

Okaloosa County News Release

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Photo Caption: Hendry Co. Commissioner Janet Taylor, chair of the Florida Counties Foundation, presents Commissioner Dave Parisot with his Advanced County Commissioner certification at the FAC Annual Conference in Tampa. Parisot is the first Okaloosa commissioner to achieve this certification.

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Commissioner Dave Parisot Earns Advanced County Commissioner *Florida Association of Counties (FAC) graduates Parisot from secondary certification program*

The Florida Association of Counties (FAC) presented Okaloosa County Commissioner Dave Parisot with the Advanced County Commissioner (ACC) designation following his completion of a comprehensive study program developed by the association.

Commissioner Parisot received the designation along with 13 other county commissioners during an awards ceremony held at the FAC Annual Conference in Hillsborough County, FL. He is the first commissioner of Okaloosa County to complete this advanced program since its inception in 2006.

“I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to attend this advance program” Parisot stated. “Not only did this course provide outstanding instructors and seminar leaders, but it also provided the opportunity for discussion with other county commissioners from throughout the state of Florida, to exchange ideas and discuss varied issues.”

Launched by FAC in 2006, the Advanced County Commissioner (ACC) education program, "The Florida Forum for County Leaders," is an advanced leadership program designed for graduates of the Certified County Commissioners (CCC) program. This year, the program has been held in Alachua County and saw 14 commissioners graduate in June with a total of 132 graduating since the inception of the program in 2006.

“This certification allows our citizen electorate to become experts in county government improving their communities,” said FAC Executive Director Chris Holley. “Through FAC’s education programs we are able to teach commissioners how to advance their policies through the complexities of government bureaucracies.”