



e-Cast

May 2021

Announcing 17 New Lifetime Members
Meet a Lifetime Member
New Lifetime Member Benefits
Are You an Author?
Upcoming Events
Important Dates to Save!
Congratulate over 100 Movers & Shakers
Staff Spotlight

Dear Leadership Florida Member,

As you scroll through this email, you will find that this issue of the e-Cast is full of exciting news. One of the most exciting times of the year is when we all come together for the Annual Meeting and we are thrilled that we will finally be "Together Again" in November. Be sure to mark your calendars; we want to see you at The Diplomat in Hollywood this fall.

And speaking of Annual Meeting, this year, we will be dedicating time to showcase some of our members that are authors. See the "Calling All Authors" box below for a link to submit your information. If you are an author, we want to know!



Finally, I wish to congratulate each of the 124 Movers & Shakers listed in this e-Cast. If you have a recent accomplishment and you aren't listed, please let us know. We want to celebrate with you too.

Many thanks for your commitment to our organization and to the state of Florida.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Spencer". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Wendy Spencer
Cornerstone Class 24
President and Chief Executive Officer
Leadership Florida



Mark your calendars
for these events you
do not want to miss!

**3RD ANNUAL GATHERING
OF EDUCATION LEADERS**

Virtual Program
June 11, 2021

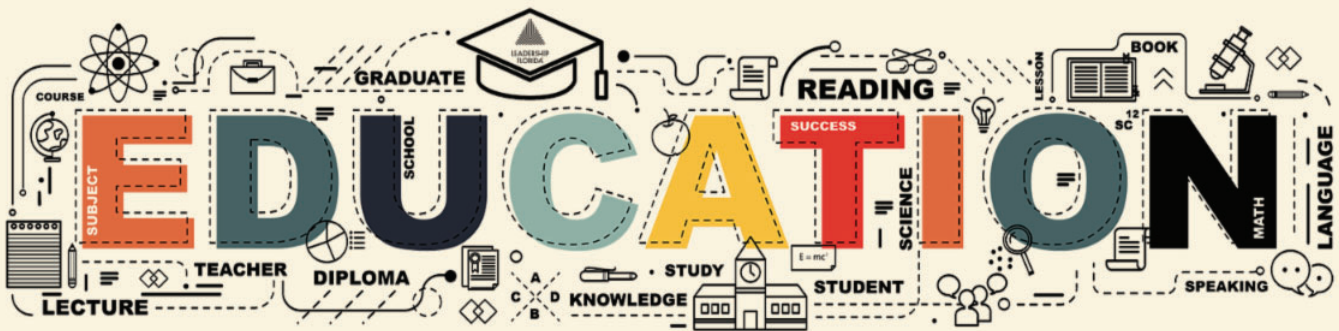
**2021 ANNUAL BUSINESS
MEETING**

Virtual Program
June 24, 2021

**2021 ANNUAL MEETING!
TOGETHER AGAIN!**

Hollywood, FL
November 12-14, 2021

3RD ANNUAL GATHERING OF EDUCATION LEADERS
THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION



VIRTUAL PROGRAM

JUNE 11, 2021



2021 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING



**LEADERSHIP
FLORIDA®**

JUNE 24, 2021



NOVEMBER 12 - 14, 2021

Friday thru Sunday

THE DIPLOMAT - HOLLYWOOD, FL

WE WILL BE TOGETHER AGAIN!

Calling All Authors!



ARE YOU AN AUTHOR?

Do you have one or more published books?

WE WANT TO KNOW!

Please let us know by completing the form [here](#). You may have a chance to speak about your book(s) at the upcoming Annual Meeting in November.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Forum



[CLICK TO LEARN MORE](#)

Special Council: Empowering Ourselves to Create a More Equitable Florida

Tuesday, May 18, 2021
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM EDT



[CLICK TO LEARN MORE](#)

Leadership Florida's First Virtual Wine Tasting

Thursday, June 10, 2021
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM EDT



[CLICK TO LEARN MORE](#)

Come Fly Away with Us to Santa Fe for the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta in New Mexico!

October 3 - 8, 2021
Sunday - Friday



Leadership Florida Goes to Italy

Explore Rome and Florence

May 1, 2022 - May 8, 2022
Sunday - Sunday

[CLICK TO LEARN MORE](#)

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK FOR EVENTS IN YOUR REGION!

