

Alumni Luncheon

The January 30th luncheon was a wonderful success. Our amazing speaker, **JBH Enterprises Jamie Beale Howe**, who inspired us to tap into our authentic selves and talents so we can find true happiness by living our unique purpose. Catching up and connecting with our Alumni networking was at the core of these event. Thanks to our generous sponsors: FP & L, Evergreen Private Care, Nina L. Ferraro, P.A., Title Insurance Real Estate and Planning, Cindy Groover and TeamLogic IT.



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Class 34 at Environment Day

LEADERship Class 34 enjoyed **Environment Day** by experiencing a day outdoors and out of their usual environments. It was a glance at how our county's surroundings affect our daily lives. A special thank you to LEADERship Alumni and the Environment Day Planning Committee for making this day great for Class 34: Christin Spake (33), Debbi Greer (31), Eric Kiehn (29), Tim Kinane (1), Patrick Nolan (33), Cindy Groover (30) and Reed Hartman (17). Not pictured: Brittany Bearden (27), George Dzama (30), Rick Hartman (15) and Melissa Zolla (31). Marshall Critchfield (31) gave an update from Florida Power & Light. George Dzama (39) presented an update from Martin County. The Class also had a visit from Sheriff John Budensiek (30) and City of Stuart Chief Police Tumminelli (20). They stopped by to deliver next month's homework assignment.



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LEADERship MARTIN COUNTY

Learn the tools to help you make a difference in Martin County. This esteemed leadership education program guides participants through an in-depth look into our community and everything it has to offer its residents. Key components of the program include:

- Meeting the decision makers in business, education, health care, government, social services, arts and law enforcement
- Learning about the issues and asking the hard questions that affect Martin County
- Touring area facilities and their operations
- Networking with other leaders and making your voice heard and
- Committing to one program day a month for ten months.

For more information, contact LEADERship Martin County Program Director, Cindy LaConte, at claconte@stuartmartinchamber.org or (772) 341-6096.

Visit <https://www.stuartmartinchamber.org/the-chamber/leadership> to learn more and application.

Class 35 applications are now available and due June 27, 2025.



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Making a difference

LEADERship Martin County is an exciting program designed to prepare potential leaders to meet the challenges facing Martin County. Participants will explore critical issues through a series of presentations, seminars and field trips. Interaction with key decision makers, experts, community leaders and government representatives will assist participants in understanding the forces that impact their community, business and daily lives.

The success of the program, now in its 35th year, is reflected in the broad base of leaders who have gone through the program and chosen to make

a difference. CEO's of many businesses and Non-Profit Organizations have been through the program, along with elected officials such as City and County Commissioners, Sheriff, City Police Chief, Property Appraiser, Clerk of the Court, Superintendent of Schools, School Board Members and many State Legislators.

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Class 26 Students Delves into the Arts

Martin Youth LEADERship participated in ARTS AND CULTURE DAY recently. The committee, chaired by Debbie Banta (Class 10) Director of Engagement at the Elliott Museum, Nancy Turrell (Class 4), Executive Director of the Martin Arts Council, Tammy Calabria (Class 20) Executive Director of the Children's Museum, Francine Beckstead (Class 9), Treasurer of the Barn Theatre. Students began their day at the Cultural Arts Center to view their recent juried art exhibit and to learn more about the economic impact of arts and culture-related jobs in Martin County. They had a hands-on opportunity to work on fictional proposal grants to present to each other. Class members were encouraged to bring out their "inner child" during a stop of the Children's Museum. After a brief introduction from Ms. Calabria, students were able to freely roam the interactive museum.

