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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ricky Butler '15

Last month, I shared about the challenges of getting the (Leadership Pinellas) world started again after the pandemic. Alumni coming together to celebrate the Class of 2023 was a much needed boost for the organization, but there's more work to be done.



Developing and enhancing community leaders is our mission and the Class of 2023 is well off on their leadership journey, but there's more to this organization than our cornerstone program. Leadership Pinellas only survives if our "ecosystem," if you will, remains healthy: we host an impactful program for emerging leaders, their experience inspires them to give back to ensure others have a similar experience, they engage as alumni, and the cycle repeats. It's simplistic, but it's my perspective based on my experience.

Your board of directors and some dedicated alumni volunteers are working hard to get Leadership Pinellas back on track. Despite a slow start, program day planning committees are filled for the most part. The Events & Recruitment committee is off and running working on several exciting events including program day socials, "Snapshot" recruiting events, and resurrecting "Lead and Learn" days that allow alumni to step back on the bus to relive some of the best aspects of their Leadership Pinellas experience.

Right now, we're in need of alumni to support our Communications Committee. As a professional communicator I may be a little biased, but effective communication is the key to success for any organization, especially ours that relies heavily on networking and relationships. If you have an interest in a committee or any feedback, please reach out to me.

Leadership Pinellas has made a significant personal impact on every graduate and through them, has left an immeasurable mark on our community. We need each one of you to continue the mission and realize our vision of creating a community rich in well informed, passionate leaders that will benefit generations to come.

I hope to see you soon!



YOUTH LEADERSHIP PINELLAS

Nate Cocco '19

We are pleased to announce the Youth Leadership Pinellas Class of 2023. These students represent 15 schools (both public and private) in Pinellas County. The YLP Class will kick off their program later this month with an Opening Retreat.

Abigail Clements

Osceola High School

Gabriel Chaves

St. Petersburg High School

Aiden Lauser

Richard Jacobsen Technical High School

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Alexis Silva

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East Lake High School

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Clearwater Central Catholic High School

Grant Phillips

East Lake High School

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St. Petersburg Catholic High School

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Largo High School

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Clearwater Central Catholic High School

Jackson Settle

Homeschool

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Osceola High School

Jake Mastalerz

St. Petersburg Catholic High School

Atticus Huffstutler

Lakewood High School

Katie Crowell

St. Petersburg Catholic High School

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Clearwater Central Catholic High School

Christian Semancik

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St. Petersburg Catholic High School

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Seminole High School

Madysen Weber
Clearwater Central Catholic High School

Michael Rameriz
Palm Harbor University High School

Mikal Morris
Lakewood High School

Molly Bolton
Clearwater Central Catholic High School

Natalie Grantges
Osceola High School

Rees Homer
Clearwater Central Catholic High School

Reid Poley
Clearwater Central Catholic High School

Sarah St. Charles
Dunedin High School

Sophia Schell
Clearwater Central Catholic High School

Tessa Hostetler
East Lake High School

William Campbell
Palm Harbor University High School

YOUTH LEADERSHIP PINELLAS RECEIVES DONATION

The Youth Leadership Pinellas team would like to thank the GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club for a generous donation to future scholarships for the YLP program. The GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club works locally to bring about positive change with an unwavering dedication to community improvement through volunteer service. They impact lives, through acts large and small. We look forward to putting their donation to good use and helping give access to the amazing program that Youth Leadership Pinellas delivers to high school students across Pinellas County. If you are interested in donating to Youth Leadership Pinellas, please contact Jennifer McGrail, contact@leadershippinellas.com.





OPENING RETREAT

Sandra Holmes '23

Leadership Pinellas Class of 2023 started their program schedule with Pinellas History Day. The 30 members of the class spent September 14 exploring a breadth of historically significant sites, artifacts, and events that make Pinellas County a truly rich place to live and experience.

The day began with a trip to Weedon Island Preserve where remnants of the island such as a nearly intact canoe and abandoned airport still spoke of the people who had previously called the island home. Stopping next at The Palladium, the group learned about the origin of the theater as a church and the famous guests that had performed in its spaces. Lunch was at The Don Cesar, the famous "Pink Palace" opened in 1928 and serving as a hotel and V.A. Headquarters, before being renovated into the luxury resort it is today. Heritage Village in Largo was explored next by the class members; it serves as a museum to showcase classic Florida building and home designs across many decades.

The program day ended at the Historic Pinellas County Courthouse. Commissioner Charlie Justice welcomed the class and spoke about the importance of preserving the history of Pinellas County. The class then learned the process of how sites are selected and deemed historically significant, then preserved for the future. Knowing the history of Pinellas County affords the Leadership Pinellas class insight into the importance of thoughtful leadership as a way of both honoring the past while keeping an eye on the future.



Class of 2023 at Weedon Island Preserve

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