REGION EVENTS

Keep an eye on the full list of events on the Leadership Florida website. You will find registration for all of these events, in addition to Region-specific events such as:

Northwest Region Social-Opening Day: Blue Wahoos Baseball Stadium
May 11, 2021


Calusa Region Spring 2021 Social
May 22, 2021

Southwest Region Education And Social Event
May 26, 2021

[Leadership Florida Events Page](#)

New Lifetime Members



Michelle Alban 
CORNERSTONE CLASS 39
ViacomCBS
Southeast



Will Armstead
CORNERSTONE CLASS 39
Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County
Gulfstream



Bill Carlson
CORNERSTONE CLASS 23
Tucker Hall
West Central



Leah Carpenter
CORNERSTONE CLASS 39
Memorial Hospital West
Gold Coast



Henri Crockett
CORNERSTONE CLASS 35
Crockett Foundation
Gold Coast




Kerry Geroy
CORNERSTONE CLASS 29
Naples Global Advisors
Southwest



Hilda Gonzalez
CORNERSTONE CLASS 39
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Gulfstream



Keith Hoskins 
EXECUTIVE CLASS 11
Navy Federal Credit Union
Northwest



Jeff Kuhns
CONNECT CLASS 11
Kuhns Law Firm
Calusa

New Lifetime Members



Merdochey LaFrance
CONNECT CLASS 6
Verizon
Southeast



Rebecca Fishman Lipsey
EDUCATION CLASS 3
The Miami Foundation
Southeast



Ann McGee
CORNERSTONE CLASS 13
Seminole State College of Florida
East Central



Karen Moore
CORNERSTONE CLASS 14
The Moore Agency
Northwest



Deana Pizzo
CORNERSTONE CLASS 39
I.T. Solutions of South Florida
Gulfstream



Christine Robinson
CORNERSTONE CLASS 39
The Argus Foundation
Calusa



Marty Rubin
EXECUTIVE CLASS 4
Smart City
East Central



Rhys Williams 
CORNERSTONE CLASS 22
New World Angels
Gulfstream

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BRIAN BUTLER

President & CEO | Vistra Communications

Cornerstone Class 35

Army Veteran

East Central Region

Special Council Steering Committee

AS A LIFETIME MEMBER OF LEADERSHIP FLORIDA, WHAT ARE SOME OF THE WAYS YOU ENJOY YOUR MEMBERSHIP THE MOST?

As a member, as a Lifetime Member, I have been afforded opportunities to meet great people and build great relationships across the State of Florida. As I travel around the state for business or pleasure, it is great to meet with classmates and fellow Leadership Florida members wherever my travels take me.

WHAT ARE SOME WAYS YOUR CAREER HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY BECOMING A LIFETIME MEMBER?

The most significant benefit that I have received is the memorable bond that many of my classmates shared when a number of us pledged to become lifetime members at the same time. That was a moment that I will always remember, the commitment we made to maintain our involvement for years to come. Those bonds and the connection to Leadership Florida have helped me be a better business leader with better knowledge of activities throughout the state.

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED A “BUT FOR” MOMENT, IN WHICH THE EXPERIENCE COULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT LEADERSHIP FLORIDA?

I am a Florida Native and grew up in Riviera Beach, FL. I graduated college and was commissioned an Army Officer and then travelled to more than 60 countries during my military career. I experienced several “but for” moments as we travelled around the state. Although I knew quite a bit about our state, I learned to better understand and appreciate the historic challenges and the many opportunities that remain available.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE MEMORY FROM YOUR CLASS YEAR?

One of my favorite class year memories occurred at the Breakers Hotel. I grew up not far from the Breakers, my grandfather worked at the Breakers, and I grew up knowing that I was not welcome there. I actually had mixed feelings given the things he shared about working there in the 60's. When I had the opportunity to dine, learn, fellowship with friends, and play golf there, I was provided another perspective of how far we have come as a state and a nation.

**Thank you, Brian, for sharing with your fellow Leadership Florida members!
We are thankful for your commitment to Florida.**

LEADERSHIP FLORIDA FOR LIFE

BECOMING A LIFETIME MEMBER IS EASY!

Members that make a \$5400 tax-deductible gift to Leadership Florida become MEMBERS FOR LIFE.

