

June 2024

## Youth Scholarship Winner

Nancy Sailer presenting the "Nancy Sailer Youth LEAD-ERship Scholarship" to winner Tanjila Shawkat for \$8,000 at Graduation luncheon.

LEADERship Martin County Alumni for Youth Foundation awards an annual scholarship to a senior who has graduated from the Youth LEADER-



**ship Program. Tanjila** is a senior at **Martin County High School** and a leader in her school and local community. She plans to major in environmental engineering in college and will attend Indian River State College her first two years.

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Class 25 is made up of students from all four of Martin County's High Schools

Congratulations to the following young leaders:



Olivia Angervil, Brooke Ashley, Anelkis Cabrera-Felix, Victor Camacho, Kayla Carnes, Boston Chasse, George Dzama V, Anabella Gonzalez, Ella Hart, Lindsey Heeb, Hutch Hughes, Mattine Jensen, Callahan Kendall, Turner Lavelle, Richard Licata, Sam McCulley, Tiffany Miller, Jaron Minsky, Genevieve Osborn, Dwayne Parker-Lowe, DoriEllen Padden, Ashleigh Polhemus, Zane Price, William Rader, Lianna Ramos, Lily Rice, Dominic Sicoli, Theo Smail, Natalie Tobiasz, Emily Tuning, Gregory Watkins, Lily Werner, Kylee Willis

#### Youth LEADERship Graduates 33 Remarkable Students

Martin Youth LEADERship graduated 33 students from this year's 25th class, "5 Squared", on April 30 to a crowd of parents, teachers, school Board members and community leaders. Martin Youth LEADERship Program Chair Diana Bruton kicked off the day at the Cummings Library, where students made their year-end presentations known as Mini-Capstone projects. Students who had previously been assigned to one of six groups were tasked with a community problem thought up by their predecessors from the previous MYL class. Students gave presentations and participated in a peer-to-peer question and answer session for each group.

Their session concluded with an online game using their phones, made up of questions that the students themselves submitted throughout the academic year after they attended each of their seven previous sessions. The fierce competition was a creative way of giving students a "final exam" for all that they had learned this year. The day continued with a luncheon and Graduation ceremony at Monarch Country Club. Students demonstrated to their parents, teachers, local business leaders and other guests their public speaking skills.

Pictures courtesy of Robin Hall Out2News.













### Class 33 Graduation

It was an evening to celebrate Class 33 graduating at The Stuart Yacht and Country Club. They were joined by many of their family and alumni friends. Congratulations to Blaine Isbell, the Class 33 Representative, who spoke about how awesome the program was for the class.

Our thanks to the LEADERship Planning Committee members, and to the Cocktail Hour Sponsors: LEVEL 4/Telcom, Guaranteed Garage Doors & Repair, LaConte Engineering, LEADERship Martin County Alumni Foundation for Youth, Inc.; and the Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce.

Karl Andersson, Bill Biglin, Jaime Chamberlin, Jimmy Collins, Peter Croft, Michelle Cuba, Debbie Engle, Wayne Filowitz, Bryan Gardner, Drew Gray, Zack Hackley, Trish Hawthorne, Taylor Hobbs, Blaine Isbell, Angela Kacprowicz, Dana Kimberly, Susan King, Stacy Little, Pat Nolan, Scott Olsen, Grace Phillips, John Polikandriotis, Anne Posey, Philip Ratchford, Jennifer Richards, Jen Russell, Brian Shreve, Liz Southers, Christen Spake, Nicole Sprague, Julie Treacy, Sally Waite.









## Alumni President - Cindy Groover

Greetings Fellow Alumni! June represents the last month I will serve as your President. Just as Alumni President's before me, I hope I left things a little better than I found them. We experienced many positive changes during this past year. These changes required a tremendous amount of teamwork, time, and energy.



Moving to a new website, building up membership donations to support Youth LEADERship, successfully planning our first fundraiser since

2019, and holding four networking and LEADERship development events. Most importantly, we collected enough donations/dues to continue supporting our mission of helping develop future Martin County leaders through our Youth LEADERship and Scholarship programs.

We also added another thirty-two Alumni to our organization, bringing our total number of LEADERship graduates to 971. This time next year we will break 1,000! I will continue to contribute where I can make a difference and hope you all plan to do the same. Of course, the easiest way to contribute is to stay current with your annual donation to our 501(c)3 non-profit organization. This helps fund both the Youth LEADERship initiative and our ongoing personal leadership development by way of networking events. This is the best deal in town!

Thank you for all your support this past year. I hope to see many of you at the <u>Installation Event scheduled for June 6th!</u>

## **UPCOMING Stuart/Martin Chamber Events — 772-287-1088**

June 11, Tues., 7:45am, Business B4 Breakfast, Children's Services Council, 101 SE Central Pky, Stuart, By: Martin Reads

June 12, Wed., 11:45am, Networking Luncheon, Martin Downs Golf Club, 3801 SW Greenwood Way, PC, By: US Sugar

June 19 Wed., 5:30-7:00pm, Business Ater Hours, Sailfish Sports Club & Grille, 1200 SE Federal Hwy., Stuart

June 20 Thur., 5:00-7:30pm, Candidate Forum, The Kane Center, 900 SE Salerno Rd., Stuart, By: Ashley Capital C-PAC

June 25, Tues., 7:45am, Business B4 Breakfast, By: Stuart/Martin County Chamber, 1650 S Kanner Hwy., Stuart

SAVE THE DATE - July 17th - BUSINESS2BUSINESS EXPO - Indian River State College - 5:00-8:00 PM

TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE - For information Contact Debbi for info: 287-1088, ext. 112



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# **Bulletin Board**

#### POST YOUR NOTES



Karen Ripper, class 5, Council on Aging President and CEO received a check for \$100,000 from Impact 100 Martin. They plan to use it to help fund

a mobile office to take elder services directly to seniors in their own neighborhoods. Congratulations!





Tami Karol, class 32, of Tami Karol Insurance, received an award from Project LIFT'S Clambake on April 6. The event was a fundraiser for Project LIFT

and they recognized businesses and individuals for their contribution to Project LIFT'S mission. Tami was recognized with the Unsung Hero award.



Diane Dultmeier, class 8, from Dultmeier Photography was recognized as Volunteer of the Year by Project

LIFT. They held their annual Clambake in Palm City on April 6 as a fundraiser and to thank businesses and individuals who contribute to their mission.



Lisa Rhodes, class 19, Executive Director of the Education Foundation of Martin County, just held their annual Evening of Excellence / Bids for Kids event which raised more

than \$200,000 to benefit the students, teachers and schools. More than 240 guests attended the gala at Harbour Ridge County Club. The Education Foundation was formed by LEADERship Class 2 in 1992.

# 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 LEADERship Alumni P.O. Box 794 Stuart, FL 34995-794