

November 2010

LEADER READER

A Message from our President:



Ed Halleran '03
President

Dear Friends:

Love it or hate it, the Fall Season is upon us. Beautiful weather, shorter days, busier schedules, elections and then the Holidays. Time seems to really fly this time of year. Some things can't come soon enough though - like the elections. I'm not a big fan of all the negative TV ads, but who is? Yet that's still what seems to be out there. After election day, November 2nd, that will all be behind us (for a while). While it is never the position of Leadership Pinellas to make any political statements I do want you to know there are several Leadership Pinellas alumni on this year's ballot. I encourage you all to know the issues, know the candidates and get out and VOTE!

If we could vote for the most engaged Leadership Pinellas class ever, this year's class would get my vote. You may have heard about the outstanding job they did for a food drive they put together for Human Services day in September (collected and donated over 1000 pounds of food for the food bank). For their program day in October, Education Day, they collected and donated almost \$1000 in school supplies for Academy Prep. I've never seen anything like it, yet I suspect we haven't seen anything yet. This class is full of surprises. Stay tuned...

Teresa Hibbard, '06 and the Youth Leadership Pinellas committee announced the Youth Leadership Class for 2010 - 2011. An impressive group of 30 high school students from schools all over Pinellas County. Their program kicks off Saturday, November 6th and promises to be a very exciting and informative year for all of them. Consider helping us ensure the success of this program by becoming a sponsor. **Andrea Campagna, '10** our fund-raising chair has put together a sponsorship program with many different opportunities for support. Check our website for more details.

Finally - our Holiday Happening will take place on Saturday, December 4th at my home in Dunedin. We've already started putting up over 12 Christmas Trees for this year's Holiday Home Tour, benefitting the Dunedin Youth Guild which will take place from 10:00 - 4:00. Our Leadership Pinellas party will begin at 7:30 PM. I hope you will join us. Please RSVP today.

Sincerely,

Ed Halleran
President



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Help Fill The "Members On The Move" Space. Please Send Any News On Our Membership

Please submit information on "Members on the Move" to judy@leadershippinellas.com by November 27, 2010 to be included in the next Issue of the Leader Reader. Photos are welcome. Include a .jpg or .pdf file of your photo for inclusion

Volunteer Organization Spotlight Of The Month

We would like to make this a monthly feature of our *Leader Reader* as space permits. So, if you have a suggestion for a future issue, please submit it to Judy Mullican, Executive Director, judy@leadershippinellas.com or mail it to Leadership Pinellas, P. O. Box 5986, Clearwater, FL 33758-5986. Deadline for the next issue is November 27, 2010.

A Special Thank You

A very special thank you to **Roger Johnson '08, Kevin Essex '09, Tom Wagner '09, John Monte '09, Peggy Phillips '09, Karen Van De Putte '10, Stephanie Smith '10, Gary Regoli '10** for all their hard work and efforts in making this year's Education Day a great success, and a special thank you to Northern Trust for sponsoring the breakfast; Achieva Credit Union for sponsoring the lunch and Skiratko Carpenter Wealth Management Group for sponsoring the snacks for Education Day.

Please keep checking the events on our Website: www.leadershippinellas.com
 For any updated info on our planned events.

PROGRAM DAY SCHEDULE

Aug 20-21, 2010	Retreat
September 08, 2010	Human Services
October 13, 2010	Education *
November 10, 2010	Business & Technology
December 08, 2010	Government & Media
January 12, 2011	Health *
February 09, 2011	Arts & Culture *
March 20-22, 2011	Tallahassee
April 13, 2011	Environment & Infrastructure *
May 11, 2011	Criminal Justice *
May 14, 2011 pm	Graduation/Annual Meeting

***NOTE DATE CHANGE**



YOU AND YOUR GUESTS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE

LEADERSHIP PINELLAS PRE-HOLIDAY HAPPENING PARTY

DATE: Saturday, December 4, 2010
TIME: 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Home of Ed Halleran '03
1005 Victoria Dr
Dunedin, FL
727-733-3115

ATTIRE: Festive Casual Holiday Attire
NJOY: Buffet service and drinks

**Donations benefitting Youth Leadership Pinellas/YMCA will be accepted
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RSVP: online www.leadershoppinellas.com or email to judy@leadershoppinellas.com

Deadline to RSVP November 26, 2010





Education Day, October 13, 2010

Submitted by **Tina Tenret '11**

Eighth grader Tajaa Teartt doesn't mind explaining to her friends why she spends Saturdays on educational field trips. She figures they'll understand -- when she's a successful obstetrician and hires them "just as someone to work at my front desk."