*This amount includes a 10% discount for making a one-time payment upon pledging.
Payment plans are available for up to 5 years.*

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS OPPORTUNITY, PLEASE CONTACT MARY REGISTER.

mregister@leadershipflorida.org

PLEDGE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN BOTH PRINT AND ONLINE FORMAT ON THE LEADERSHIP FLORIDA WEBSITE.
www.leadershipflorida.org/lifetime-member

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- ▲ You will pay no more dues, for life!
- ▲ Unlike annual dues, the Lifetime Membership gift to Leadership Florida is entirely tax-deductible
- ▲ Invitation to a special Lifetime Members-only Reception for you and a guest for all future Annual Meetings
- ▲ Special recognition at each Annual Meeting
- ▲ Whenever possible, Lifetime Members receive advance notice to register for the Annual Meeting and stay in the host hotel
- ▲ Occasional advance notice to “but for” Leadership Florida offerings including trips and exclusive events that are limited in space
- ▲ A special Leadership Florida Lifetime Member lapel pin (redesigned for 2021). Please wear proudly to all events.

- ▲ Special recognition in a new section of the e-Cast announcing new Lifetime Members
- ▲ Social Media announcement about your new Lifetime Membership
- ▲ Future Social Media shout-outs (Movers & Shakers) will indicate your Lifetime Member status
- ▲ An invitation to be introduced at the next Leadership Florida Board of Directors Meeting (virtual meeting)

- ▲ Your name will be prominently listed in all future Annual Membership Directories on the Lifetime Members page
- ▲ Your photo, name, and basic information will be shown alphabetically in the Annual Membership Directory with a special icon indicating your Lifetime Membership
- ▲ Your name will be listed in your Region listing in the Annual Membership Directory with a special icon indicating your Lifetime Membership
- ▲ Your name will be listed with your Class in the Annual Membership Directory with a special icon indicating your Lifetime Membership
- ▲ Listing in special “Lifetime Members only” Online Membership Directory

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Betty Lowery
CORNERSTONE CLASS 21
 East Central

Congratulations to Betty Lowery,, for receiving the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' at the 23rd Annual Don Quijote Awards co-hosted by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Orlando (HCCMO) and Prospera!



Marielena DeSanctis
CORNERSTONE CLASS 35
 Community College of
 Denver
 Gold Coast

Congratulations to Marielena DeSanctis,, has been named the President of Community College of Denver!



Isabel Norton ▲
CORNERSTONE CLASS 12
 RIN Investments
 Calusa

Congratulations to Lifetime Member Isabel Norton (Special Council Member and past DistinguishedMember Award recipient) who was awarded the prestigious Stephen C. O'Connell Distinguished Service Award from the University of Florida! Isabel is the 5th person to receive this award which was started 20 years ago.



Clarence L. Hulse ▲
CORNERSTONE CLASS 22
 Michigan City Economic Dev.
 Corp.
 Out of State

Congratulations to Lifetime Member, Clarence L. Hulse, Executive Director of the Economic Development Corporation Michigan City has been elected to the Mid-America Economic Development Council board!



Karen Moore ▲
CORNERSTONE CLASS 14
 The Moore Agency
 Northwest

Congratulations to Lifetime Member, Karen Moore, awarded The BioFlorida Leadership Award by BioFlorida!



Jennifer O'Flannery
 Anderson
CORNERSTONE CLASS 26
 Community Foundation of
 Broward
 Gold Coast

Congratulations to Jennifer O'Flannery Anderson, appointed by Governor DeSantis to the CareerSource Florida Board of Directors!



Marlon Brown
CORNERSTONE CLASS 26
 City of Sarasota
 Calusa

Congratulations to Marlon Brown appointed as Interim City Manager for the City of Sarasota!



Eric Johnson
CONNECT CLASS 9
 Hillsborough Community
 College
 West Central

Congratulations to Eric Johnson, appointed to the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority Board of Directors!

MOVERS & SHAKERS



Lisa Scott-Founds
CORNERSTONE CLASS 30
 Winterfest
 Gold Coast

Congratulations to Lisa Scott-Founds appointed by Governor DeSantis to the Florida Film and Entertainment Advisory Council!



Tom Knight ▲
CORNERSTONE CLASS 33
 First Step of Sarasota
 Calusa

Congratulations to Lifetime Member, Tom Knight and his new role as CEO of First Step of Sarasota, Inc. starting January 25th!



Phillip Lloyd Hamilton
CONNECT CLASS 7
 Florida International
 University
 Southeast

Congratulations to Phillip Lloyd Hamilton for his new role as Director of Student Access & Success (Academic and Student Affairs) at Florida International University!



