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President's Message



Spring is here!! And what a busy time of year it is for our community and Leadership Pasco!! I'm really excited about the upcoming Taste of Pasco fundraiser. The Class of 2013 is doing an outstanding job with planning the event along with bringing awareness to their class project to support NAMI Pasco. I would like to encourage all Leadership Pasco alumni to attend the Taste of Pasco on May 11th – you will have a great time with special alumni VIP treatment! Make sure to come out and support the Class of 2013 and a wonderful cause – NAMI Pasco!

I would also like to invite all of you to come out to an upcoming Leadership Pasco Alumni mixer. These events keep getting better than ever!! A huge thank you goes out to Kim Bogart, Bob Memoli and Craig LaPorte for organizing the Alumni mixers. The mixers are a great time to reconnect with other LP Alumni and make the most of your membership!!

A special thank you to Terry Aunchman and Rob Aguis for coordinating a successful Education Day in February! Also, a thank you to John Walsh and Krista Hakes for organizing Business & Industry Day that will take place this month in March. Without program leaders like this, the Leadership Pasco program wouldn't be possible – so we really appreciate all your hard work and dedication!

Before we know it, the Class of 2013 Graduation will be here. Hope to see many of you there on May 30th as we celebrate the graduates and the class successes! It's been a great year so far and I can wait to see how it wraps up!

Tina Shelton

Youth Leadership Pasco - Education and Career Development Day

Rob Aguis (Class of 2001)
Barbara DeSimone (Class of 1996)

On Wednesday, February 6th, the Youth Leadership Pasco class of 2013 met at Marchman Technical Education Center to learn about Career Development, Leadership and Education in Pasco County.

The students were greeted and welcomed by Principal Shelia Bryan and Superintendent Kurt Browning. Superintendent Browning spent quality time with the students and opened the floor for some very courageous and candid conversations. The students opened up a dialogue about their schools, teachers, and the curriculum.

After a short break, the day resumed with a Group Juggling activity lead by Mr. Bob Bade from Pasco Hernando Community College. The students absolutely loved the activity and were challenged by the sheer number of participants and the number of objects "thrown in the mix". In the end the students were successful.

Before lunch Mrs. Michele Chamberlain, Career Specialist from JW Mitchell High School, guided the students through a serious discussion about career planning, colleges and universities, and scholarship opportunities. The students were engaged and very grateful for the valuable information they gained from Ms. Chamberlain's presentation.

After lunch, which was a culinary treat prepared by the Culinary Arts program, the students took a tour of the MTEC facilities and were exposed to many of the technical programs that are available to secondary students, post secondary learners and the community.

Throughout the day the students learned about networking, positive communications, leadership styles, management styles, perceptions and realities. Special Thanks to Kevin Griffith and Ben Diel who always make time each year for our young leaders.

The day was yet another enlightening experience for the students and was full of rich activities and a perfect way to complete the program. A special thank you to all of the presenters, Ms. Bryan and the MTEC staff for hosting the students for the day.

With that said, the students will commence on March 21st at Heritage Springs for graduation.

For more information on Youth Leadership Pasco contact Barbara DeSimone (727) 847-8103 / Rob Aguis (727) 774-2200 or visit the Leadership Pasco website at www.LeadershipPasco.com.



Education Day Got High Marks

Terry Aunchman (Class of 2010)

The District School Board and Pasco Hernando Community college teamed up to host Leadership Pasco's Education Day on February 21, 2013. The day began at the Academy of Culinary Arts at Land O' Lakes High School. The class was treated to a breakfast prepared by the culinary arts students, followed by a welcome from the school's Principal Ric Mellin and School Board Member Joanne Hurley. From Land O' Lakes the class traveled west to Marchman Technical Education Center, Richey Elementary School and Pasco Hernando Community College. At Marchman Technical Center, Pasco Education Foundation presented to the group, followed by a tour of the Career and Technical program offerings at Marchman. The class was treated to a phenomenal lunch prepared by Marchman's culinary students. At Richey Elementary, Principal Ken Miesner and Shaun Walker presented how they're using technology at the school to boost student achievement. The last stop was PHCC where the class was greeted by PHCC President, Dr. Katherine Johnson, followed by a tour of the campus.



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Tom Celotto (Class of 2011)

Tom's company, Micro Solutions has been providing I.T. related service to businesses in Pasco County for over 20 years. Computer repair, Networking, Custom Programming, Cloud Services, Managed Services, and Web Services. Microsoft Certified. 11048 State Road 52 – Hudson FL 34669. (727) 857-1530



Craig Laporte, Esq. (Class of 2006)

Craig has practiced Personal Injury Law in the West Pasco Community since 1983. He built his reputation on solid ethics and legal quality which earned him the AV rating by Martindale Hubbell – a coveted designation. Craig serves generations of families because clients refer friends and family when there is a need for an attorney. A trusted attorney is marketed by his clients. (727) 478-4125



Krista Hakes (Class of 2012)

Krista, as Economic Development Manager, PEDC is responsible for researching and coordinating assistance for local businesses with respect to training, finances, marketing, incentives, and other issues. She is managing the PEDC Micro Loan Fund, the Pasco Economic Gardening program for established businesses, as well as the Pasco Enterprise Network which provides help for entrepreneurs and small businesses. She has over 10 years in commercial finance experience working with businesses of various industries and sizes. She is actively involved with several other non-profit organizations that aid in community development. Krista holds a B.S. in Business Marketing from Southeastern University and is currently pursuing her MBA with Saint Leo University. Most recently she was a finalist for the Tampa Bay Business Journal's Business Woman of the Year, 2012 and was a finalist for CREW's Excellence Awards for Civic Leadership. Born in Chicago, Illinois, Krista grew up in sunny central Florida. She currently resides in Wesley Chapel, is recently engaged and has a beautiful preschool-aged daughter.



Bob Memoli (Class of 2005)

Bob has been selling real estate for over 20 years with sales in excess of \$160 million dollars and over 1100 properties sold. Bob's philosophy in selling homes is listening to his customer's needs and letting them make the right choice. His motto is, "I will sell your home, period." Whether you are buying or selling, you will be working with a true professional who cares about you and building a lifetime relationship. Florida Luxury Realty - (727) 992-9898 bobmemoli@floridaluxury.com



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Taste of Pasco - May 11, 2013

Graduation - May 30, 2013

Leadership Pasco Class of 2014 Application (Deadline) - June 1, 2013

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