That's also why Tajaa and her classmates stay at the Academy Prep Center of St. Petersburg, a private school for low-income students, until 5 pm -- up to eleven hours a day, six days a week, eleven months a year. "In public school, you go home at 3:00," says fifth grader Cameron Newton. "We stay longer. We work harder. They want us to succeed and make sure that's what we're going to do."

Students apply to attend school here. If accepted, they receive a donated scholarship and are separated by gender. Sixth-grader Michelle Mims-Constantine wants to become a brain surgeon and already tutors her mom in math. "Public school is not a challenge at all. You just sit there, read the book and go home," Michelle told the Leadership Pinellas Class of 2011 on Education Program Day. "Here it's hands on ... You have fun while learning."

Administrator DeVere Beard says that by offering unusual subjects such as character development, yoga, and strings instruction, he's creating lifelong learners. He should know. Beard grew up in a drug-infested neighborhood in Baltimore, attended an independent school, then went on to earn his undergraduate degree at Dartmouth College and graduate degree from Johns Hopkins University. His goal is to replicate Academy Prep, which boasts an 87% graduation rate, in Clearwater and Sarasota.

"We need to do a much better job helping our kids pick majors that are in demand," urges Terry Boehm, President of Pinellas Education Foundation. "We need to be honest and direct in helping them get there."

That's the goal at the Criminal Justice Academy, a magnet program at Pinellas Park High School. Only half of the 600 or so applicants each year are accepted, and some take a two-hour bus ride at 4:15 each morning to get there. Here, literature class means murder intrigue, geometry measures the angles of blood spatter, and students practice defensive tactics such as hammerlock takedowns, bent wrist control tactics, and pain compliance. 60% of the students are female.

"Usually the girls here are very focused. They take it very personal that the guys want to beat up on them," says Pinellas Park Police Sergeant Tracy Schofield, who trains students to survive "uh oh situations."

"These kids will be -- they are -- faster than most of my guys on the street, because they practice every day," says "I consider it a blessing to teach here. Some of these guys may be backing me up." In fact, Pinellas Park Police Department has already hired ten graduates from the school, which offers two courtrooms for mock trials, a forensics lab, crime scene apartment, and firearms training simulator.

Also a stop on Education Day: the only boarding school on the west coast of Florida. At waterfront Admiral Farragut Academy, students from 17 countries start as early as kindergarten. "It's really odd that even though it's a military school, it will conform to you," says Joe Licata, a student from New Jersey. At just 14 years old, Joe scuba dives with his marine biology instructor, captains the sailing team, and serves as battalion adjunct -- all while earning his pilot's license. His goal is to attend Boston College on a ROTC scholarship and major in engineering.

"Farragut has changed my life," Joe says. The school chaplain agrees: "If you'd have seen this kid three years ago, you wouldn't believe it's the same kid."

Note: As part of Leadership Pinellas Class of 2011's continuing effort to help the community organizations we visit, we arrived at Academy Prep on Education Day carrying dozens of bags and boxes of school supplies for the students. According to the school's Development Assistant, the total value of the donations was \$989.

Education Day, October 13, 2010

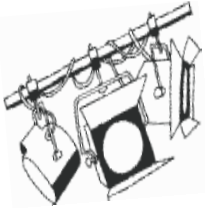


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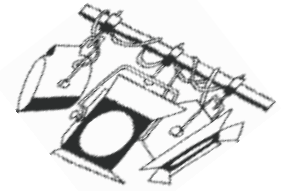
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red pens 10
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golf pencils 1745
color pencils 76
permanent markers 8
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16 count boxes crayons 4
24 count box crayons 17
glue bottles 38
glue sticks 24
erasers 103
scissors 6
calculators 9
rubber bands (2 pkgs) 128
tape dispensers 2
tape rolls 2
tape refill 1
staplers 2
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rulers 5
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pencil pouch 1
boys socks (6 pkgs) 60
girls socks (5 pkgs) 54
diabetic socks 2
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travel size tissues (15 pkgs/1 single) 121
box of hand wipes 100
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130 sheet paper pkg 10
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Volunteer Organization Spotlight of the Month



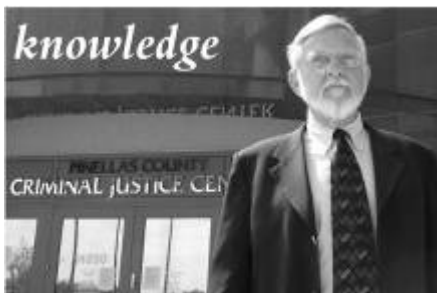
Someone Is Waiting Just For



Over the past few years, several Leadership Pinellas classes have had a chance to visit Lighthouse of Pinellas – a vision rehabilitation agency serving individuals of all ages in Pinellas County who are blind or visually impaired. You may have been part of a class that visited the Lighthouse and had a blindfolded white cane experience, or an interactive access technology computer demo, or had a chance to learn about our early intervention program efforts to help blind or visually impaired babies and toddlers reach their developmental milestones. If your class did not happen to come for a tour, this is your “official invitation” to come visit our beautiful agency and learn more about the resource we are to our community.