Lynette Cardoch
CORNERSTONE CLASS 27
 Moffatt & Nichol
 Southeast

Congratulations to Lynette Cardoch, appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis to the Florida Commission on Community Service, also known as Volunteer Florida!



Pam Rauch ▲
CORNERSTONE CLASS 27
 Florida Power & Light
 Company
 Gulfstream

Congratulations to Lifetime Member, Pam Rauch, appointed to the Florida Venture Forum Board of Directors!



Andrew Hall
CORNERSTONE CLASS 30
 AT&T
 West Central

Congratulations to Andrew Hall for being awarded the 7th President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA).



Crystal Stiles
CORNERSTONE CLASS 37
 Florida Power & Light
 Company
 Gulfstream

Congratulations to Crystal Stiles appointed to the Florida Venture Forum Board of Directors!



Rogan Donelly ▲
CORNERSTONE CLASS 37
AND EXECUTIVE CLASS
10
 Tervis Tumbler
 Calusa

Congratulations to Lifetime Member, Rogan Donelly for being named CEO for Tervis!

MOVERS & SHAKERS



Tim Cartwright ▲
CORNERSTONE CLASS 35
 Fifth Avenue Family Office
 Southwest

Congratulations to Lifetime Member, Tim Cartwright appointed to the Florida Venture Forum Board of Directors!



Greg Haile ▲
CORNERSTONE CLASS 30
 Broward College
 Gold Coast

Congratulations to Lifetime Member and 2020-2021 Board Chair, Greg Haile, named one of the 7 Most Fascinating People of South Florida 2020!



Samantha Ferrin
CONNECT CLASS 9
 Greenberg Traurig
 Northwest

Congratulations to Samantha Ferrin and her new role as Director for Greenberg Traurig's Tallahassee office!



Irela Bague
CORNERSTONE CLASS 25
 Bague Group
 Southeast

Congratulations to Irela Bague, Special Council Steering Committee member, for being appointed as Miami-Dade County's first Chief Bay Officer by Miami-Dade Mayor Daniella Levine Cava!



Greg Haile ▲
CORNERSTONE CLASS 30
 Broward College
 Gold Coast

Congratulations to Greg Haile, Lifetime Member and 2020-2021 Board Chair, appointed as a Class B director on the Board of Directors for the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta!



Chev Lovett ▲
CONNECT CLASS 9
 Florida Rising
 East Central


Congratulations to LifetimeMember, Chev Lovett, on his new role as Chief Operating Officer for Florida Rising (Formerly Organize Florida)!



Tina Ekblad
CONNECT CLASS 5
 Morris-Depew Associates
 Southwest

Congratulations to Tina Ekblad for being recently promoted to President of Morris-Depew Associates!



Darren Gray ▲ 
CORNERSTONE CLASS 38
 Orange County
 Government
 East Central

Congratulations to Lifetime Member, Darren Gray and Special Council member as he is the outgoing Clermont City Manager and has accepted a new role as Orange County's Deputy Administrator of financial resources!

MOVERS & SHAKERS



Pedro Gassant
CONNECT CLASS 11
 Holland & Knight
 Southeast

Congratulations to Pedro Gassant for being named Partner at Holland & Knight!



Ray Walker
CORNERSTONE CLASS 37
 University of North Florida
 Northwest

Congratulations to Ray Walker and his new role as Director of Government Affairs for the University of North Florida!



Teresa Rawe ▲
CORNERSTONE CLASS 36
 American Physician
 Partners
 Calusa

Congratulations to Teresa Rawe, Lifetime Member, and 2020-2021 Calusa Region Awards Co-Chair, for receiving the '2020 Third Quarter Provider Patient Experience Exemplar Award' from Manatee Memorial Hospital!



Tom Allen
CORNERSTONE CLASS 21
 Capital City Bank
 Northwest

Congratulations to Tom Allen appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis to the Florida Commission on Community Service, also known as Volunteer Florida!



John Horne ▲
CORNERSTONE CLASS 28
 Anna Maria Oyster Bar
 Calusa

Congratulations to Lifetime Member and Chair Elect of the Board of Directors, John Horne, on being appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis to the State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota District Board of Trustees!



Glenda Thornton
CORNERSTONE CLASS 21
 Florida State University
 College of Law
 Northwest

Congratulations to Glenda Thornton for receiving the Godfrey Smith Past Chair Award by the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce!



