



*SINCE 1991, THE MISSION OF LEADERSHIP PASCO is to identify and recruit current or potential leaders of Pasco County, facilitate the development and interaction of those leaders, and to foster an issues-oriented learning environment for these leaders and the citizens of Pasco County in order to encourage an exchange of ideas and generate enthusiasm for community growth and development.*

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## **President's Message**



"Leaders are made, they are not born," said football coach Vince Lombardi. Where can you find a good source for leadership development? Leadership Pasco takes your leadership goals to the next level, building lasting connections while making a difference in our community.

To aid in leadership development, your Leadership Pasco Board has been hard at work to create a three-year strategic plan focused on bringing added value to Alumni and enhancing the current Leadership Pasco class program. We plan to provide quality guest speakers and leadership development opportunities to Alumni. As part of this effort, you will receive an annual survey asking for your ideas about what you want from your membership. In addition, we want to celebrate Alumni by highlighting their accomplishments on social media and newsletters.

Talking about newsletters – This newsletter marks the last paper newsletter. Future newsletters will be emailed. Be sure to log into your Leadership Pasco account at [www.leadershippasco.com](http://www.leadershippasco.com) and update your email address so you don't miss out on Alumni updates.

The board is also working on creating a new program day for class members to highlight Pasco's growing economic industry – Tourism as Florida's Sports Coast. In addition, the board is working on providing class members with leadership development training.

In regards to Taste of Pasco, 2019 marks the 9th year the Leadership Pasco class has put on the Taste of Pasco event to raise funds for local charities. Each class has improved upon the event. Earlier this year, your board obtained trademarks for the name Taste of Pasco and for its logo. The logo was created by the Class of 2013. Our classes and Alumni are talented!

This year's class has done an amazing job in planning and executing the event to raise proceeds for two local charities. Your board is excited about the future plans for Leadership Pasco.

Nikki Alvarez-Sowles  
President

*Final Printed Issue!*

*Make sure to update your email address.*

*Applications are being accepted for the  
2019-2020 class year*

# Youth Leadership Pasco celebrated the graduation of its Class of 2019

*Rob Aguis (Class of 2001)*

*Barbara DeSimone (Class of 1996)*

Thirty four outstanding students, selected from high schools throughout Pasco County, participated in the Youth Leadership Pasco program designed to inform, motivate, and increase their awareness of Pasco County through issue-oriented seminars and interaction with community leaders.

Under the leadership of Rob Aguis, Barbara DeSimone, Ben Diel, and Doreen Packard, our students devoted time to six program days, which included Orientation/Teamwork, Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice, Healthcare/Government, Economic Development/Business/Media, Education/Career Development, and Graduation.

Throughout the program, students were encouraged to establish a life-long commitment to the role and responsibility of community leadership as they discovered and realized their talents and skills as a leader.

Congratulations to the Youth Leadership Pasco Class of 2019!

Naomi Armstrong  
Bayli Baker  
Jenna Boudreau  
Yazmene Canty  
James Capogrosso  
Emmersyn Chefero  
Elizabeth Collier  
Madilyn Corbin  
Bella Cortier  
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Brody Sweigart  
Kodie Taylor  
Jordan Utterback  
Joseph Vreeland  
Mackenzie Whalen  
Zharra Wilson  
Alanna Yeo



# Class members explored Pasco industries at Business and Industry Day

*Juawana Williams*

Business & Industry Day provides an opportunity for the Pasco EDC to share information about the variety of businesses and industries that are in Pasco County. We incorporate tours of various businesses and /or assets that businesses use to better understand what companies are doing in our own backyard.

Business & Industry day also includes an overview of what the Pasco EDC is, our various programs, how we assist companies that are already here and how we recruit new companies to Pasco County.

The class was able to take a tour of Port Tampa Bay, TRU Simulation and Training, and Mettler Toledo Analytical laboratory instrument manufacturing company.





# SIMSOC 2019

*Heather Grimes (Class of 2011)*

READ THE BOOK! If Alumni play their cards right, this is often the only thing that current class members know about the events getting ready to unfold during SIMSOC weekend. This year was no exception. Another successful SIMSOC weekend was held January 18 & 19 at the Future Farmers of America (FFA) Leadership Training Center in Haines City. Without giving away too many details for future class members to potentially read about, let's just say the class had an eye opening experience once again.

A few new faces joined the coordinator team as Anthropologists to help run the weekend. One of those Anthropologists was Class of 2010 alumni, Kim Bogart. Kim has stayed involved with Leadership Pasco as a Board member ever since he graduated from his class but schedules never allowed for him to volunteer on SIMSOC weekend. According to Kim, his experience was just as eye opening as the class members. At the last Board meeting he said, "I encourage every alumni to volunteer at least once as an anthropologist for SIMSOC. I learned so much about people during this two day program that will help me in my daily work and personal life. Sitting on the other side finally helped me pull it all together."

Thank you to our generous sponsors that helped to make the day a success:

- Blackjack Media Group
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- Laporte, Mulligan & Werner-Watkins, P.A.
- Micro Solutions
- O'Connor Law Group, P.A.
- Time Trap Escape Room

If you are an alumni and interested in volunteering for a future SIMSOC weekend, please contact the Program Coordinator, Heather Grimes at (352) 585-1742.



# Thank you Sponsors

*Amanda Hart (Class of 2014)*

In addition to our SIMSOC sponsors, let's celebrate and support the companies, organizations, and individuals who also supported program days.

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Class of 2019

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# *Save The Date*

*Graduation — Class of 2019 — May 23, 2019*  
*(Tampa Bay Golf and Country Club)*

*Additional details about graduation are on our website.*

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**Full access to the membership directory online**  
**Full access to the membership forums**  
**Free invite to the Orientation banquet reception**  
**VIP Access to annual Taste of Pasco event**  
**Quarterly Newsletter**  
**Invites to other networking events**

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