



## FEBRUARY 2019 EDITION

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Cyndee Haydon**  
**President**  
**Class of '08**

Spring is around the corner and for Leadership Pinellas, our recruitment season, elections, and planning for next year are in full bloom.

Please be thinking about who you know that would be a great member of the 2020 class of both Youth Leadership Pinellas and Leadership Pinellas. There are several socials and information sessions planned so we'd love to see you there. Please bring a guest and invite qualified candidates to attend. Both applications are currently live on our website so you can send people there as well. Also, we have the ReferLP.com link to submit a potential candidate's information so we can reach out to them.

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Do you know a high school student who is interested in participating in Youth Leadership Pinellas? We are currently recruiting rising 10th, 11th and 12th graders to participate in the YLP Class of 2020. **Brian Siracusa '14** and his team have done an amazing job with informational meetings being held in February and the interview dates will be April 8th, 11th, 16th and 18th from 3 to 7 P.M. tentatively. Any questions please reach out to Brian.

Thank you to **Darrin Johnson '14** for leading our LP recruitment efforts this year. We will be having our Recruitment breakfast social at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater on March 13th and an evening social on April 1st in St. Petersburg at All Children's Hospital's new building. Watch for more details.

The LP Class of 2019 is going well. A big thanks to all the LP alumni who have been delivering one backstage pass after another for the program days. Speaking of Leadership Pinellas classes, one of this year's class projects will be putting on the Inaugural Leadership Pinellas Recognition Breakfast for our 2019 LP sponsors and their class mentors at the Pinellas Realtor Organization on March 1, 2019.

### SAVE THE DATES

- **March 6** - Government & Infrastructure Day
- **March 13** - Recruitment Breakfast
- **March 24-26** - Tallahassee Trip
- **March 22** - LP Pub Crawl Social
- **April 1** - Recruitment Social
- **April 10** - Emergency Services Day
- **April 26** - American Stage in the Park; Demens Landing – St. Pete; 6 p.m.
- **May 8** - Business & Technology Day - Post Program Day Social; 5:30-7 p.m. BJ's at Westfield Countryside Mall
- **May 11** - Annual Meeting and LP Class Graduation, Fenway in Dunedin
- **May 16** - Happy Hour at Hotel Zamora; St. Pete Beach; 6:30 p.m
- **June 15** - Rainbow River Canoe & Snorkeling; Dunnellon, FL; 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

If you or your company is interested in learning more about becoming a 2020 sponsor, please reach out to **Jennifer McGrail '99** at [contact@leadershippinellas.com](mailto:contact@leadershippinellas.com). We couldn't put on our programs, socials and events without our sponsors and alumni support, and this is just one small way to show our appreciation!

Save the date for this year's Annual Meeting and LP Class Graduation for Saturday, May 11th at the Fenway in Dunedin. Look for details coming soon and thanks to **Karen Skiratko '07** for chairing this year's committee.

One of our more popular socials and well-attended events, the LP Pub Crawl Social, was moved to March 22nd. More details will be coming from **Matt Campbell '15**. You won't want to miss this event. For those excited for the LP Fish Fry Matt has planned, it's in the works and has been pushed out to after daylight savings and the new date will be coming soon.

Thank you to all our members who stepped up and are willing to serve our organization on the LP Board or as an officer. Look for the ballot to come out March 15th. Voting will be open until April 15th.

Now is the time to be thinking about which Leadership Pinellas Alumni is worthy of being awarded our coveted Deborah Vincent Award. This award recognizes an outstanding graduate who's demonstrated exemplary community service and leadership. Please watch for an email requesting nominations which will come out this March.

And, I'll leave you with this thought by Jim John as we move into our season of recruiting new leaders, elevating current leaders, and thanking our servant leaders – "The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly."

In your service,  
Cyndee Haydon '08  
Leadership Pinellas President

## DUES RENEWAL

It's that time! Time to renew your annual Leadership Pinellas alumni dues.

You can renew two different ways. Online at [leadershippinellas.com/dues](http://leadershippinellas.com/dues)

Or renew by check.

Download the form here: [files.constantcontact.com/5abb9221301/b6d1b4d4-bed9-4d87-ae9d-e0864c4638ea.pdf](http://files.constantcontact.com/5abb9221301/b6d1b4d4-bed9-4d87-ae9d-e0864c4638ea.pdf)

Return the completed form to:  
Leadership Pinellas  
PO Box 5986  
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## LP PROGRAM DAY – CRIMINAL JUSTICE DAY



**Seema Ramroop '17**  
**Program Day Chair**

*"In matters of truth and justice, there is no difference between large and small problems, for issues concerning the treatment of people are all the same."*

*– Albert Einstein*

Our superheroes on the criminal justice team, comprised of David Danzig '16, Anthony Monte '16, Darrin Johnson '14, Ricky Butler '15, Joanna Cheshire '16, Tim Pupke '18, Steve Wagner '18, Jennifer Nobles '17, Adrian Arnold '15 and Sean McGillen '16., put together an action-packed day for the class.

