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Youth LEADERship Students participated in Career Day On March 21, at the Chastain campus of Indian River State College. The students were welcomed to the Wolf Technology Center by Dr. Denisha Bonds, Coordinator of Career Day and Career Coordinator at Clark Advanced Learning Center. Students rotated through a morning of breakout career-related sessions designed to help them acquire the skills of job hunting, budgeting, resume writing, personal branding and more. Leslie Haviland, Program Manager of Cleveland Clinic Martin Health gave a session on interview strategies, while Dr. Bonds presented a session about Business Etiquette and Networking.

In between sessions, the members of Martin Youth LEADERship participated in a Career Fair with two dozen local employers. Students had the opportunity to learn more about these organizations as they searched for summer employment, internships and volunteer opportunities as they honed newly learned skills.

Following the Career Fair, Dr. Nicholas Brown, Master Instructor for the School of Business for IRSC spoke about personal branding. Roz Johnson, Director of Human Resources for the City of Stuart, conducted a resume writing workshop. Sue Whittington, CRPC and partner at Espinal, Stern and Whittington/Morgan Stanley, spoke about budgeting and financial success strategies. As a volunteer leader in local non profits and a seasoned financial professional, Ms. Whittington gave valuable advice on budgeting, needs vs. wants, short term and long term saving, and much more.

Thanks to these local employers who participated in the Career Fair. Alumni Denisha Bonds 28, Leslie Haviland 21, Jason Berger 21, Ian Centrone 31, Cindy LaConte 7, Patrick LaConte 4, Sue Whittington 14, Debbie Banta 10, Bernadette Sefarin 25 and Roz Johnson 25.

Picture courtesy of Robin Hall-Out2 News



Youth LEADERship Accepting Applications for the 2023-24 School Year

Martin Youth LEADERship (MYL) is currently accepting applications for the upcoming school year. MYL is modeled after the renowned LEADERship Martin County program. It is open only to sophomores and juniors, who have the opportunity to practice leadership and problem solving exercises. Students meet monthly with local leaders like yourselves to learn about the same issues you did while in LEADERship: economics, public safety & law enforcement, arts & culture, health & wellness, a ropes course and more. They also have a Career Day, where they will learn to create resumes, how to network, proper business etiquette and much more. Graduates are eligible for an \$8K scholarship to further their education.

Please pass the word onto your sons, daughters, high school aged neighbors, etc. Students or parents can contact Coordinator Jeanne Dunn at martinyouthleadership@gmail.com or can go to the Martin Youth LEADERship page at https://www.leadershipmcalumni.com/youth-leadership.html. The application is at the bottom of the page.

MYL Graduation (Like the pictured shown) will be held at 11 am on Tuesday, April 18 at Miles Grant Country Club. Cost is \$40 per person.

Must RSVP by April 10th. Check-in is at 11 am and The lunch and ceremony starts at 11:30 am. Use the link below.

https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MTc5NDgz



Learning About Law Enforcement and Court System

LEADERship Class 32 was arrested and on their way to the Martin County jail by bus and paddy wagon. The class enjoy Public Safety Day by visiting the City of Stuart Police/ Fire Rescue and Martin County Sheriff's Office/ Fire Rescue and Court System.

Court roundtable discussion with Circuit Judge McNicholas, Sheriff William Snyder (class 7), Asst. Defender John Hetherington, Stuart Chief of Police Joseph Tumminelli (class 20), State Attorney Tom Bakkedahl (class 10)

Kevin Youngblood (class 26), Captain Bill Dowdy (class 31), Trisha Kukuvka (class 27), Captain Jason Ward (class 29) and many other officers and deputes assisted during the day. The class had a full day of experiencing the many hats and training the law and fire officers are required to do to keep our community safe.









Chief Deputy/Under Sheriff John Budensick (class 30)



Sergeant Brian Bossio (class 27)



Deputy Chief of Court Services Heather Rother (class 25) and Martin County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Carolyn Timmann (class 10)

Thanks to the Alumni Day Coordinators: George Dzama (class 31), Cindy Groover (class 30), Eric Kiehn (class 29), Nancy McCarthy (class 21), Sarah Baker (class 29), Elizabeth Glynn (class 26), David Sarno (class 21) Frank Fender (class 29).



Alumni Host Social for Class 32

LEADERship Alumni held a social at **Geoffrey Smith Gallery** on March 2, 2023 from 5 to 7 pm. **Class 32** leaders were invited to join them after their **Public Safety Day** to network. **The Boys and Girls Club of Martin County** catered the event.



Christina Hunter, Michelle Cullum, Lisa Teetor, Tish Gelineau & Tara Kruger



Marshall Critchfield, Joanne Zarro & Debra Duval



Cindy LaConte, Joe Flanagan & Christina Hunter



Sam Bruning & Eric Kiehn

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

Apr 4, Tues., 7:45am, Networking Breakfast, Visionary School of Arts, 1724 SE Indian Street, Stuart

Apr 11 Tues., 7:45am, Networking Breakfast, Sculpture Hospitality, Chamber Conf. Center, 1650 S Kanner Hwy, Stuart

Apr 12, Wed., 11:45am, Networking Luncheon, Edward Jones-Steve Shultz, Sandhill Cove Retirement, 1500 SW Capri St., PC

Apr 18, Tues., 7:45am, Networking Breakfast, Level 4 Telcom, Chamber Conference Center, 1650 S Kanner Hwy., Stuart

Apr 19, Wed., 5:00-8:00pm, <u>Auction</u> Business After Hours, SkyBlue Aviation, 2315 SE Witham Field Drive, Stuart

Apr 25, Tues., 7:45am, Networking Breakfast, Nova Southeastern University, Chamber CC, 1650 S Kanner Hwy., Stuart

EARN HOW.

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earn 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/thechamber/leadership to learn more and application.

Class 33 applications are now available and due June 20, 2023.







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 "Learn the and daily lives.

program, now in its a difference 32nd year, is reflected in Martin in the broad base of leaders who have gone through the program and chosen to make

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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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Stacy Raineri (10) founded Firefly twenty years ago, when she was a young mother with a 5 year -old daughter and a 3-year old son.

She was able to launch her own public relations and marketing firm taking the skills and knowledge she gained through previous jobs. Firefly has received many awards over the years, congratulations Stacy.



Michelle King, CFRE, chief development officer for Hibiscus Children's Center was named incoming chapter president

of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. President –Elect is Elisabeth Glynn (26) and Immediate Past President is Renee Booth (16). In 2022 their chapter was awarded the Ten Star Gold Chapter designation by AFP Global, the highest merit for local chapter.



Elizabeth Bonan (24) was recently elected to serve as chairman of the MartinArts Foundation board of directors. New board members

appointed are Dan Brady (24) and Alex Anzalone (32). MartinArts serves the community promoting and supporting the arts with their signature event, ArtsFest.

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