# **LEADERlines**



# Youth Leader A Winner



**Natalia Aguirre** is a senior at **South Fork High School** where she was recognized at their Scholarship Awards night as the winner of the "Nancy Sailer Youth LEADERship Scholarship". The Scholarship for \$8,000 was established by LEADERsip Alumni Foundation for Youth, Inc. and is awarded annually to a graduate of the Martin Youth Program. She ranks 69 out of 466 students in the class of 2025 and currently has a 3.87 GPA while taking a combination of AP, Honors and Dual Enrollment courses.

Natalia was one of fifteen youth alumni who applied for the scholarship receiving the top scores to win for her leadership both in school and in her community. This year she was class Vice President, Editor-in-Chief of the school yearbook, President of the Quill and Scroll Journalism Honor Society for two years, Vice President of Best Buddies, Secretary of Key Club and National Honor Society and Treasurer of National Technical Honor Society for three years. Off campus she volunteers to work with the children of her church in Indiantown teaching weekly lessons and helps with Vacation Bible School. She has lead the annual holiday toy drive project for the community.

She intends to major in Cell and Molecular Biology and plans to proceed with her education by attending medical school to acquire her MD with her career goal to become a surgical pathologist.

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## HEALTH SERVICES AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS DAY

**LEADERship Class 34** spent the day touring Martin County health services and nonprofit organizations. Thanks to our committee of LEADERship Alumni: Elisabeth Glynn (26), Jill Ball (28), Sharon Kinane (9), Joanna Greene (32), Anne Posey (33) & Brandon McAllister (32).



**The Class** was updated on community activities by Laura Haase (28), ,Karen Ripper (5),, Carol Houwaart-Diez (28), Michelle Miller (31), Joanna Greene (32), Brandon McAllister (32) Keith Fletcher (30), and Tim Kinane (1).



**Nancy** McCarthy. Class 21, is welcomed back to The Firefly Group as Senior Vice President. McCarthy first joined The Firefly Group in 2009 as a public relations specialist and within five years advanced to vice president. She continued to make an impact in the corporate and nonprofit sectors. Stacy Ranieri. President, Class 10 is eager to see the glowing results she'll bring to our clients and our team.





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Winners will be drawn on June 5 at our Installation of Officers at Stuart Boathouse!\*

A Benefit for Martin Youth LEADERship

**Elegant 3 Piece** Pearl Jewelry Set

Grand Prize!

Just Gold Jewelers Gift Certificate

Valued at \$300!

Valued at over \$7,000!

**LEADERship Alumni** Lifetime Membership



Valued at \$750!

## \$100

### per entry

Quantity is limited! Raffle closes at 5:30 p.m. on 6/5. Scan to enter!

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**OT** visit https://tinyurl.com/superraffle2025



More Chances to Win!

## VIRTUAL 50/50 RAFFLE

Minimum Entry - \$1 / Maximum Entry - Unlimited Enter via Zelle - Contact Email: info@leadershipmcalumni.com LEADERship Alumni Foundation for Youth Inc. is a 301(c)(3) charitable organization registered with the State of Florida.

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\*You don't have to be present to win. Registration for the event is separate.

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#### Students Learn Valuable Skills for the Business World on Career Day

Students from this year's **Martin Youth LEADERship** program participated in **Career Day** at the Chastain campus of Indian River State College. The students were welcomed to the Wolf Technology Center by Mrs. Sue Whittington, Chair of Career Day and Travel Advisor for CruiseOne. Students rotated through a morning of breakout career-related sessions designed to help them acquire the skills. Students were given tips on business etiquette and networking from Msebenzi "Ben" Masondo, with Engel & Volkers Real Estate. They learned about personal branding from Dr. Nicholas Brown, Master Instructor for the School of Business at IRSC. They also received feedback about their first resumes and tips on interviewing from Ms. Roz Johnson Strong, Director of Human Resources for the City of Stuart. Finally, they learned job social media do's and don'ts from Ian Centrone, Martin County Tourism office. Interestingly, both Mr. Masondo and Mr. Centrone are alumni of Martin Youth LEADERship.