Monesia Brown
CORNERSTONE CLASS 28
 Walmart Stores
 Northwest

Congratulations to Monesia Brown and Special Council steering committee member appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis to the State Board of Education!



Ron Christaldi
CORNERSTONE CLASS 36
 Shumaker
 West Central

Congratulations to Ron Christaldi, WestCentral Region's 2020-2021 Fundraising Chair, for being named the Managing Partner of Shumaker, Loop and Kendrick's Tampa Office!

MOVERS & SHAKERS



Seth Daub
EDUCATION CLASS 5
 Orange County Public
 Schools
 East Central

Congratulations to Seth
 Daub for being profiled in
 Wired Magazine!



Matthew Beatty
CONNECT CLASS 5
 The Carrie Meek
 Foundation
 Southeast

Congratulations to Matthew
 Beatty and his new role as
 the VP and COO for The
 Carrie Meek Foundation!



Nemiah Rutledge
CONNECT CLASS 11
 Body Paradox
 Northeast


Congratulations to Nemiah
 Rutledge selected as
 one of the '2021 Small
 Business Leaders of the
 Year' announced by the JAX
 Chamber!



Kimano Edwards
CONNECT CLASS 11
 Taylor, Day, Grimm & Boyd
 Northeast

Congratulations to Kimano
 Edwards as he starts with
 Taylor Day Law!



Dick Batchelor 
EXECUTIVE CLASS 8
 Dick Batchelor
 Management Group
 East Central


Congratulations
 Dick Batchelor, Past
 DistinguishedMember
 Award Recipient and
 Special Council Steering
 Committee member, on
 being recently recognized
 by the Orlando Magic as
 a 'Social Justice Game
 Changer!'



Vince Long
CORNERSTONECLASS28
 Leon County
 Northwest

Congratulations to Vince
 Long recently appointed
 to the Board of Trustees
 of the Florida Local
 Government Investment
 Trust (Florida Trust) by
 the Florida Association of
 Counties (FAC)!



Alberto Padron 
CORNERSTONE CLASS 38
 Stinghouse Creative
 Southeast

Congratulations to Alberto
 Padron, 2020-2021
 Statewide Communications
 Co-Chair's, company
 Stinghouse Advertising,
 winning the '2020 District
 III Award Winners in Total
 Advertising Campaign
 in the Silver and Bronze
 categories!



Fran Allegra
CORNERSTONE CLASS 37
 Cole, Scott & Kissane
 Southeast

Congratulations to Fran
 Allegra elected to Chair
 the Board of Directors for
 Evident Change!

MOVERS & SHAKERS



Saif Ishoof
CORNERSTONE CLASS 28
 Florida International
 University
 Southeast

Congratulations to Saif Ishoof and Special Council Steering committee member, appointed by Miami Mayor Francis X. Suarez as the Mayor's Senior Advisor for Innovation & Technology!



Bentina Terry ▲
CORNERSTONE CLASS 27
 Georgia Power
 Out of State

Congratulations to Lifetime Member, Bentina Terry, Senior VP for Metro Atlanta & Corporate Relations for Georgia Power, named '100 Most Influential Women in Energy' by the National Diversity Council!



Dev Motwani
CORNERSTONE CLASS 34
 Merrimac Ventures
 Gold Coast

Congratulations to Dev Motwani, appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors!



Merritt Martin
CONNECT CLASS 7
 Moffitt Cancer Center
 West Central

Congratulations to Merritt Martin appointed external affairs Chief of Staff to new CEO of Moffitt Cancer Center!



Ed H. Moore
EXECUTIVE CLASS 8
 The Independent Colleges
 & Universities of Florida
 Northwest

Congratulations to Ed H. Moore for spearheading the RESET Florida Task Force after retiring as President at The Independent Colleges & Universities of Florida (ICUF) in 2019!



Simone Marstiller
CORNERSTONE CLASS 21
 Agency for Health Care
 Administration
 Northwest

Congratulations to Simone Marstiller and Special Council Steering committee member, appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis Gov. DeSantis as the Agency for Health Care Administration Secretary!



Hong Potomski
CONNECT CLASS 6
 Andrews Research &
 Education Foundation
 Northwest

Congratulations to Hong Potomski, appointed to the City of Gulf Breeze's Development Review Board!



Edwin Narain
CONNECT CLASS 4
 AT&T
 West Central

Congratulations to Edwin Narain, promoted to Vice President of External and Legislative Affairs for AT&T Florida and received the Tampa Bay Chamber's prestigious 'H. L. Culbreath Jr. Profile in Leadership Award'!

