



LEADERlines

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF LEADERSHIP MARTIN COUNTY ALUMNI



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS 35!

What an absolutely spectacular finale for LEADERship Martin County Class 35!

The final day was nothing shy of awesome, kicking off at Treasure Coast Hospice where the class completely nailed their Capstone presentations. It was so obvious how much time, research, and heart went into their work—and that showed as they embellished great information with fun and personality!



We couldn't have done it without our incredible volunteers. Shoutout to Cindy Groover, Eric Kiehn, Stacy Little, Pat Nolan, and Christina Hunter for showing up and supporting the class, and to the ever-amazing Tim Kinane for beautifully guiding the day.

The grand finale wrapped up with an all-out, unforgettable Graduation celebration at the Monarch Country Club! Guests treated themselves to a delicious dinner, an open bar, and awesome live entertainment. The energy was unmatched as class members marched down the aisle to *Pomp & Circumstance* sponsored by **Ashley Capital**, enjoyed a nostalgic slideshow, embraced their new nicknames, and repped the color of their Simsoc room.

Capstone Volunteers from left to right: Cindy Groover, Eric Kiehn, Stacy Little, Tim Kinane, Pat Nolan, and Christina Hunter

FINALE CONT'D

This night was made possible with the support of DreamWorks Remodeling, Conchy Joe's Seafood Restaurant & Bar, Jami McCree/Chapman Capital Advisors, LEADERship Martin County Alumni, and Peaceful Projects.



More than anything, it was a beautiful celebration of the deep camaraderie and lifelong connections this LEADERship program is known and loved for.

Cheers to Class 35—you did it! And Cheers to all our LEADERship Committees and Volunteers - you made it ALL happen!

BLAST FROM THE PAST!



Tim Kinane recently shared this image from the archives of LEADERship Martin County. Members of Classes 1 through 12 are represented.

Who can identify these early LEADERS?

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear LEADERship Martin County Alumni,

As I wrap up my term as President, I want to express my sincere gratitude for the way you embraced me in this role. Serving this association has been a great honor in my professional life, and that is entirely because of the people who make up this alumni community.

Thank you for your support, your encouragement, your ideas, and your willingness to show up for one another and for Martin County.

Your engagement made the work meaningful, and your trust allowed me to lead with confidence and heart.

I am proud of what we accomplished together and excited for what lies ahead for this incredible network. I look forward to continuing to serve alongside you as Immediate Past President and as a fellow alum who believes deeply in the impact of this program.

Remember, your LEADERship journey doesn't end - it evolves.

With much appreciation,

Kate Muscarella
President
LEADERship Martin County Alumni



2025-2026 LEADERSHIP ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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LEADERship Program Director
Chris Vaccaro,
Class 34 Representative

2026/2027 SLATE OF OFFICERS

We're pleased to share the newly elected slate of officers for the upcoming term. This group brings a strong mix of experience, energy, and commitment to continuing the work of our program and supporting our alumni community.

We look forward to the leadership and momentum they will bring in the year ahead. They will be sworn in at the Installation of Officers event on June 24, 2026.

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Meghan Shirey, Class 35 Representative

Amber Ducote, LEADERship Martin County Program Coordinator

HURRICANE PREP

with Alumni Experts



On May 19, LEADERShip Alumni took over Martin County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to get prepped for hurricane season.

The morning was led by Sally Waite, Emergency Management Director, Martin County Fire Rescue (Class 33) and Jon Milton (Class 14), owner, Milton Engineering Consultants. With more than 50 years of combined experience, these Alumni experts were the perfect pair to get us up to speed.

Sally oversees all emergency management operations for the county. During a hurricane, the EOC is a 24/7, multi-agency hub working to ensure the safety and welfare of the public and emergency personnel. Sally's message included important information for small businesses, which are often hit hard by natural disasters. She offered a stark statistic: 75% of businesses without a continuity plan will fail following a major disaster. The good news is that there are steps owners can take to safeguard their businesses.



Sally and her team conduct emergency management trainings for businesses throughout the year. And, during an emergency, the EOC is staffed to help businesses.

Sally's message to everyone: During an emergency, stay informed from official sources!

HURRICANE CONT'D

Jon, a forensic structural engineer, took us deep into the do's and don'ts of prepping your home and business for a storm.

