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SCPS Curriculum Department Member Named Driver Education Person of the Month by the Dori Slosberg Foundation

The Driver Education Pilot Program committee formed in 2006 to investigate the possibility of placing Driver Education programs, after hours, in the public high schools in Seminole County. A charter member of that committee was Mary Lane, who works in the Curriculum Department for Seminole County Public Schools (SCPS) as a Teacher-On-Assignment. The Dori Slosberg Foundation, which plays an active part in this program initiative, has named Mary Lane the 'Driver Education Person of the Month.'

The committee was tasked with the development of a community-based Driver Education program, complete with funding. An analysis of roadway crashes, showing a large percentage of those accidents involved teen-aged drivers, was the catalyst for this committee's work. Funding was successfully raised to implement the program at two local high schools, and the program began in January 2007.

Lyman High and Winter Springs High hosted the initial courses, which were open to all students who are Seminole County residents and enrolled in public, private, or home school. Classes are held in the afternoons after regular school hours; the semester-long course includes classroom, simulator, range and on-road driving instruction.

A goal of the program is to have a program at each and every high school in Seminole County. Working towards that goal, the establishment of a third program is in the works for 2010.

The Dori Slosberg Foundation organization is dedicated to traffic safety. The foundation is named in memory of Dori Slosberg, the daughter of State Representative (2000-20006) Irving Slosberg. Dori's life ended tragically when the car she was in crashed while she was not wearing a seat belt. The foundation was established in 2004, received non-profit status in 2005, and is a force in the work to reverse the deadly statistics connected with our roadways. A variety of programs are offered through the foundation. For more information on the Dori Slosberg Foundation, visit: <http://www.dorislosberg.org/index.php>