

## News Brief

### **Emerald Coast Communities Come Together**

About 80 business, community, and educational leaders participated in the first *Jerry Maygarden Leaders for Education Forum* on the evening of September 20<sup>th</sup> and the day of September 21<sup>st</sup>. Our Emerald Coast communities, including Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Walton counties joined together for a day and a half. The group listened to presentations and then entered into a dialogue with each other about providing learning environments for our young people in tomorrow's world. Julie Evans, CEO of Project Tomorrow, located in Orange County, California, presented information about K12 kids speaking up about technology and schooling. Since 2003, about 800,000 students have been surveyed. Just think, 44% of the students surveyed said they connect with 20 or more friends online; they've never met 34% of those friends.



At the event, participants worked in groups to engage in a dialogue about preparing our young people for the world that awaits them. ICL is analyzing the information gathered from the forum to propose a possible ONE Emerald Coast Educational Solution for the four participating school districts and communities to work on this year. To see a copy of the Power Point slides of the presentations, go to <http://uwf.edu/icl/leaders.cfm>

### **ICL Invited to Present at the FL DOE Coaching Conference**

Janet Pilcher, ICL, and Sara McGinnis, a teacher in Escambia County School District, accepted an invitation to present a successful program for new teachers in high need schools at the state of Florida K12 Coaching Conference. ICL and the school district received one of seven grants from the Florida Department of Education to design and implement a new teacher retention model for teachers teaching in high need schools. The presentation highlighted the structure of the program, lessons learned, and next steps for developing coaching models in challenging schools that harvest the wins of new teachers.