



2017 Lifetime Achievement Award



- Currently the Director of the Bishop Center for Ethical Leadership Studies and Professor of Education at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP)
- Served as Dean of the College of Education at USFSP (2012-2016)
- CEO and Dean of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg campus from 1992 to 2002.
- Served as a member of the Florida House of Representatives (2006 - 2010)
- Former department chair, superintendent of a psychiatric hospital, a federal program specialist in the former Office of Education, and a special education teacher
- Serves on a number of local non-profit boards including Family Resources, Hospice Institute, St. Petersburg Preservation, Tampa Bay Watch, and the Bon Secours St. Petersburg Health System Board of Directors
- He is an Honorary Life Member of the Great Explorations Children's Museum Board of Directors, and a Emeritus Board member of the Mahaffey Theater Foundation
- Dr. Heller is a veteran of the U.S. Army having served as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division
- A member of the Council for Exceptional Children for 50 years and was Chair of its Professional Standards Committee responsible for writing and securing approval by the delegate assembly of the first ever Council's Code of Ethics, Professional Program Standards, Standards for the Preparation of Professional Personnel
- Served as President of the Teacher Education Division and the Pioneers Divisions at the national level along with many roles at the state level.
- A historic event he cherishes is that he was a member of the panel appointed at the federal level to develop the first ever definition of learning disabilities

Congratulations
Dr. William (Bill) Heller