Here are some key takeaways:

- Perform a cursory roof inspection
- Clean your gutters
- Protect your exterior openings (windows and doors)
- Move important belongings to higher ground

Jon also pointed out the lessons learned from Hurricanes Milton and Ian. Though both storms made landfall on the Gulf Coast, they spawned tornadoes that created heavy damage on the East Coast. Milton was particularly devastating for areas Martin County.

“You don't have to be in the path of the storm to encounter the effects of these hurricanes,” Jon said. “Always put up your shutters.”



To connect to services from Martin County's Emergency Management, call (772) 287-1652. Learn more about Milton Engineering Consultants at miltonengineering.com. Many thanks to Sally and Jon for sharing their expertise with us!

TRIVIA: WHAT IS A FORENSIC STRUCTURAL ENGINEER?

Answer: A forensic structural engineer assesses hurricane damage, specifically the extent of damage that can reasonably be attributed to the storm.



BECOME A LEADERSHIP ALUMNI *Champion*

Sponsorship Level Details Full benefit descriptions for each sponsorship level.

<p>01 Friend of Youth LEADERShip \$100 <i>Every great community starts with one person saying yes.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Name listed in program newsletter ✓ Thank you recognition on social media ✓ Certificate of appreciation from the Foundation <p><i>Perfect for: Individuals, sole proprietors, and anyone who wants to be part of the LEADERShip community.</i></p>	<p>02 Community Advocate \$250 <i>Show your community that you invest in its leaders.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Everything in Friend, plus: ✓ Name listed on Foundation website sponsor page ✓ Year-round recognition in all digital newsletters <p><i>Perfect for: Small businesses, families, and individuals who want meaningful community visibility.</i></p>			
<p>03 Civic Partner \$500 <i>Recognized at every event as a builder of community.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Everything in Advocate, plus: ✓ Recognition by name at all LEADERShip events ✓ Inclusion in event programs and printed materials ✓ Recognized in year-end community impact report <p><i>Perfect for: Local businesses wanting event visibility and civic brand alignment without a major investment.</i></p>	<p>04 Supporting Sponsor \$1,000 <i>Your logo alongside Martin County's leadership community.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Everything in Civic Partner, plus: ✓ Logo placement on Foundation website ✓ Logo on all event materials and signage ✓ Feature post on LEADERShip social media channels ✓ Listed in all digital communications to network <p><i>Perfect for: Regional businesses and professional service firms looking for sustained brand recognition.</i></p>			
<p>05 Community Sponsor \$2,500 <i>Visible at the intersection of business and civic leadership.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Everything in Supporting, plus: ✓ Invitation to Youth LEADERShip programming sessions ✓ Recognition at Alumni networking events ✓ Highlighted in year-end impact report with logo <p><i>Perfect for: Companies invested in workforce development and talent pipeline in Martin County.</i></p>	<p>06 Leadership Sponsor \$5,000 <i>A defining partner in Martin County's leadership ecosystem.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Everything in Community, plus: ✓ Logo recognition in all Foundation digital communications ✓ Featured partner on website homepage ✓ Named recognition at all major events ✓ Priority invitation to all programs and alumni events ✓ Direct access to LEADERShip alumni network <p><i>Perfect for: Established regional businesses and institutions that want to be recognized as a community pillar.</i></p>			
<p>07 PRESENTING SPONSOR \$10,000 <i>The defining partner of LEADERShip Martin County Alumni Foundation for Youth.</i></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="background-color: #F0F0F0; padding: 5px;"> <p>Visibility & Recognition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Top logo placement on ALL materials ✓ Named in every event and communication ✓ Featured on website as Presenting Partner ✓ Logo at every event with premium placement </td> <td style="background-color: #F0F0F0; padding: 5px;"> <p>Program Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Speaking opportunity at the major annual event ✓ Invitation to specific programming and sessions ✓ Named in all alumni and civic communications </td> <td style="background-color: #F0F0F0; padding: 5px;"> <p>Network & Impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Priority access to LEADERShip alumni events ✓ Year-round social media recognition ✓ Naming opportunity discussion available </td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Perfect for: Organizations that want to own their positioning as the primary leadership development partner in Martin County.</i></p>		<p>Visibility & Recognition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Top logo placement on ALL materials ✓ Named in every event and communication ✓ Featured on website as Presenting Partner ✓ Logo at every event with premium placement 	<p>Program Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Speaking opportunity at the major annual event ✓ Invitation to specific programming and sessions ✓ Named in all alumni and civic communications 	<p>Network & Impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Priority access to LEADERShip alumni events ✓ Year-round social media recognition ✓ Naming opportunity discussion available
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Event Sponsorship Opportunities

