

# A Tribute to a Former SSTESOL of Florida President (2010 – 2011): Professor Nora Dean Dawkins

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## A Special Issue: In Memoriam

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**SSTESOL of Florida Board of Directors and SSTESOL members send our heartfelt condolences with fond memories to her family and friends.**

### Service to SSTESOL of Florida

Member at Large, Secretary, First and Second Vice President, Co-Chair of SETESOL Regional Conference in September 2010 in Miami, FL  
President for 2010 - 2011

“Dr. Nora Dawkins was President of SSTESOL when I started to get involved in SSTESOL. I remembered how happy and surprised she was that I wanted to volunteer in stuffing conference bags. I still could see her pacing back and forth along the conference halls and during registration. She was a busy bee, a constant example of leadership and we will miss her.” Dr, Arlene Costello, President, SSTESOL 2019 - 2021

“I have fond memories of Nora. I worked closely with her as Co-Conference Chairs of the 2010



**We will never forget You!**

Southeast Regional TESOL  
Conference in Miami.” Dr. Cynthia  
Schuemann, Miami Dade College,  
SSTESOL Receiving Secretary

“She was a witness at my wedding in  
China. A dear friend.” Mariah  
Schuemann, SSTESOL webmaster

She served as assistant to the  
Academic Dean, a tenured faculty  
member of the English for Academic  
Purposes and earned the highest  
honor the Miami College bestows on  
its faculty for teaching excellence, the  
Miami Foundation Endowed Teaching  
Chair.



She lived her life to the fullest –  
service, generosity, kindness,  
invaluable mentor and a leader  
with no boundaries. She was  
loved and respected in the  
SSTESOL of Florida community.

**You will always be in  
our hearts!**

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## Remembered by Miami Dade College

She retired from Miami Dade College in February of 2019 after 30+ years of service.

She is survived by her son Matthew Dawkins, her granddaughter, and other family members.