

Carolyn Nelson-Goedert is the President Elect for Florida PTA.

For the last 18 years, Carolyn has supported PTA's mission to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. She began by volunteering in several local unit and County Council positions, including serving as the local unit President at North Miami Beach Senior High School and moved on to assignments as a committee member at the National level.

Previous Florida PTA roles include serving as Vice President for Leadership Development and as Vice President for Regions and Councils.

Carolyn's training as an education and social justice advocate began in the United States Air Force, where she served for seven years as a Staff Sergeant tasked with unit administrative management.

Most recently Carolyn served as the Co-Chair of the Real Talk Coalition for Education Equity, representing Florida PTA, and on the Strategic Planning committee for the Florida College Access Network (FCAN). Past community service appointments have included chairing the Urban League of Greater Miami Executive Committee, founding the Miami Gardens Commission for Women, serving as the Treasurer for The Foundation for New Education Initiatives, Inc, and as a board member for the Children's Trust of Miami Dade County, among other roles. Volunteering on several National PTA committees, among them Elections, Membership, Field Service, Strategic Planning, and Nominating and Leadership Development provided opportunities for her personal growth and development.

After retiring from the United States Postal Service, Carolyn served as Catalyst Miami's Vice President of Community Leadership, overseeing grassroots leadership development programs. In that role, Carolyn spearheaded and supervised associated program and organizational assignments, including the development of community leadership programs, budget creation and staff oversight.

Nelson-Goedert has received numerous awards in recognition of her community efforts, including being named a 2016 Miami-Dade Women's History Coalition Woman of Impact, Florida PTA Life Membership and History Walk of Fame honors, National PTA Life Achievement, Hands on Miami - Volunteer Leader of the Year, Charmettes - Outstanding Community Leadership Award, Diaspora Arts Coalition, Inc – Community Ambassador's Award Education, along with the Women's Power Caucus - Quiet Storm Achievement Award for Education.

Carolyn and her husband Paul have been married for 39 years, and they have one amazing son, Dr. Nicholaus Nelson-Goedert.