MOVERS & SHAKERS



Amy Ruth ▲

CORNERSTONE CLASS 38
Florida Blue
Northeast

Congratulations to Lifetime Member, Amy Ruth honored at the 2021 Volunteers in Medicine Jacksonville Women with Heart 'Virtual' Luncheon as one of eight 'Women with Heart!'



Sophia Nelson ▲

CORNERSTONE CLASS 35
S.A. Nelson & Associates
Gulfstream

Congratulations to Lifetime Member and 2020-2021 Gulfstream Region Chair, Sophia Nelson, on being appointed to serve on the Judicial Council for the State of Florida by Florida Democratic Party Chair Manny Diaz!



Danny Nix ▲

CORNERSTONE CLASS 38
Nix & Associates Real
Estate
Calusa

Congratulations to Lifetime Member and 2020-2021 Events & Experiences Co-Chair, Danny Nix named the 2021 President of the Economic Partnership of Charlotte County!



Aaron Bean

CORNERSTONE CLASS 17
Florida Senate
Northeast

Congratulations to State Senator Aaron Bean named recipient of 2020 Daniel Webster Leadership Award!



Chris Dawson

CONNECT CLASS 6
GrayRobinson
East Central

Congratulations to Chris Dawson selected to serve on Central Florida Political Leadership Institute Class of 2021 managed through the Orlando Economic Partnership!



Elisha Gonzalez

CORNERSTONE CLASS 30
FAIRWINDS Credit Union
East Central

Congratulations to Elisha Gonzalez Chairing the Heart of Florida United Way's Women United and recently installed on the Executive Board of Directors for the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Metro Orlando!



Carlos Penin

CORNERSTONE CLASS 19
C.A.P. Government
Southeast

Congratulations to Carlos Penin appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis to the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Governing Board!



Michael Rubenstein

CONNECT CLASS 11
BMO Harris Wealth
Management
Southwest

Congratulations to Michael Rubenstein appointed to the board of the Naples Therapeutic Riding Center and Vice Chair of the Collier County Housing Finance Authority for 2021!

MOVERS & SHAKERS



Jorge Plascencia
CORNERSTONE CLASS 33
 Republica Havas
 Southeast

Congratulations to Jorge Plascencia appointed to the board of directors for the Friends of the National Museum of the American Latino (FRIENDS)!



Mario Bailey
CONNECT CLASS 9
 Converge Government
 Affairs
 Southeast

Congratulations to Mario Bailey and Special Council steering committee member chosen as the chair of the South Florida Regional Planning Council!



Julie Brown
CORNERSTONE CLASS 33
 Florida Department of
 Business and Professional
 Regulation
 West Central

Congratulations to Julie Brown, Special Council member, appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis as the Secretary of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation!



Sha`Ron James
CORNERSTONE CLASS 37
 Gunster
 Northwest

Congratulations to Sha`Ron James for joining Gunster as an Attorney and Government Affairs Consultant in their Tallahassee office!



Sharon Arroyo
CORNERSTONE CLASS 39
 Duke Energy
 East Central

Congratulations to Sharon Arroyo named as the new Vice President of Government and Community Relations for Duke Energy Florida!



Christine Barney ▲
EXECUTIVE CLASS 11
 rbb Communications
 Southeast

Congratulations to Lifetime Member, Christine Barney for being elected to the Board of Directors for the Orange Bowl Committee!



Kathleen Passidomo
CORNERSTONE CLASS 12
 Florida Senate
 Southwest

Congratulations to Senator Kathleen Passidomo inducted into the 2021 Business Hall of Fame by the Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida!



Emily Colon
CONNECT CLASS 11
 City of Lakeland
 West Central

Congratulations to Emily Colon for being featured in IMCA's 'Women to Know: The Next Generation Is Already Leading the Way!'

MOVERS & SHAKERS



Travis Proctor
CORNERSTONE CLASS 36
 Artemis IT
 East Central

Congratulations to Travis Proctor, Elected Chair of Florida Tech Board of Trustees!



Karen Moore ▲
CORNERSTONE CLASS 14
 The Moore Agency
 Northwest

Congratulations to Lifetime Member, Karen Moore receiving the prestigious The OASIS Center for Women and Girls Trailblazers Award!



Jose Felix Diaz
CORNERSTONE CLASS 34
 Ballard Partners
 Southeast

Congratulations to Jose Felix Diaz being elected as a new member of the Orange Bowl Committee!



