

## Youth Scholarship Winner

An the Winner is MELODY MCAFEE, who is the recipient of the “Nancy Sailer Youth LEADERship Scholarship”. She is a Senior at Jensen Beach High School and a graduate of Youth LEADERship Program Class 24.

Melody was selected for her dedication in being a leader with a Weighted 6.1731 GPA and ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in her class. The college she plans to attend is Florida State University with her twin brother and older brother who is a junior at the college. Political Science is her major an she hopes being in Tallahassee will give her the opportunity for internships to further her career.



Melody has enjoyed volunteering in the community for Humane Society, House of Hope and Reading Success Center. As a leader in school she was in Swimming & Flag Football 4 years and Varsity Captain for both. Spirit Chair for 2 years for the Student Government Association. Her role in the SGA has stood out as an undeniably impactful experience for both herself and her high school. After earning her undergraduate degree at a school in the DC-Metropolitan area and expanding her knowledge in this center of government it only pushes her closer to success in law.

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## A Mother's Thank You

Dear Jeanne Dunn, Youth Program Coordinator

*As you know, it has been a very busy week with the Martin Youth LEADERship Program luncheon and Scholarship night at JBHS last night. I am so glad my children were able to participate in this program and I would like to thank you for giving them that opportunity in the post-COVID world. Both of them were exposed to the elements of what shapes a thriving and successful community...most importantly, the leaders in it. Both children grew so much because of the experience in the program that you and your organization created. I would especially like to note that I feel Nicholas's public speaking and communication has changed noticeably; he didn't take the AP Capstone course which I felt taught Melody so much about presentation/effective speaking. He's more articulate. I thought you would enjoy hearing that, as I heard you mention during the presentations, that you strived for the students to work on "public speaking".*

*Our family was so pleased that Melody was chosen to receive the Martin Youth LEADERship Scholarship because there were so many outstanding seniors to choose from. It was truly a great surprise. Thank you again for everything you do,*

*Sincerely, Christina McAfee*

**Martin Youth LEADERship** recently graduated all 40 students from this year’s class, “Hardcore 24” on April 18 to a crowd of parents, teachers, school board members and community leaders.

Students made their year-end Mini-Capstone projects at the Blake Library. Similar to adult LEADERship, student groups were given a community problem and each group gave presentations and participated in a peer-to-peer question and answer session. Their session concluded with an online game using their smart phones. 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 Miles Grant Country Club. Students demonstrated to their parents, teachers, local business leaders and other guests their public speaking skills. Class 24 from all four of Martin County’s public high schools. ***Congratulations to the young leaders:***

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|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Annabella Adams | Dalton French   | Aiden Levy       | Kate Parr           |
| Alli Berger     | Graham Garner   | Bella Marcucci   | Emma Peck           |
| Vaughn Berhoff  | Zoe Gozdz       | Melody McAfee    | Will Perry          |
| Gabby Camacho   | Gerard Grate    | Nick McAfee      | Willow Rudge        |
| Kylie Crumpler  | JP Holloran     | Riley McGuire    | Aydan Schwerdtfeger |
| Skylar Crumpler | Gretchen Howe   | Grady McKinney   | Tanjila Shawkat     |
| Goldie Davilmar | Zoe Jendrusiak  | Ameera Mehan     | Kaylie Strom        |
| Alex Dill       | Courtney Jones  | Hannah Molinia   | Ross White          |
| Jack Elliott    | Christina Josie | Anna Oppenheiser | Elizabeth Wire      |
| Grace Fenedick  | Savannah Kautz  | Lilly Parr       | Kate Zoetmulder     |

The program, which was initiated by **LEADERship Martin County Alumni**, would not be possible without their support and other sponsors. Pictures courtesy of Out2News



