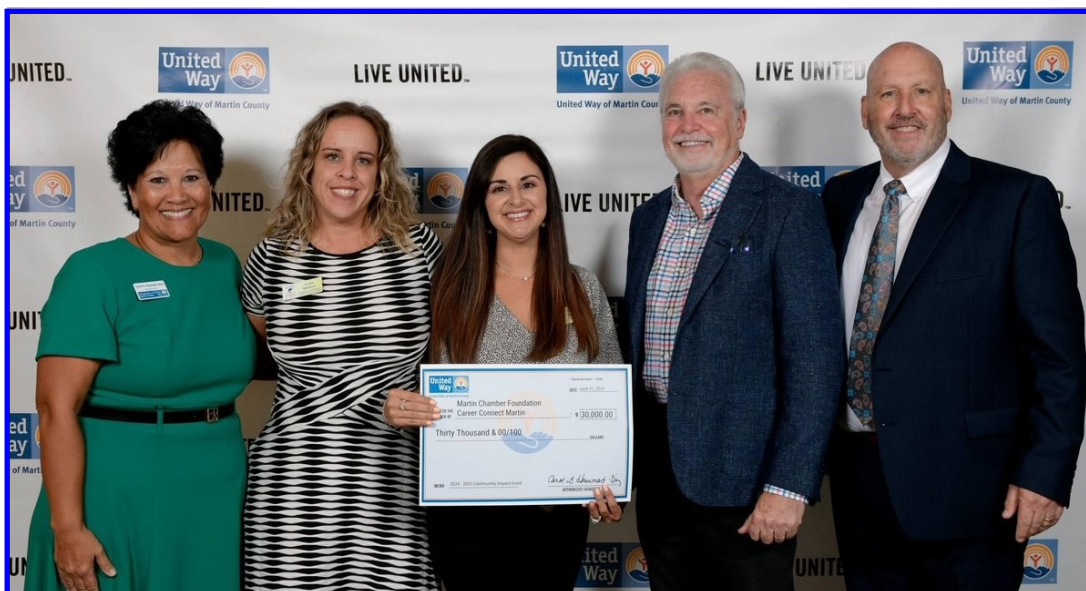


## Alumni Leaders “Making A Difference”



Left to Right: **Carol Houwaart-Diez**, (class 28) United Way of Martin County CEO, **Gina Master**, (class 32) Workforce Development Coordinator, **Angela Hoffman**, (class 22) Vice President, **Tim Kinane**, (class 1) Career Coach, **Elliot Paul**, (class 6) United Way of Martin County Chairman

The **Stuart/Martin County Chamber** would like to thank **United Way of Martin County** for awarding a transformational grant to The Martin Chamber Foundation, the Chamber’s only 501c3 charity established to support economic prosperity for Martin County residents by strengthening and growing workforce development, education & entrepreneurship.

The grant will specifically fuel the Career Connect Martin program, providing individualized workforce skill development and on-the-job training from the area’s most vulnerable job seekers. As a non-traditional business accelerator, Career Connect Martin augments the human resource management needs of small companies. Career Connect helps hire, train, and retain employees. Companies with employees who are well-trained and well-supported have a 24% higher profit margins.

We are excited to strengthen our reach and grow the program’s capacity with a focused internal structure, clear measurable objectives, and even better training tools for participants. With the support of United Way of Martin County, Career Connect Martin will boost our economy and improve the quality of life for our participants and their families.

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Remember

to

**VOTE**

August 20<sup>th</sup>

For

**THE PRIMARY**



# ***SIMSOC SOCIAL***

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17  
5 - 7 PM**

**MEET CLASS 34!**

LEADERship Martin County Alumni invites you to a meet and greet with the newest class of Martin County LEADERship.



**FRAZIER CREEK  
BREWING & DISTILLING CO.  
973 SE FEDERAL HWY.  
STUART**

**FREE FOR CURRENT  
LEADERSHIP ALUMNI MEMBERS  
AND CLASS 34**

**\$10 FOR LAPSED MEMBERS AND  
GUESTS**

**REGISTER IN ADVANCE:  
[LEADERSHIPMICALUMNI.COM](http://LEADERSHIPMICALUMNI.COM)**

Price includes light bites. Beverages can be purchased from Frazier Creek.  
Members of Class 34 (only) will each receive two drink tickets.

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## Youth Orientation for Class 26

Save the date for Orientation for **Martin Youth LEADERship's 26<sup>th</sup> Class**. Accepted students and their parents will attend an Orientation on **Thursday, September 5** at the offices of the Martin County Realtors of the Treasure Coast. All alumni are invited to attend and witness a "mini-version" of Sim Soc.

40 Students from Clark Advanced Learning Center, Jensen Beach, Martin County, South Fork High School and home schooled students, as well as their parents will be welcomed, by MYL Program Chair **Diana Bruton** (Class 16). Both students and parents will participate in ice breaker sessions coordinated by Ms. Bruton. Students will learn that they had been selected for their leadership potential amongst a large pool of applicants vying for a spot. **Alec Connolly** (Class 11), Chair of both LEADERship Day and COPE Day, will present an overview and calendar for the year. Program Coordinator **Jeanne Dunn** (Class 28) will review Attendance, Communication, School Contacts and Transportation Issues.



The Martin Youth LEADERship Program for high school students is continually striving to better serve the students that have made application, and been accepted into the program. The program is an opportunity for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors throughout Martin County to develop and enhance their leadership skills. A maximum of 40 are selected to participate in this comprehensive eight-month program that is modeled after LEADERship Martin County. Upon completion, these young Leaders have learned about their community including history, government, business, arts and culture, criminal justice and the environment. Class members are given a rare opportunity to reach their highest leadership potential through sessions focusing on Covey's Effective Habits and other leadership enhancing activities. Every effort is made to select a racially, gender diverse class representing various levels of leadership experience.