They traveled to the Elliott Museum, where they were greeted by President & CEO Rob Steele. The students were given the opportunity to tour the current UFO exhibit as well as the ongoing car gallery. As they regrouped for lunch, Grace Phillips from, Carr, Riggs & Ingram discussed her personal arts journey, and how that allowed her to work for a company interested in community involvement. The final stop of the day was to the Barn Theatre, where students were greeted by Board Officer Francine Beckstead and Technical Director Bryan Childe. Students got on stage to act out scenarios, sing impromptu songs and participate in actors' training techniques. Bryan gave a presentation on volunteer opportunities at the Barn, career paths for theatre students, and his work as a set designer, sound engineer, and technical director. Finally, students toured both backstage to view the costumes, props, and machinery used for staging.



LEADERship alumni are encouraged to join us for Graduation on April 30. For more information about MYL and how you might become a sponsor, donor, event coordinator, board member or obtain a student application for 2025-26, please see the group web site at: www.leadershipmcalumni.com/youth-leadership, or contact Jeanne Dunn, Program Coordinator, at MartinYouthLeadership@gmail.com or at (772) 486-4695. Applications are open until May 23.



Tour of Boys & Girls Facilities

On Feb 13th we were hosted by the **Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County** for a special behind-the-scenes tour of their new, state-of-the-art club in Stuart. We got an in-depth look at their incredible, ****free**** Workforce Training Labs where young people can hone their skills in construction trades, culinary arts, fashion and more. Their vision is to prepare the next generation for well-paying jobs that are in high demand in their own home town. If your business would benefit from more skilled workers, connect with BGCMC as a resource! We love the opportunity to learn more about what's happening in our community. If your business or organization would like to share your story through a tour for LEADERShip Alumni, please connect with us at info@leadershipmcalumni.com.

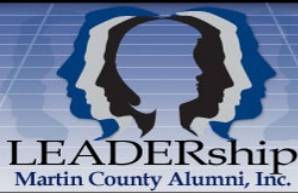


Varun Singh a member of class 26 of Youth LEADERShip, won the 2024 Congressional App Challenge for our Florida District 21, held annually by Congress. The app he designed for medication management was chosen as a winning app by our Rep. Brian Mast. He will attend a reception held in April at Capitol Hill, D.C.

UPCOMING Stuart/Martin Chamber Events

You must RSVP all Events at 772-287-1088, ext. 112

Mar. 4, Tues., 7:45am, Business B4 Breakfast, Visiting Nurse Association , 2400 SE Monterey Rd. Suite 300, Stuart
Mar 11, Tues., 7:45am, Business B4 Breakfast, First Citizens Bank , 2171 SE Federal Highway, Stuart
Mar. 12, Wed., 11:45am, Business At Lunch, C.W. Roberts Construction , Manero's Restaurant, 2851 SW High Meadows Ave., PC
Mar 18, Tues., 7:45am, Business B4 Breakfast, Rare Blue Moon Marketing , Frazier Creek Brewing, 973 SE Federal Hwy, Stuart
Mar. 26, Wed., 4:00pm-8:00pm, TREASURE COAST HOME & HURRICANE EXPO , MidFlorida Event Center , 9221 SE Event Center Place, Port St. Lucie



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Stacy Hetherington

(14) is a recipient of the 2025 Martin County Emerald Award by the Girl Scouts of Southeast Fl. Through her leadership, community impact and dedication to serve she inspires young women to pursue their dreams and take on leadership roles in their communities.



Karen Ripper

(5) President and CEO of Council on Aging announced the purchase of a brightly colored bus on January 7th, made possible with funding from Impact 100, Wong Family Foundation & Cleveland Clinic. By providing seniors with services such as Meals on Wheels or Adult Day Club it helps them remain in their own homes.



Carolyn Timmann

(5) M.C. Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller announced her office has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Offices Association. This is the 31st consecutive year the office has received this award.

To apply for LEADERship Martin County Class 35

Contact Cindy LaConte

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Alumni Purpose

The purpose of LEADERship Martin County Alumni is to support the LEADERship Martin County Program; to provide education and networking opportunities for our members; and to enhance community awareness of our members by providing opportunities to evaluate and act on issues affecting the community.

Note: Our monthly newsletter can now be viewed on our website
www.LeadershipMCalumni.com

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