

Summer 2015

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BRINGING COMMUNITY LEADERS TOGETHER

SINCE 1991, THE MISSION OF LEADERSHIP PASCO is to identify and recruit current or potential leaders of Pasco County, facilitate the development and interaction of those leaders, and to foster an issues-oriented learning environment for these leaders and the citizens of Pasco County in order to encourage an exchange of ideas and generate enthusiasm for community growth and development.

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President's Message



Leadership Pasco concluded the class of 2015's 25th year with great success. The class organized our annual fundraising event, Taste of Pasco where they were able to raise more than \$45,000.00. This money will benefit three (3) local organizations: The Salvation Army Domestic Violence Shelter, Metropolitan Ministries, and Student Survival. In addition, the class also set aside funding to provide scholarships for two (2) students in Class of 2016 and to sponsor a program day for this year.

Great job Class of 2015! Your impact to our community this year is a great example of what Leadership Pasco tries to emphasize - learn, lead, and fulfill our community.

I would like to thank all of our sponsors and volunteers for helping out with each program day. Without the financial support, and volunteerism we have been so blessed to receive, our organization would not be as successful as it is. In our newsletter and on our website you will notice a section dedicated to recognizing our sponsors. Please take the time to check out this list and, if given the opportunity, give back to these great organizations who have given so much to ours.

This year, we recognized Craig Laporte for his many years of service to our Leadership Pasco Board. Craig has served more than 9 years on our board and now under our bylaws has "termed out". We will miss Craig tremendously, as he has served in many capacities on the Board, and has also headed our Criminal Justice Day, and Orientation Day. Craig's law firm, Proly, Laporte, & Mulligan, has financially supported Leadership Pasco over the years, and has also provided our organization with pro bono legal support and consultation.

Craig was the reason why I became involved in Leadership Pasco. I cannot thank him enough for his support and friendship. Thanks again Craig for all you have done and continue to do for our organization.

This year, Bob Memoli was recognized as our Judith Rochelle award winner as voted upon by the board. Bob has served more than 9 years on our board in many capacities and has contributed to several organizations in our community. Craig Laporte presented Bob with the award at our Class Graduation and recapped the many decades of service Bob has provided to our community, Rotary, youth organizations, and individuals.

Thanks again Bob for all you have done and continue to do for our organization too.

Finally I would like to welcome the Class of 2016. In a few short months you will gain more knowledge about Pasco County, and experience its voluminous opportunities.

Tom Celotto

Leadership Pasco Welcomes Class of 2016

by Craig Laporte (Class of 2006)

Leadership Pasco's Class of 2016 got things kicked off on Thursday, August 27, 2015 at the Tampa Bay Golf & Country Club. The class, composed of 38 of Pasco's current and future leaders, was introduced to the rigorous class schedule they will face for the next nine months. The class is composed of business leaders, professionals, non-profit leaders, government employees and health care professionals, providing diverse backgrounds.

The evening began with an explanation by each month's program chairs of the learning experiences they will encounter during programs such as the 2-day bus tour, criminal justice, healthcare, government and media, leadership in action, and more. After the initial explanation, the class mingled with Leadership Pasco alumni for a sit-down dinner, during which each class member was introduced by an alum.

Orientation provides just a glimpse into the coming year, and begins the challenge for the class in deciding a worthy time and energy investment into its class project. The program will culminate in its graduation ceremony in May 2016. By then the class will have merged into a cohesive group of friends and business contacts that will last the rest of their lives.



VOICES OF LEADERSHIP

by Tony Vannatta

Class of 2014

"Class of 1-4, focused to do more!"

Sales Marketing Manager, Team Farrell



I'm just a Jersey boy at heart but I have lived in Pasco for the last 27 years. My wife and I have been married 24 years and we're proud to be raising our three children right here in Pasco. Although I've lived on the west side of the county, I'd never really ventured over to the east side of Pasco... until joining Leadership Pasco.

As the President of Leadership Pasco's Class of 2014 "Focused To Do More," I was amazed by the opportunity to learn about my community and connect with other leaders. Being involved in the community for more than 10 years, I thought that I knew everything and everyone in Pasco. Boy, was I wrong.

Throughout each of the program days, I was so impressed on all that Pasco County has to offer and even to experience its large size. The friends and business opportunities that I made throughout the year were priceless. We all share a bond now, especially after SimSoc.

The Leadership Pasco program was an eye-opening experience for me and one that I recommend to anyone that lives or works here in Pasco. I'm very happy that I made the decision to join Leadership Pasco and become part of its history. Today, I am proud to serve Leadership Pasco as a board member among such a class act of people who will lead Pasco into the future.

Scott Byrnes

Class of 2012

"You can't out do the Class of 1-2"

Owner, All Corners Home Inspections



**Thank you Scott, for
designing our NEW Leadership Pasco logo!**

Leadership Pasco Welcomes New Board Members

by *Carla Armstrong (Class of 2014)*

Leadership Pasco is excited to announce the appointment of three new members to its Board of Trustees. Joining the Board of Trustees are Ed Caum, Kim Hamm and Todd Pillars. "All three of our newest Board members embody the spirit of community and bring talent, expertise and energy to the table. We are very fortunate to have them by our side as we continue to develop and unite community leaders through Leadership Pasco", Tom Celotto, Leadership Pasco Board Chairman.



Ed Caum has been with Pasco County for five years, working in the Office of Tourism Development. He was recently promoted to the position of Tourism Manager and leads a team of four. Ed is retired military and has considerable experience in non-profit operation and government operations. He has a combination of communication, marketing and sales skills that will serve well in promoting Pasco, both nationally and internationally.

He currently serves on two of Visit Florida's committees, the Marketing Steering Council Committee and is Vice-chair of the Cultural, Heritage, Rural and Nature Committee. Ed has also served on the Salt Springs Alliance board for Werner-Boyce Salt Springs State Park for the past four years. A graduate of multiple military leadership courses during his career, Ed has also completed two County Leadership Programs in Indiana and is a graduate of the Leadership Pasco Class of 2014.



Kim Hamm, originally from Connecticut, relocated to Pasco County from Palm Harbor in 1989. She is the Vice President of Finance and Accounting at Youth and Family Alternatives, Inc., where she developed the organization's first website and established an in-house IT function.

Devoted to community service, Kim served on Deer Park Elementary School's PTO Board for many years as Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President, and was the school's Penny for Pasco Sales Tax Initiative representative during 2003-2004. In addition, she serves on the boards of the Pasco Pediatric Foundation and the Pasco County Homeless Coalition. She is a graduate of the Pasco County Citizen's Academy and a proud graduate of the Leadership Pasco Class of 2015.



Todd Pillars is one part Technologist, one part Marketer, one part Creative, and all Entrepreneurial. After almost two decades as an I.T. Consultant Todd picked up a camera and made the switch from analytical to creative, becoming a professional photographer. Now Todd combines all his experience into a recipe for success as a REALTOR® with Florida Luxury Realty in Trinity.

Named the 2014 "Rookie of the Year" by the West Pasco Board of Realtors, Todd is a Certified Go-Giver Coach with National Best Selling Author, Bob Burg, and teaches others how to increase business, and referrals, by giving. Elected Vice President of the Leadership Pasco Class of 2015, Todd represented his class at Leadership Pasco board meetings. Todd was a founding board member for the Trinity Odessa Chamber of Commerce and serves as its Chairman of the Board for 2015-2016.

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