Pam Nabors
CORNERSTONE CLASS 35
 CareerSource Central
 Florida
 East Central

Congratulations to Pam Nabors honored by i4 Business Magazine with the 2021 "Spirit of Progress" Award!



Derek Bruce
CORNERSTONE CLASS 22
 Gunster
 East Central

Congratulations to Derek Bruce and Special Council steering committee member on being elected as a new Board Member of the Florida State Parks Foundation!



Madeline Pumariega
CORNERSTONE CLASS 33
 Miami Dade College
 Southeast

Congratulations to Madeline Pumariega receiving the prestigious The Oasis Center for Women & Girls Trailblazers Award!



Tyler Payne
CONNECT CLASS 11 & COLLEGE CLASS 14
 IcareLabs
 West Central

Congratulations to Tyler Payne, elected Mayor of the City of Treasure Island!



Dionne Polite
CORNERSTONE CLASS 36
 AARP
 Gold Coast

Congratulations to Dionne Polite, Statewide Fundraising Chair, appointed to The Broward College Foundation board of directors and recently honored by We Are One Rising for Women's History Month!

MOVERS & SHAKERS



Maryam Laguna Borrego
CONNECT CLASS 5
 Miami Dade College
 Southeast

Congratulations to Maryam Laguna Borrego, Recruitment Co-Chair for the Southeast Region, named Vice President for External Affairs & Strategy and Chief of Staff for Miami Dade College!



Fred Karlinsky ▲
CORNERSTONE CLASS 36
 Greenberg Traurig
 Gold Coast

Congratulations to Lifetime Member, Fred Karlinsky for being elected as a new member of the Orange Bowl Committee and recently named a 2021 Insurance Law Trailblazer by The National Law Journal!



Dave Aronberg
CORNERSTONE CLASS 26
 Office of the State Attorney,
 15th Judicial Circuit
 Gulfstream

Congratulations to Dave Aronberg, recipient of the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Diversity in the Workplace Award, presented by the Florida Association of Women Lawyers (FAWL), Palm Beach County Chapter!



Jen McDonald ▲
CONNECT CLASS 9
 Merchant Insurance
 Solutions
 West Central

Congratulations to Lifetime Member, Jen McDonald elected Chairwoman of the Citizens Advisory Committee of Hillsborough County!



Cristian LaCapra
CONNECT CLASS 5
 Northern Trust
 Southeast

Congratulations to Cristian LaCapra on being elected as a new member of the Orange Bowl Committee!



Merdochey LaFrance ▲
CONNECT CLASS 6
 Verizon
 Southeast

Congratulations to Lifetime Member, Merdochey LaFrance recently appointed to the City of Miami's Civilian Investigative Panel by The City of Miami Commission and appointed to the Haitian-American Chamber of Commerce of Florida (HACCOF) Board of Director!



Tony Abbate ▲
CORNERSTONE CLASS 37
 Florida Atlantic University
 Gold Coast

Congratulations to Lifetime Member, Tony Abbate, GoldCoast Region's 2020-2021 Awards Co-Chair & Special Council member, appointed by the Board of Directors of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce to chair the newly established Racial Equity & Diversity Council!



Alfredo Reynoso
CONNECT CLASS 10
 Hancock Askew & Co.
 Southeast

Congratulations to Alfredo Reynoso, promoted to Partner at Hancock Askew & Co!

MOVERS & SHAKERS



Melissa McKinlay
CORNERSTONE CLASS 37
 Palm Beach County
 Commission
 Gulfstream

Congratulations to Commissioner Melissa McKinlay 1) for receiving the "Berta Blecke Award" by the Jr Leagues of FL State Public Affairs Committee 2) named Riverview High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame 2021 Inductee and 3) the FL Small County Coalition Outstanding Service Award



Amy Earl
EDUCATION CLASS 5
 Riverview High School
 Calusa

Congratulations to Amy Earl, awarded Teacher of the Month at Riverview High School - Sarasota, Florida!



Xavier Gonzalez
CORNERSTONE CLASS 35
 Cyxtera
 Southeast

Congratulations to Xavier Gonzalez being elected as a board member of the Orange Bowl Committee!



Heather Hanks
EDUCATION CLASS 4
 Plant City High School
 West Central

Congratulations to Heather Hanks, named one of the University of Florida Alumni Association's '40 Gators Under 40' for 2021 for her contributions in the field of Education!