In between sessions, the students of Martin Youth LEADERship participated in a Career Fair with more than twenty local employers. Students had the opportunity to learn more about these organizations as they searched for summer employment, internships and volunteer opportunities. This opportunity allowed students to hone their newly learned skills while appreciating many of the organizations in Martin County.

Following lunch, Sam Bruning from Southern Magnolia Investments, spoke about budgeting and financial success strategies. As a volunteer leader and a seasoned financial professional, Mr. Bruning gave valuable advice about concepts such as compound interest benefits, the rising cost of living, and how to stay within budget. Mrs. Whittington, Ms. Johnson Strong, Mr. Centrone and Mr. Bruning are all graduates of the prestigious LEADERship Martin County, and MYL is grateful to them for sharing their leadership and experience with the next generation of young leaders.







# INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Cocktail Event & Super Raffle Drawing

## THURSDAY, JUNE 5 5 TO 7 PM STUART BOATHOUSE

49 SW SEMINOLE STREET, DOWNTOWN STUART

Join us as we celebrate the installation of the 2025-2026 Board of Directors for LEADERship Martin County Alumni!

PLUS - see the live drawing (and make your last-minute entries) for our Super Raffle fundraiser for Martin Youth LEADERShip and the Nancy Sailer Youth Scholarship Fund.

HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/SUPERRAFFLE2025

\$20 CURRENT MEMBERS \$30 LAPSED MEMBERS & GUESTS

> Price includes one (1) drink ticket and light bites.

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# **UPCOMING Stuart/Martin Chamber Events**

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

May 6, Tues., 7:45am, Business B4 Breakfast, Sponsor Susan A. Shirley Counseling & Consulting 10th Street Community Center, 724 SE 10th St, Stuart

May 7, Wed., 5:30-7:00pm, Business After Hours, Sponsor Lower Extremity Group/Josh Sabag, DPM Frazier Creek Brewing & Distilling Co., 973 SE Federal Highway, Stuart

May 13, Tues., 7:45am, Business B4 Breakfast, SouthState Bank, 2400 SE Monterey Road, Suite 100, Stuart

May 14, Wed., 11:45am, Business At Lunch, Sponsor Tami Karol Insurance, Martin Downs Golf Club 3801 SW Greenwood Way, Palm City

May 21, 5:00 - 8:00pm, Sky's The Limit - Cocktail Party & AUCTION - Martin County Airport Witham Field, 2011 SE Airport Road, Stuart

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LEADERship Alumni Board 2024-2025

> **President Chelsey Matheson** Florida Atlantic University

> > Vice-President Kate Muscarella EW Consultants , Inc.

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> **Melissa Zolla** The Firefly Group

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Past President Cindy Groover Community Ambassador

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Youth Planning Chair Diana Bruton Treasure Coast Realty

LEADERship Prog. Director Cindy LaConte Stuart/Martin County Chamber

> LEADERlines Editor Nancy Sailer

# **Bulletin Board**

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#### **POST YOUR NOTES**



**Police Chief Joe Tumminelli** (20) announced he intends to retire from the department after 28 years with the Stuart agency.

He will step down on June 6. Tumminelli started as a reserve officer and was named chief in 2018. Being a police officer for half his life has been a humbling experience.



**Kelly Hilton-Green** (23) was selected by TC Palm for the 2024-2025 All Area "Coach of the Year. He coaches for the Pine School girls soccer team. History

was made under Hilton-Green as the knights not only won regional for the first time, but finished the year as the Class 1A runner-up. Congratulations!



*Michael D.Dadko* (12) CFP,CLTC,CDFA has been recognized on Forbes 2025 Bestin-State Wealth Advisors List. He thanks

everyone who supported our practice and efforts to provide the best wealth management and financial planning, making it possible to receive this distinction.



Jon Milton (14) received the 2025 "Engineer of the Year" award from the Treasure Coast Chapter of the Flori-

da Engineering Society. It is presented to an engineer who has made outstanding contribution to the engineering profession, the public welfare and human kind.

# <u>Alumni Purpose</u>

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 <u>www.LeadershipMCalumni.com</u> LEADERship Alumni P.O. Box 794 Stuart, FL 34995-794

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