First thing in the morning, right after a delicious breakfast sponsored by Chief Slaughter, everyone either felt empowered or scared, depending on perspective. We had the opportunity to examine and shoot a powerful firearm. The class heard from different arms of the Clearwater Police Department and got a firsthand view of K-9 demonstrations, vehicle displays, and more which are used to protect us in various situations.

Then, we were all hauled off to the Pinellas County Jail, where we were served a delicious lunch, courtesy of Sherriff Bob Gualtieri. We got the opportunity to hear from Sherriff Gualtieri and Chief Slaughter about all that is being done to protect citizens in Pinellas County. The class toured the facilities as well.

After the experience at the jail, it was time to experience the Pinellas County court system. We heard from State Attorney Bernie McCabe and Public Defender Bob Dillinger and witnessed a mock trial. Everyone saw firsthand the entire process and were totally overwhelmed by all that is involved. There was a renewed respect and admiration for law enforcement and all they do to protect and uphold the law, allowing us all to enjoy our freedom and safety.

Thanks to our superheroes on the criminal justice team who helped to put this day together. Sincerest thanks to all current LP members and alumni who protect us every day by upholding the law, risking your lives, and allowing us to enjoy the lives we do.

## YLP BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY DAY



**Brian Siracusa '16**

YLP began the Business and Technology program day at United Sign Systems where the students learned about the business of manufacturing jobs. They asked questions and saw the process of signs being developed. They were amazed by the price tag including one sign which was sold for over \$200,000.

We then took a quick ride to Nielsen Media Group for a fun and engaging tour with current LP participant William Miller. He wowed them with information about all things related to media. They enjoyed learning how they are being tracked on the internet. William reinforced the kids with mini footballs and was a hit with the kids. His biggest cheer came when he announced Nielsen was the lunch sponsor for the day!

Our next stop was at the weather center better known as Bay News 9. The kids got to meet long-time anchor Al Ruechel. He spoke to the kids about how the media works and how it has evolved with the rise of social media. The kids asked questions and learned about the studio equipment.

Next the Tampa Bay Rays welcomed us into a construction zone. They were working hard getting the stadium together for their fan fest which was occurring a few days after our visit. It didn't stop us from getting in the dugout and scoping out the press box. The highlight was seeing the Rays newest addition at the stadium. The Tampa Bay Rowdies had come by for a photo shoot to promote their upcoming season.

We ended at St. Petersburg College. Andrea Henning, Class of 2015, led the kids in a leadership exercise. She utilized technology and engaged the students. After learning about their leadership styles, she put them to the test with mini-robots. The kids did great and had fun learning to program. They got creative and the winning team used a technique new to the instructor. These kids have a bright future!

## LP BOOK CLUB

**Matthew Campbell '15**

*The Plant Paradox*, Dr. Stephen Gundry

**Seema Ramroop '16**

*It's Not How Good You Are, It's How Good You Want to Be*, Paul Arden

**Cyndee Haydon '08**

*The Complete Guide to Fasting*, Dr. Jason Fung

With the new year, many are focused on improving their health. This is a fascinating book that taught me a lot of what I've been able to implement over the last year. The book details a therapeutic approach both practical and easy to understand to the science and health benefits to intermittent fasting. From the back cover, "Fasting is not about starving oneself. When done right, it's an incredibly effective therapeutic approach that produces amazing results regardless of diet plan. In fact, Toronto-based nephrologist Dr. Jason Fung has used a variety of fasting protocols with more than 1,000 patients, with fantastic success."



## GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO BECOME A MEMBER OF LEADERSHIP PINELLAS?!

JOIN US FOR THIS YEAR'S RECRUITMENT BREAKFAST

**WHERE** Ruth Eckerd Hall  
1111 N. McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater, FL 33759

**WHEN** Wednesday, March 13, 2019

**COST** Free

**TIME** 7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Find out what you didn't know about Leadership Pinellas! Meet current class members, alumni and board members. Learn how you can become a part of one of the most comprehensive leadership development programs in the area!

**RSVP by Tuesday, March 12**

<http://www.leadershippinellas.com/event/recruitment-breakfast-3>



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## **LEADERSHIP PINELLAS WANTS YOU!**

JOIN US FOR THIS YEAR'S RECRUITMENT RECEPTION

**WHERE** Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital  
Research & Education Building  
600 5th Street S., St. Petersburg, FL 33701

**WHEN** Monday, April 1, 2019

**COST** Free

**TIME** 5:30 p.m – 7 p.m.

Come and learn about Leadership Pinellas! Meet current class members, alumni and board members. Find out how you can become part of one of the most comprehensive leadership development programs in the area!

**RSVP by Thursday, March 28**

<http://www.leadershippinellas.com/event/recruitment-social-3/>



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