



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear friends,

Do you remember when you met your classmates for your Leadership Pinellas year? Think about the friendships you've made and the experiences you've had and how those have changed your life for the better. Whenever I talk to alumni about their class experience, I notice they start to smile in reflection then the stories follow. In my first Leader Reader article as president, I hope to encourage you and deliver to you a sense of what has been and what is yet to come to our beloved organization.

First, thank you for delivering a board of directors who are dedicated and determined to make Leadership Pinellas even better than it is now. I am blessed to serve with them. Your board of directors represent you well as they work at a feverish pace to transform this organization into the front runner of leadership programs throughout the state. There has also been a tremendous outpouring of volunteers from within our alumni to assist on committee work as well as serving on program days – thank you!



Some of the key items the board is currently working on to enhance our program:

1. Program Days – This year we digitized the interest indicators and streamlined communication to volunteers. This resulted in over three times the number of program day volunteers compared to the prior few years. Every volunteer was able to select their top three program day choices and I am proud to say that we were able to accommodate everyone's first choice! Everyone who responded to the interest indicator received feedback, which was a hurdle in the past due to a design flaw identified by the board. We also transferred the responsibility of the program day chairs to our executive director, Jennifer McGrail, and gave each board member a program day to liaise.
2. Website and Alumni Database – we enhanced your options under the alumni search so you can now find fellow alum using more than just their name. For example: if you want to find someone who is connected with the Clearwater Jazz Holiday, input "jazz" and if it is in their profile, they will appear in search results. This is another good reason to update your profile with any changes.

3. Leader Reader – the structure and content has been enhanced for an easier read.
4. The board identified a need for leaders to be trained on what it means to be a board member, including rules, responsibilities, and obligations of sitting on a board. We are excited to announce a partnership with Nonprofit Leadership Center of Tampa Bay to enhance the experience of the class through an in-depth, three-evening course that will better prepare them to serve on nonprofit boards in our community. We feel this is a huge step in enhancing the program's value to current class members and alumni.

This is just a bit of the good things that the board is up to and I hope that you are as excited as the board is about the changes. Thank you for your continued support of Leadership Pinellas and we look forward to seeing you at future events.

Lead On,
Bob Childress
President, Leadership Pinellas
Class of 2011

“Being a member of this organization for almost a decade now, I can say there is no other organization in the area that is as committed to providing its new class members as well as its alumni with the high level of dedication, education, and community engagement as Leadership Pinellas”

Bob Childress, Leadership
Pinellas Board President



WELCOME TO THE CLASS OF 2020!

The Leadership Pinellas Board of Directors is proud to announce the 44 members of its Class of 2020.

This year's class will participate in multiple educational program days throughout the year on topics including: human services, government and infrastructure, business and technology, environment and tourism, education, health, arts and culture, criminal justice, and emergency services.

The members of the Class of 2020 include:

- Robert Angell, City of Pinellas Park Fire Department
- Jodi Avery, Jodi Avery – Keller Williams Realty
- Janice Bennett, City of Oldsmar
- Karen Blanchette, Professional Association of Health Care Office Management
- Ricky Bouchard, Bouchard Insurance
- Amy Davis, City of Treasure Island
- Suzanne Delaney, Ruth Eckerd Hall
- Ingrid Docken, Harvard Jolly Architecture
- Bridgette Domingos, Domingos Law
- Claudia Faiola, East Lake Fire Rescue
- Danilo Felix, Athletes in Action
- Amber Geier, Pineapple Placements
- Jeremy Harmon, BayCare Morton Plant Hospital
- Lisa Hendrickson, City of Pinellas Park
- Kevin Hennessy, Lewis, Longman & Walker
- Janice Hollar, Achieva Credit Union
- Natalie Illich-Hailey, Clearwater Police Department
- Justin Keller, Advanced Engineering & Design
- Tara Kivett, City of Clearwater
- Kathleen Logan, Logan Legal
- Tonya Lonsbury, Coastal Properties Group
- Julie Lupis, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority
- Sarah Lyons, Wannemacher Jensen Architects
- Antonis Magganas, Clearwater Gas System
- Sara Mollo, Office of the Public Defender, 6th Judicial Circuit
- Ted Morris, The Salvation Army
- Sarah Mueller, Safety Harbor Montessori Academy
- Robyn Mussler, Resolution Management Inc./ Connect IT 360
- Jesse Napier, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
- Kimberly Nicholls, City of Safety Harbor
- Zelda O'Connell, Florida Dream Center
- Mary Jo Plews, Healthy Start Coalition of Pinellas
- Kathleen Prossick, Homeless Empowerment Project
- Lea Richmond Sutter, Mease Manor
- Joe Riddle, Pinellas County Government
- Jayanne Roggenbaum, Westlake Christian School
- Karisa Rojas-Norton, City of Largo
- Ruth Schoenherr, Innovative Mortgage Services
- Marcie Stenmark, City of Safety Harbor
- Kathy Sterling, Sunstar Paramedics
- Elisabeth Tasis, The Arc Tampa Bay
- Pamela Van Sant, National Aviation Academy
- Betty VanStedum, Jersey College
- Suzane Woollums, Suzane Woollums, P.A.

Check out LeadershipPinellas.com to see all the smiling faces of our new class.

If you know someone who would be a perfect fit for Leadership Pinellas, please provide us with their information through ReferLP.com



A LOOK BACK AT THE CLASS OF 2020 HUMAN SERVICES DAY

Special kudos to the Leadership Pinellas alumni volunteers who made this year's Human Services Day happen!

Tamara Black '18, Community Volunteer

Lorrie Cline '17, The Arc Tampa Bay

Stacey Efaw '18, Habitat for Humanity

Ekaterini Gerakios-Siren '16, Pinellas County

Brian Siracusa '14, The Arc Tampa Bay

Leah Slavensky '18, Pinellas Community Foundation



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ON BEHALF OF THE 2019 CLASS OF

LEADERSHIP PINELLAS

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SILENT AUCTION & PRIZES

All-inclusive 5-night stay for 4 in a Turks and Caicos luxury resort

One week stay at a Creekside Cottage in NC

Photography sessions

Spa Packages

Gift baskets

AND MORE!!!

FEATURING THE BAND

DOYLES REVENGE

@ Caledonia in Dunedin - 587 Main St, 34698

Food by Gizzy's Cart (vegan options)

% of beer and food sales will be donated to YLP

7PM - 11PM



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UPCOMING EVENTS! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

OCT 10

Sunset Happy Hour

6-8 p.m.

Canopy Lounge

Top Floor of the Birchwood Hotel

340 Beach Dr., St. Pete

NOV 7

Progressive Dinner

4:45 - 9 p.m.

Take the ferry from downtown Clearwater to Clearwater Beach. Evening includes Happy Hour around the fire pit at the Sandpearl and then on to dinner at Island Way Grill. Cost of the ferry is \$10 per person. All food and drink is on your own.