monday night, the FAEDS 500 Virtual NASCAR Race will return. Start your "CPUs" and join us for this after-dinner participatory event.

We are fully aware that a fiscal crisis is once again upon us. In the inevitable belt tightening and austerity measures that will ensue, we hope that you will endeavor to participate as fully as you can in this year's activities. In many respects, it is incumbent on all of us to educate our peers, our colleagues and our leaders that the surgical use and deployment of information technology can effectively complement budgetary and cost cutting measures.

As outgoing and incoming Presidents of FAEDS we feel it is important to recognize the contributions of all of you that year after year have given your efforts, energy and enthusiasm to making the Annual Conference the signature event of our organization. It is and has been a pleasure and privilege to work for and with all of you.

Thank you,

Victor Ferreros, 2007 FAEDS President and
 John Oppor, 2007 FAEDS President-Elect

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