

LEADERlines

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF LEADERSHIP MARTIN COUNTY ALUMNI



CLASS 35 UPDATE: ECONOMICS DAY

On December 4, Class 35 hit the ground running for an Economics Day that was nothing short of a resounding success!

The day offered an incredible "backstage pass" to the engines driving our local economy, featuring fascinating tours of our local airport, the master craftsmanship at **Willis Custom Yachts**, and the global operations of **International Training SDI**. The group gained

invaluable regional insights through a powerhouse presentation by Bill Fruth of **Policom**, which perfectly complemented the deeply personal and ever-memorable "WHY" exercise led by Tim Kinane. This deep dive into purpose and perspective left the class feeling inspired and more connected than ever.

A massive thank you goes to Eric Kiehn for his leadership in overseeing the creation and flawless organization of the day. We are also immensely grateful to our dedicated volunteers and WHY Facilitators who brought the day's mission to life: Sarah Baker, Brian Carney, Cindy Groover, Kelly Guttveg, Leslie Judd, Stacy Little, Kate Muscarella, Brian Powers, Cheree Ramirez, Samantha Suffich, Joanna Mangan, Wayne Filowitz, Chris Vaccaro, Jennifer Carter, Jimmy Collins, and Pat Nolan. From the tarmac to the yacht basin, Class 35 absolutely enjoyed every moment of this high-impact day!



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear LEADERship Alumni,

As we welcome a new year, I'm filled with gratitude for the strength, service, and spirit of this remarkable alumni community. Each of you continues to lead with purpose, whether in your workplaces, neighborhoods, or civic circles—and your commitment to making our community stronger is the heartbeat of our mission; to inspire continuous professional and personal growth in the LEADERship Martin County community.

In the year ahead, we look forward to creating even more opportunities for you to connect, learn, and lead. From civic tours and professional development sessions to alumni gatherings and community conversations, our goal remains the same: to support you as you continue shaping the future of our community.



To stay informed about upcoming events and opportunities, I encourage you to follow our Facebook page, LEADERship Martin County Alumni, keep an eye on your email inbox, and visit the Events page on our website, www.leadershipmcalumni.com throughout the year. These channels will help you stay connected and ensure you never miss a chance to engage.

Thank you for the example you set and the impact you make every day. I'm excited for all we will accomplish together in the months ahead.

With gratitude,

Kate Muscarella
President, Leadership Martin County Alumni

ALUMNI SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

LEADERship Alumni from Class 29 were spotted supporting YMCA of the Treasure Coast during a giveback night at Frazier Creek Brewing and Distilling Company. Pictured here are Sarah Baker (a YMCA board member), Cher Fisher and Kate Muscarella. The camera missed the event's host, YMCA President and CEO Charlene Lyons (Class 25).



Meet the Board Member!



Fun Facts

- **Because both of my parents were educators, I swore I would never teach—and was an instructor at IRSC for twelve solid years!**
- **I am on the boards of Martin County Healthy Start, Martin County Police Athletic League, Florida Association of Drug Court Professionals, and the Circuit 19 Juvenile Justice Advisory Board. I volunteer with Junior League of Martin County as Membership Chair and with The Traveling Youth.**

JOANNA GREENE, CLASS 32

Human Services Manager

Martin County Board of County Commissioners

Hometown: Macon, GA

Current City: Port St. Lucie

How long have you lived in the area? **30 years. My husband and I moved here from New Orleans for his job, and we've raised our family here. I love being in a place where we have so many significant memories, all over the Treasure Coast!**

Tell us about your current organization and your position.

I work in Human Services overseeing the case management for Drug Court, Mental Health Court, our Juvenile REACH and Civil Citation programs, the Martin County Drug Lab, and the Martin County Community Action Coalition. I love the variety, and I love the opportunity to make people's lives better in tangible ways. We have an incredible staff and I genuinely enjoy coming to work every day. My co-workers are such great people!

What was your favorite part about doing LEADERship Martin County? **I learned so much about the county! I was so impressed by the areas we visited; absolutely loved the field trips and loved my class. What a fun bunch of people we had!**

What does "leadership" mean to you? **I think leadership is context-dependent, and it can look very different from what we might think. I also think that "to whom much is given, much is required"; leadership of any type is an important responsibility to those we serve.**

PHILÓTIMO

Wishing You Harmony, Health and Meaningful Moments for 2026

By Tim Kinane

Philótimo (φιλότιμο) is a core Greek concept meaning "love of honor," but it's a complex virtue encompassing deep-seated values like duty, family loyalty, dignity, generosity, and doing what's right without expecting reward, driving people to act honorably for their community and self-respect. It's about serving others out of inner conviction, going beyond mere obligation, and embodying traits like hospitality, respect, and selflessness.