The program would not be possible without the support of our generous Sponsors: **LEADERship Martin County Alumni Foundation for Youth, Martin County School District, Children's Services Council, Stuart/Martin Chamber of Commerce, Publix, Treasure Coast Realty** as well as session contributors: **19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit/Public Defender's Office, 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit/State Attorney's Office, Gulf Stream Council/BSA, Indian River State College, Martin County Sheriff's Office, Out2News and the YMCA of the Treasure Coast.**

Additionally, the program runs as a result of the dedication of the **Planning Committee: Debbie Banta, Denisha Bonds, Robert Bruton, Eroy Burns, Jeanine Bushman, Joe Catrambone, Alec Connolly, Joe Flanagan, Joanna Greene, Trisha Greene, Laura Haase, Robin Hall, Brett Hawkins, Cindy LaConte, Charlene Lyons, Tracey Miller, Kate Muscarella, Nancy Sailer, Barbara Scharlau, Nancy Turrell and Marianne Vinette.**

For more information about Martin Youth LEADERship, and how you too, might become a sponsor, donor, event coordinator, advisory board member or obtain a student application for next year, please see the group web site at: [http://www.leadershipmcalumni.com/youth\\_leadership.asp](http://www.leadershipmcalumni.com/youth_leadership.asp), call (772) 486-4695 or email [MartinYouthLeadership@gmail.com](mailto:MartinYouthLeadership@gmail.com).

# LEADERship Martin County Alumni Appointed and Elected Officials 2023

Once you graduate from the **LEADERship Program Alumni LEADERS** are encouraged to get involved in their community serving in many ways to **“Make a Difference”** these are some of the **Alumni** who chose to serve in our government.

Tony Anderson - School Board Member	Anthony George - School Board
Dennis Armstrong - County Commissioner	Gayle Harrell - State Representative, District 83
Thomas Bausch - Sewall's Point Commissioner	Gayle Harrell - State Senator District 25
Barbara Bronis - 19 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Judge	Kevin Henderson - City Commissioner
Laurie Buchanan - 19 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Judge	Stacey Hetherington - Republican State Committeewomen
Michael Busha - School Board	Stacey Hetherington - County Commissioner, Dist. 2
Pamela Busha - Sewall's Point Commissioner	Charlene Hoag - County Commissioner
Tom Campenni - City Commissioner	Joyce Hobson - School Board
James Campo - Republican State Committeeman	Maggy Hurchalla - County Commissioner
James Campo - Commissioner	Laurel Kelly - County Property Appraiser
James Campo - Mayor of Sewall's Point	Karl Krueger - City Commissioner
Scott Chalmers - School Board	Troy McDonald - City Commissioner
Robert Crowder - County Sheriff	Merritt Matheson - City Commissioner
Vicki Davis - School Board	Joe Negron - State Senator District 32
Vicki Davis - Supervisor of Elections	Toby Overdorf - State Representative, District 83
Michael Diterlizzi - County Commissioner	Jen Russell - School Board
Michael Diterlizzi - School Board	Lorie Shekailo - School Board
Marsha Ewing - County Clerk of Court	William Snyder - State House Representative
Frank Fender - Sewall's Point Commissioner	William Snyder - Martin County Sheriff
Jenny Fields - County Property Appraiser	Darren Steele - County Judge
Elmira Gainey - County Commissioner	Carolyn Timmann - County Clerk of Court
Laurie Gaylord - School Board	Dr. Sara Wilcox - Superintendent of Schools
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**37 Alumni held 43 elected/appointed positions in the past 33 years**

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

Aug 6, Tues., 7:45am, **Business B4 Breakfast**, *Loving Chiropractic of Stuart*, 632 SE Monterey Road, Stuart

Aug. 13, Tues., 7:45am, **Business B4 Breakfast**, **Truist Bank**, 2400 SE Federal Highway, Stuart

Aug 14, Wed., 11:45am, **Council of Chambers Luncheon**, *Marriott Hutchinson Island Beach Resort*  
555 NE Ocean Blvd., Stuart, **Sponsored by: Proctor Construction / HBK CPA's & Consultants**

Aug. 20, Tues., 7:45am, **Business B4 Breakfast**, **Axis One Apartments**, 2201 NW Federal Highway, Stuart

Aug. 21, Wed., 5:30-7:30pm, **Business After Hours**, **Jensen Beach Bowl**, 2303 NE Dixie Hwy., Jensen Beach

Aug. 27, Tues., 7:45am, **Business B4 Breakfast**, **Frasier Creek Brewery & Distilling Co.**  
973 SE Federal Hwy., Stuart - **Sponsored by: Treasure Coast Urgent Care**



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2024-2025**

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Florida Atlantic University

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**Nancy Sailer**

# Bulletin Board

## POST YOUR NOTES



**Christen Spake**, class 33, was awarded Board Certification in the area of Real Estate Law by the Florida Bar, effective August 1. Board Certification is a distinction achieved by 5% of eligible Florida Bar members, conferred on attorneys who have met the Florida Bar's highest standards for special knowledge, skills and proficiency in various areas of law and professionalism as well as ethics in the practice of law.

### Alumni leaders

*Who own a Business or are CEO of an Organization and pay their annual membership dues can contact Editor Nancy Sailer at [jancy11@aol.com](mailto:jancy11@aol.com) about writing an article on how they are "Making a Difference" in our Community that we can publish in the LEADERlines from time to time.*

## REMEMBER

to join us  
for the  
**SimSoc Social**

on Saturday  
August 17  
from 5 – 7 pm  
at



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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](http://www.LeadershipMCalumni.com)

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