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At the Florida Alliance for Arts Education (FAAE) Leadership Summit Luncheon program on Friday, June 17th at the Double Tree by Hilton in Downtown Orlando, Beverly Steele, CEO of The Steele Organization, LLC and Founder of Young Performing Artists (YPAs), Inc. received the FAAE 2011 Business Leader award.

Frank T. Brogan, Chancellor of the State University System of Florida was the featured speaker. A lifelong educator, Brogan began his career as a classroom teacher before serving as a dean of students, assistant principal, principal, superintendent, Florida's Commissioner of Education and as Florida's Lieutenant Governor overseeing education policy for Governor Jeb Bush.

"I am really humbled by this award. When you start a mission, you're not thinking about what you can get out of the mission but what that mission can provide for others. Actually while being presented the award, I was thinking - we start Summer feeding and activities on Tuesday, the 21st. We need program supplies, travel monies to pick up the meals from Leesburg and how will we get this accomplish. I had to force myself to focus on the moment. This wouldn't have been possible without the help of the YPAs, Inc. sponsors, supporters, board, volunteers and my family support." said Steele.

YPAs, Inc. has three summer projects: 1) Summer feeding and activities, a collaboration with the Royal Library Association, in the Community Of Royal with approx. 60 youth being fed. 2) Golf For Art- youth tournament, July 14th, Continental Country Club- Wildwood, Middle & High students, \$25 registration, with guest appearance by NFL Super Star, Darrell Jackson. 3) Scholarship dollars for Brenton McNeil, accepted at Alvin Ailey Dance School, NYC and Julissa Culbreth, accepted at University of Florida; two of YPAs, Inc. dance members.

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