Watch an artistic interpretation of Philótimo by French-Canadian pianist and composer, Alain Lefèvre.



FINDING THE CANDY CANE MOMENTS

Everyday Leadership with Tim Kinane



LEADERship Alumni closed out 2025 with inspiration from our resident leadership guru Tim Kinane.

During a lunch and learn on Dec. 18, Tim challenged us to recognize the “lollipop” (or candy cane!) moments that changed us for the better.



Leadership doesn't have to be about grand achievements. Little moments of connection can have the biggest impact. And most importantly, sharing gratitude with the people who delivered those moments creates a momentum of positivity much bigger than ourselves. The exercise was a great - and timely - reminder that the best gifts don't have to come wrapped in a bow.



COMMUNITY CORNER

City of Stuart Recreation Division

by Jessica Tharp, Class 32

The City of Stuart's Recreation Division continues to be a vibrant heartbeat of our community—bringing neighbors together, inspiring healthy lifestyles, and creating meaningful memories for residents of all ages.



Whether you're looking to get active, learn something new, or simply spend time outdoors, our parks and community center offer year-round programs designed with everyone in mind.

From early-morning walkers to families enjoying weekend picnics, our parks serve as welcoming spaces for play, relaxation, and connection. Seasonal sports leagues, youth clinics, adult fitness classes, and outdoor family events fill our green spaces each week. Our team works hard to maintain clean, safe, and fun environments where community life can truly flourish.

Inside the 10th Street Community Center, you'll find a lively schedule of programs for all ages. Children can explore creativity through arts and crafts and pre-school sports programs. Teens and adults enjoy workshops, wellness classes, and social gatherings, while seniors have access to daily meals, activities that support health, companionship, and continued learning. Our facility is also home to special events throughout the year, from holiday celebrations to cultural gatherings.

The Recreation Division hosts a wide array of community events that have become beloved Stuart traditions. These include Spooktacular Night at the Park, seasonal festivals, health and wellness expos, and family-friendly celebrations in our parks. Each event is designed to welcome everyone—long-time residents, new neighbors, and visitors alike.

At the heart of every program is a simple goal: to help our city thrive by encouraging connection, wellness, and engagement. We believe recreation should be accessible to everyone, and we are continually expanding our offerings to meet the needs of our growing community. We invite you to explore what the Stuart Recreation Division has to offer.

Come join the fun—and let's keep Stuart active, vibrant, and connected!

Learn more at www.stuartrec.com.



Do you have an update to share about a community initiative? Are you a current Alumni member? We want to hear from you! Contact us at info@leadershipmcalumni.com for more information.

Upcoming Events

LEADERship Martin County Alumni invites you

BEHIND THE SHIELD

– honoring protection,
service, and leadership

January 15, 2026

At 8:30 am

830 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Stuart, FL 34994



Flamur Zenelovic

Chief of Police

Register Today:

Free for active alumni / \$10 for inactive alumni



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JANUARY 2026

Upcoming Events



LEADERship
MARTIN COUNTY ALUMNI FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH, INC.

JOIN US ON A TOUR OF THE NEWEST
LOCATION OF PROJECT LIFT AND LEARN
HOW THEY ARE

CHANGING LIVES THROUGH INNOVATION



PROJECT LIFT

STRONG MINDS • SKILLED TRADES

FEBRUARY 3, 2026
@ 10:00 AM

12050 SE LANTANA AVE.
HOBE SOUND, FL 33455

REGISTER TODAY:



Bulletins



Angela Kacprovicz (Class 33) is the incoming Vice President of the **Young Professionals of Martin County**.



Tami Karol (Class 32) was given a Small Biz Big Heart Award by the **Association of Fundraising Professionals Treasure Coast Chapter**.



Nina Ferraro, Esq. (Class 32) was given a Luminary Award by the **Association of Fundraising Professionals Treasure Coast Chapter**.



Elizabeth Barbella (Class 11) was named Business Leader of the Year 2025 by the **Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County**.

We want to share your news!
Contact us at
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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.



Congratulations to Megan Merrifield (Class 32) who welcomed a new baby boy on Jan. 6.

Stuart/Martin Chamber of Commerce

JANUARY EVENTS

Jan. 13 Business B4 Breakfast
10th Street Community Center

Jan. 14 Business at Lunch
Village of Indiantown

Jan. 20-22 Treasure Coast Legislative Conference in Tallahassee

Jan. 27 Business B4 Breakfast
Frazier Creek Brewing & Distilling

Be a LEADERlines Guest Contributor!

In the Biz is an opportunity for LEADERship Alumni to share your expertise, special updates about how your business and ways you can be an asset to your fellow members. Contact info@leadershipmcalumni.com for more information. *Must be a current member to participate.*