



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bob Childress, '11, Board President

Hello Everyone,

In the busy world we live in, it is easy to overlook some of the amazing things happening all around us. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to give you a snapshot of just a few of those amazing happenings going on within Leadership Pinellas.

The Class of 2020 had an opportunity available to them, as new class members. For the first year ever, LP offered classmates a 3-part training with the Nonprofit Leadership Center. This value-added program provided attendees the tools giving them the knowledge and the confidence to serve on community boards, now and in the future. The program took place on three consecutive Tuesday evenings in October. Class members received an Excellence in Board Governance Certificate upon completion. The reviews were great! This program ties in beautifully with our mission of developing and enhancing community leadership.



We also had another successful Arts and Culture Program Day lead by Todd Willsie, '12, Aimee Trachtenberg, '12, and Kelly Bosetti, '10. The class was introduced to the broad reach of the Clearwater Jazz Holiday (CJH). They learned how CJH affects the lives of students in Pinellas County from CJH CEO Steve Weinberger, '03. They also learned about the economic impact the arts have on our community from Duncan McClellan of Duncan McClellan Gallery in St. Petersburg.

Next, the class visited the James Museum in St. Petersburg. Architect and LP alum Janson Jensen, '10, of Wannemacher Jensen Architects talked about the conversion and vision of the James Museum and unique features of the building that set it apart from other museums.

The class ended the day with one of our country's finest chocolatiers, Bill Brown, at William Dean Chocolates. Bill spoke to them about following a dream and leading the way through excellence in everything you do.

I personally thank Board Member Matt Campbell, '15, for his diligence in setting up alumni socials throughout

the year and giving alumni a fun way to connect. If you have not attended a social yet, please check the calendar and find one that works for your schedule. We would love to have you join us!

Lastly, I love serving as your president. If there is anything you think would make Leadership Pinellas a better organization, please email me at [bchildress@restinsured.com](mailto:bchildress@restinsured.com).

Lead On!

---



## **WHAT'S NEW WITH LEADERSHIP PINELLAS PROGRAM DAYS?**

By Jennifer McGrail, '99, Executive Director

Leadership Pinellas is off to a great start this year! As a membership organization, it's essential to continually keep our members informed of what's new and what's changing with LP. Your board of directors has implemented some changes to the class program year.

This year, I serve as the program chair. I oversee program day committees, ride the bus with the class, and help coordinate logistics of the program days. These changes should help streamline some of the processes and coordination of the days.

In addition to this change, LP board members will take turns riding the bus on program days in order to meet and interact with members of the class.

The Class of 2020 submits program day evaluations electronically in an effort for us to maintain better records of what has worked or not worked year-to-year. These are just a few of many examples of how Leadership Pinellas is working to enhance the class experience.

If you know a leader that is a candidate for Leadership Pinellas Class of 2021, please visit [referlp.com](http://referlp.com) and enter their name and email address. You can look for what's new in our recruitment efforts in next month's Leader Reader.

Thank you for all you do!



## WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOUTH LEADERSHIP PINELLAS?

By Brian Siracusa, '14, YLP Committee Chairman

On September 10th, Youth Leadership Pinellas year got off to a great start with the parent/student meeting. The 36 participants from 13 different high schools met for the first time. The meeting provided the opportunity to learn about the rules of the program, the structure of the days, and the requirements to graduate.

The class had a guest speaker Matthew Peak, who was a 2019 YLP graduate. He shared how the YLP year impacted him and he provided insight on how to get the most out of the program.

We also shared photos from last year's retreat, which excited the students for their opening retreat October 26th at the YMCA Gills. They will experience a rope course, engage in team building, and learn leadership skills. It will be the start to another great program year!



## ENJOYING LP SOCIALS

So nice to see some of you at our recent social. Many thanks to LP board member, Matthew Campbell, for putting together such a nice occasion for us!

Join us for our next LP Social: the Progressive Dinner by Ferry happening Thursday, Nov. 7.





3rd Annual **Leadership Pinellas**

*"Progressive"*

Dinner



**WHEN:** Thursday, November 7, 2019

4:00pm to 9:30pm

**WHERE:** Downtown Clearwater Ferry Dock

100 Drew Street, Clearwater 33767

**DETAILS:** Please join us for LP's 3rd Annual "Progressive Dinner!" A progressive dinner successfully blends several venues into one exciting evening. Our venues will include multiple trips on the Clearwater Ferry to the Sand Pearl to catch a glorious sunset, and then another trip to Island Way Grill for dinner under the stars, followed by a return ferry trip back to your car.



Our evening Itinerary will consist of the following:

**4:30pm (SHARP!)**—Depart ferry dock for CW Beach for sunset/appetizers at the Sand Pearl

**7:00pm**—Depart CW Beach for Island Way Grill (reserved table for 30 on outdoor patio)

**9:00pm**—Depart Island Way Grill for return trip to your car in Downtown Clearwater

The Clearwater Ferry has generously donated use of their ferry for the evening. Drinks, appetizers, dinner and FERRY STAFF tips will be borne by each guest. A \$10/pp fare for the ferry operators makes our trip possible. Please be sure to bring cash.

A maximum of 30 guests can be accommodated, so sign up **EARLY!**



## CLASS OF 2019 CLASS PROJECT

By Allison Ferber Miller '19, Board Member

The LP Class of 2019 hosted its class project at Caledonia Brewery on Saturday, September 28. The band Doyles Revenge played. Gizzy's (food) Cart and the brewery provided a percentage of their respective food and drink sales. Between the vendors' contributions and the proceeds from the silent auction and chance drawings, the class raised \$9,820.39 for Youth Leadership Pinellas! Way to go Classmates!!!