Youth LEADERship Students of Class 24



School liaisons & facilitator



Drew, Courtney, Joanne Jones



Vaughn Berhoff, Melody & Nick McAfee



Diana Bruton & Jeanne Dunn

# Health and Human Services Day

*LEADERship Class 32 spent the day touring the Health and Human Services facilities in Martin County. The Planning Committee coordinated a great day by conducting tours and presentations by local health services and nonprofit organizations.*



Thanks to LEADERship Alumni: Cheree Ramirez (27), Jill Ball (28), Agnieszka Marshall (25), Sharon Kinane (9), Elisabeth Glynn (26) and Tim Kinane (1). A special thank you to our breakfast sponsor, Jill Ball with VIP America and our lunch sponsor Keith “Fletch” Fletcher (30) with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Martin County.



Class 32 was updated on community activities by Karen Ripper (5) with the Kane Center and by Keith “Fletch” Fletcher with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Martin County.



## Alumni New T-Shirt Available

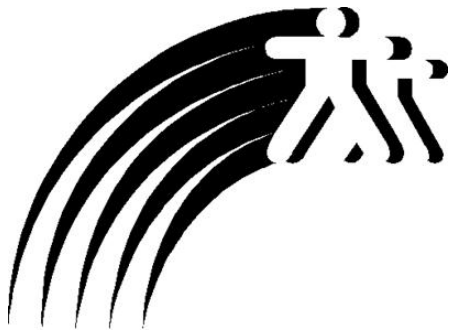


Thank you, Keith “Fletch” Fletcher (#30Strong) for your generous donation! Our newly designed T-Shirts will arrive this month and be offered for sale to all Alumni. To help launch this new design, we will present one complimentary T-Shirt to graduating class #32 during their Capstone class on



May 4<sup>th</sup>. More details, and a bonus offer to on-time dues payers will be shared next month. Meanwhile, I hope you like the new design, and practice the tag line message that won the contest last year. **“Bring out the BEST in everybody”**

## Youth LEADERShip Class 25 Applications



The **Martin Youth LEADERShip Program** for high school students is now seeking applications for **Class 25** and will be available to SENIORS, as well as sophomores and juniors.

For more information about how you can get involved, or how your high school student can apply, please see the web site at: <http://www.leadershipmcalumni.com/youth-leadership/>, or contact program coordinator Jeanne Dunn at [MartinYouthLeadership@gmail.com](mailto:MartinYouthLeadership@gmail.com) or at (772) 486-4695. Applications for the 2023-24 program can be obtained at the Guidance Office of each high school in Martin County or at the bottom of the web-site page.

**The deadline for submission is May 18, 2023**

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

May 2 Tues., 7:45am, <b>Business Before Breakfast</b> , <i>Sandy Pines</i> , 11301 SE Tequesta Terrace, Tequesta
May 3, Wed., 11:45am-1:00pm, <b>Business at Lunch</b> , <i>Marriott Hutchinson Island Beach Resort</i> , 555 NE Ocean Blvd, Stuart Sponsored by: <i>BDB MC, White Glove Moving &amp; Storage, Stuart Air Show</i>
May 16, Tues., 7:45am, <b>Business Before Breakfast</b> , <i>SouthState Stuart</i> , 2400 SE Monterey Road, Suite 100, Stuart
May 17, Wed., 5:30-7:00pm, <b>Business After Hours</b> , <i>Twisted Tuna</i> , 4290 SE Salerno Road, Stuart
May 23, Tues., 7:45am, <b>Business Before Breakfast</b> , <i>act computers</i> , Chamber CC, 1650 S Kanner Hwy., Stuart



# Bulletin Board

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**LOOK**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S  
DAY**

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Your news, announcements, and

changes in your work to share

with other Alumni in

**LEADERlines**

**LEADERship  
MARTIN COUNTY**

Learn 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](mailto:claconte@stuartmartinchamber.org) or (772) 341-6096.

Visit <https://www.stuartmartinchamber.org/the-chamber/leadership> to learn more and application.

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



## 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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