One piece of our vision rehabilitation program you may not be aware of is Vocational Rehabilitation (VR). The VR courses include everything from access technology computer training, to orientation and mobility, and healthy cooking – adaptive skills to continue preparing your own meals in conjunction with your vision loss and your working schedule. The courses are designed to help individuals gain or maintain employment after vision loss. Vocational Rehabilitation has become an increasingly important component of vision rehabilitation services. Did you know that while our nation as a whole reports 9% to 12% unemployment rates, *the national rate of unemployment for individuals who are blind or visually impaired is 75%*! How can that be? Why is that so? The bigger question... WHAT CAN WE DO?



As community leaders, we could use your help! First, UNDERSTANDING: employable, skilled individuals who lose their vision are still employable, skilled individuals – only their vision has changed. Next, KNOWLEDGE: the computer access technology software programs utilized by blind and visually impaired individuals interface with all Microsoft programs, as well as the internet. This enables individuals to access pertinent on-the-job information even without their vision. Additionally, the Division of Blind Services has some job related incentives for companies who hire an individual who is blind or visually impaired. And finally, ACTION: if you know of, or work for a company that would welcome the chance to learn more about supporting employment opportunities for individuals who are blind or visually impaired, call us at

(727) 544-4433.

For more information about how you can support Lighthouse of Pinellas, visit us www.lighthouseofpinellas.org, or call Stephanie Smith at (727) 544-4433, ext. 235.



at:

From the Desk of:



Judy Mullican,
Executive Director



Hello All,

Education day has come and gone and the Class of 2011 has done it again. They collected \$989 worth of school supplies and donated them to Academy Prep. Everyone brought something to the bus that morning as we boarded for the day and carried them into Academy Prep when we arrived. While they toured the school, members of Academy Prep filled a table with all the various supplies to display them for all to see. It was a very impressive display. Congratulations Class of 2011!

The Youth Leadership Class of 2011 has been selected and are about to begin their year. The following students make up the YLP Class of 2011:

Amy Alexander; Ayanna Andrews; Dylan Barlowe; Alyssa Benjamin; Elad Botwin; Ciara Boyle; Kaitlyn Caldwell; David Campbell; Sheli Cason; Carrie Cramer; Claire Csenge; Skye Davidowicz; Taylor Fry; Akisha Fussell; Blake Kennedy; Brendan Klovekorn; Alyssa Kobernick; Lexis Kosloski; Monika Kress; Maria Lovera; Kevin McKnight; Gabrielle Nease; Elana Post; Samuel Prieto; Michael Purcell; Jeremy Reiskind; Garrett Schulte; Preston Sembler; Jaquelin Taylor and C Thambundit.

Congratulations to the YLP Class of 2011!

Mark your calendars for December 4th which is the date of our annual Pre-Holiday Happening. Please check page 3 for all the details. Hope to see you there.

Next up is Business and Technology day on November 10th. The committee has been hard at work setting up the day and it shapes up to be a very interesting day.

I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving!

Thanks
Judy

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C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S t o . . .

Melissa Allen '01 was elected to the executive committee for the Decorative Plumbing & Hardware Association as a member at large for the 2010-2011 year

David J. Becker, M.D. '99 was installed in Orlando at the Buena Vista Palace as the President of the Florida Gastroenterologic Society, at the Annual meeting of the Florida Gastroenterologic Society. That organization is the professional organization promoting continuing education and high quality care for patients of gastroenterologists in the State. Gastroenterology deals all with digestive diseases and does procedures like colonoscopies and upper endoscopies to investigate stomach, colon, and intestinal problems

Marcus Castillo '07 was recently appointed by Governor Crist as a member of the Sixth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission.

Michael Faehner '02 has become an adjunct professor at St Petersburg College. Because of his commitment to St. Petersburg College, he is unable to continue in his position on the Leadership Pinellas Board of Directors. We welcome his replacement, **Margaret Martin '04**, who will be continuing his two-year term on our Board of Directors.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Amanda Fisher '07** as she recovers from an emergency appendectomy

Fredric "Fred" S. Zinober '07 is now with Buckley & Curtis Attorneys at Law. His new contact information there is: 240 First Avenue South, Suite 200, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701, Direct Line: 727-258-4842, Main Number: 727-822-4800, Fax Number: 727-822-4855, fzinober@buckleyandcurtis.com

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