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## President's Message



As my time as President draws to an end I wanted to thank all the Board Members and all the Alumni that have made it a great year. A special thanks to Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, our incoming President and Jason Longo, our Administrative Assistant. You both were a great help!

I am especially proud of the Class of 2018. You folks proved yourselves worthy of becoming Alumni by showing incredible leadership and willingness even with all the obstacles this year threw at you.

One of the benefits of being the President is letting people know of accomplishments and appointments. I was very pleased to inform Kurt Conover, class of '92 and Michele Baker, class of '97 that they have been conferred the title of Director Emeritus for Leadership Pasco.

I also had the pleasure of informing Brendan Gorman, Angel Cook, both class of '18 and Amanda Hart, class of '14 that they were appointed as the new Directors to the Leadership Pasco Board of Directors.

It has been a pleasure serving as President.

Thanks,

Scott Byrnes  
Very soon, Past President Leadership Pasco

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# From Our New Directors...



*I am thrilled to have been given the opportunity to serve on the Leadership Pasco board. This past year through the LP class journey and the honor of serving as the Vice President, I got a special chance to attend the board meetings and see just what you all do to make the experience perfect for the class. The dedication and hard work that is given by everyone is incredible and I knew I wanted to have a part of that.*

*I am an independent insurance agent for Leaders Insurance and work with personal and commercial insurance companies. I have been in the insurance field for 17 years and love what I do. I pride myself in educating my clients in what coverage they have and understanding it to make the best coverage choices for their personal & commercial needs.*

*Thank you again for this opportunity and I look forward to joining you all in making Leadership Pasco grow each year. -- **Angel Cook***



*It is a great privilege to be able to serve on the Leadership Pasco Board of Directors. I am excited to take my experiences from being last year's class president to help serve the Board and the alumni of Leadership Pasco. This organization is in a unique position to find and develop the leaders of our county and it is an honor to be a part of it. I look forward to hitting the ground running and getting to work right away to continue to bring our community leaders together! -- **Brendan Gorman***



*I am honored to be selected as an incoming board member for the this year. As an Alumni (class of 2014) it is inspiring to see the impact that Leadership Pasco has had on our community. I look forward to being a part of the future of the program while contributing to the vision. I bring with me experience in marketing and sponsorship and a passion for education. I hope to contribute effectively and assist in executing the goal for this year while working to ensure that Leadership Pasco and the class of 2019 along with annual events reaches its fullest potential. -- **Amanda Hart***

## Youth Leadership Pasco



Leadership Pasco awarded \$500 scholarships to five Youth Leadership Pasco graduates: Kristen Ng (Wiregrass), Brianna Riddle (Gulf), Areti Papanikas (Gulf), Rayna Rogers (Gulf) and Tanner Smith (River Ridge). They were honored at the Pasco Education Foundation awards banquet on April 19, 2018. The Leadership Pasco Board wishes them the best of luck in their future endeavors.



The most recent Youth Leadership Pasco class was graduated on March 9, 2018. Thirty-four students represented 12 high schools, along with a home-schooled student. Sponsors included Fred K. Marchman Technical School, Pasco County Sheriff's office, Pasco Education Foundation, Regional Medical Center at Bayonet Point, Rotary Clubs of Dade City Noon, Port Richey, Seven Springs and Trinity. Special thanks goes to the Law Office of Tara O'Connor, PA who made a generous donation to support the team building day at Treehoppers.

Applications for the next class will be available in August for interested sophomores and juniors. Additional sponsors are always welcome..

# Congratulation Class of 2018



Another successful program year has come to an end which means that another class has graduated from Leadership Pasco. Since its inception, Leadership Pasco has walked over 850 leaders across the stage to receive their graduation plaque. The annual graduation ceremony is often bitter sweet for class participants. They are excited to complete the program but sad to part from their fellow class members. Most look forward to

seeing their new found friends in class each month. The bonds and connections that are created in the 9 month program often last a lifetime.

For alumni, graduation often takes on a different flair. It is an opportunity to mingle and reconnect with old friends and experience a great evening honoring the newest alumni. This year's graduation ceremony did not disappoint. The Class of 2018 and alumni of Leadership Pasco had the rare opportunity to meet one of the most famous Leadership Pasco alumni, Judith Rochelle.



Tina Shelton

Judith Rochelle was one of the original members of Leadership Pasco. Every year at graduation, an award is bestowed upon a well deserving alumni in her name. The awardee is nominated by his or her peers for their commitment to the success of Leadership Pasco. This year, Tina Shelton, Class of 2009, was the well deserving recipient. In addition to helping to present the award to Tina, Judith was also the keynote speaker for the evening. She delivered a wonderful speech outlining some of the earliest successes of Leadership Pasco and an accounting of how the program came to be. She spoke about the value of Leadership Pasco and how the connections she made in the

program allowed her to champion major projects that contributed to the betterment of Pasco County. If it wasn't for the contacts she made in Leadership Pasco, she stated that she didn't think she would have been as successful in these endeavors.

And there it was....in those simple but well stated words, a testimony on why Leadership Pasco was so important to our community. It's all about the networking and the connections that allow the current and future leaders of our County to make Pasco County a better place tomorrow than it is today. With that, we would like to offer up a quote by Winston Churchill to the Class of 2018 that might help them put their new found connections to work.

*"This is not the end, this is not even the beginning of the end, this is just perhaps the end of the beginning."*

## Alumni In The News



**Cheryl A. Pollock, GPC, M.Ed.**

Promoted to Premier Community HealthCare's Senior Leadership Team as the Chief Development & Communications Officer. Previously served for 5 years as the Director of Business Development.

**Recently promoted? Received an award? Changed organizations? Leadership Pasco wants to know!  
Share your good news with other alumni by emailing your updates to [Lorraine@LaneBC.com](mailto:Lorraine@LaneBC.com)**

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## Save These Dates

**Orientation | August 23, 2018 | 5:00-9:00 p.m. | Spartan Manor**

**Alumni Social | October 9, 2018 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.**  
**Tentatively scheduled for Craft Street Kitchen in Trinity**

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