Youth LEADERShip Scholarship Fundraiser	Alumni Networking Event	Leadership Speaker Luncheon
<p><i>The flagship annual fundraising event. Premium visibility with Martin County's leadership community.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Prominent event signage ✓ Recognition during program ✓ Social media promotion ✓ Named in all event communications ✓ Sponsor visibility with civic leaders 	<p><i>Connect your brand with established alumni leaders across all sectors of Martin County.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Name on all event invitations ✓ Recognition during networking ✓ Social media feature post ✓ Visibility with business and civic leaders 	<p><i>Align with thought leadership and professional development in Martin County.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Logo on event materials ✓ Introduction by Foundation leadership ✓ Social media recognition ✓ Featured in post-event communications

CONTACT US

to get started!

Ready. Set. IMPACT!



Now Accepting Applications for **LEADERShip** Martin County Class 36

This immersive 10-month leadership development program is designed for professionals who are ready to level up their careers while building deep roots in our community. LEADERShip is an all-access pass to the engines that make Martin County run!



THE EXPERIENCE: Behind-the-Scenes Access

On the 1st Thursday of the month, from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM, you'll step away from your desk and into the field. Each session gives you a 360° perspective of a specific pillar of our community, featuring exclusive tours and candid conversations with industry titans to include:

- Environment & Agriculture
- Education
- Economic
- Government
- Public Safety
- Health & Human Services
- History, Arts & Culture

TAKE the LEAD

Whether you are a seasoned executive or an emerging mover & shaker, Class 36 will challenge you to think bigger and lead better.

THE GROWTH:

Level Up Your Leadership

Beyond the tours, Class 36 is an investment in you. Every session includes a **Leadership Skill Deep Dive**. We move beyond the surface to help you:

- **Learn to Lead** with more influence and clarity.
- **Audit your strengths and weaknesses** through professional self-assessment.
- **Expand your network** by bonding with a cohort of diverse, high-achieving peers.

Amber Ducote, Program Director
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Applications are available online now.
stuartmartinchamber.org



STUART/MARTIN COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Don't miss your chance to be part of the next legacy of leaders in Martin County.

JUNE 2026

Upcoming Events

LEADERSHIP MARTIN COUNTY ALUMNI

Let's Celebrate

35 Years of Leadership:
A Legacy in Motion

Mix, mingle, and toast to 35 years of connection, service, and leadership excellence.

Join us as we celebrate the history and legacy of the **LEADERShip Martin County program**, witness the **Installation of Officers**, and support the **Nancy Sailer Youth LEADERShip Scholarship** all while enjoying Elevated Bites and Open Bar

June 24, 2026 | Culture Shift-Elixery | 4:30 - 6:30

2196 SE Ocean Blvd, Stuart, Florida 34996

RSVP

\$75 pp

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

RSVP

Bulletins



Meghan Shirey (Class 35) recently became the Director of Strategic Growth for the **Martin County Police Athletic League (PAL)**.

W E L C O M E

Class 35!



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Stuart/Martin Chamber of Commerce

JUNE EVENTS

June 9 Business B4 Breakfast
Frasier Creek Brewing & Distilling

June 10 Business at Lunch
Monarch Country Club

June 16 Business B4 Breakfast
Alice's Restaurant

June 23 Business After Hours
Manero's

June 17 Business B4 Breakfast
10th Street Community Center

June 25 Dinks Drinks & Pickleball
Diadem Jensen Beach

June 30 Business B4 Breakfast
Truist Bank

LEADERShip Martin County Alumni

Our Mission:

To inspire continuous professional and personal growth in the LEADERShip Martin County community.

Our Vision:

A strong LEADERShip Alumni network that nurtures meaningful connections, opportunities and ideas that strengthen the Martin County community and future generations of leaders.