Katrina Long-Robinson
EDUCATION CLASS 6
 City of Westlake
 Gulfstream

Congratulations to Katrina Long-Robinson named new Chair of its Board of Directors for the West Palm Beach Police Athletic League (PAL)!



Gehring Group
 Congratulations to Leadership Florida Sponsor, Gehring Group, for receiving the "Inaugural Gender Parity Award" by the Women's Chamber of Commerce Palm Beach County!



John Stuart
CORNERSTONE CLASS 39
 Florida International
 University
 Southeast

Congratulations to John Stuart for his 'John Stuart Day' proclamation in the City of Miami Beach recently!



Dakeyan Graham
EDUCATION CLASS 6
 Florida Department of
 Education
 Northwest

Congratulations to Dakeyan Graham, named one of the University of Florida Alumni Association's '40 Gators Under 40' in 2021 for his contributions in the field of Education!

MOVERS & SHAKERS



Laurie George
CORNERSTONE CLASS 36
 United Way of Palm Beach
 County
 Gulfstream

Congratulations to Laurie George for receiving the '2020 Leadership Excellence Award' in the Non-profit sector from Leadership Palm Beach County!



Laurie Breslin
EDUCATION CLASS 6
 Sarasota County Schools
 Calusa

Congratulations to Laurie Breslin, appointed as the new Principal of Venice High School by Sarasota County Schools!



RenŽe Layman
CORNERSTONE CLASS 36
 Center for Child Counseling
 Gulfstream

Congratulations to Renee Layman being the 'Nonprofit Sector Women in Leadership Award (WILA)' Honoree by the Executive Women of the Palm Beaches Foundation!



Cari Roth ▲
CORNERSTONE CLASS 20
 Lykes Bros.
 Northwest

Congratulations to Lifetime Member, Cari Roth appointed by Governor DeSantis to the Environmental Regulation Commission!



Anne Messer
CORNERSTONE CLASS 27
 Friends of Manatee
 Lagoon
 Gulfstream

Congratulations to Anne Messer on being named the new Executive Director for the Friends of Manatee Lagoon!



Mark O'Bryant
EXECUTIVE CLASS 4
 Tallahassee Memorial
 Healthcare
 Northwest

Congratulations to Mark O'Bryant, appointed by Gov. DeSantis to the Leon County Children's Services Council!



Gwen Graham
CORNERSTONE CLASS 38
 Northwest

Congratulations to Gwen Graham nominated by President Biden for Assistant Secretary of Education!



Brittany Lee
CONNECT CLASS 2
 Florida Blue Farms
 Northeast

Congratulations to Brittany Lee, named one of the University of Florida Alumni Association's '40 Gators Under 40' in 2021 for her contributions in the field of Education!

MOVERS & SHAKERS



Jay Lockaby
CORNERSTONE CLASS 24
 South County Health
 Calusa

Congratulations to Jay Lockaby, named VP of Development and Chief Philanthropy Officer for South County Health in Rhode Island!



Makayla Buchanan
EDUCATION CLASS 6
 Clay County Education
 Foundation
 Northeast

Congratulations to Makayla Buchanan named as a '2021 40 under 40' by the Jacksonville Business Journal!



Ryan Carter
CONNECT CLASS 11
 Scotlynn USA Division
 Southwest

Congratulations to Ryan Carter named a new board member of Horizon Foundation Lee County!



Terrance Freeman
CORNERSTONE CLASS 39
 Read USA
 Northeast

Congratulations to Terrance Freeman named CEO of Read USA!



Jillian Hasner ▲
CORNERSTONE CLASS 38
 Take Stock In Children
 Gulfstream

Congratulations to Lifetime Member, Jillian Hasner on being named a member of the Southern District Judicial Advisory Commission (JAC) for the 117th Congress announced by U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio!



Seth Daub
EDUCATION CLASS 5
 Orange County Public
 Schools
 East Central

Congratulations to Seth Daub, inducted as The Florida Association of School Administrators (FASA) President!



Ilan Kaufer
CONNECT CLASS 4
 Florida Power & Light
 Company
 Gulfstream

Congratulations Ilan Kaufer receiving the 'Robert S. & Ceil N. Levy Young Leadership Award' by the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County for his dedication to the Jewish community!



Karl Strauch ▲
CORNERSTONE CLASS 38
 Port Tampa Bay
 West Central

Congratulations to Lifetime Member, Karl Strauch elected and serving as Development Co-Chair (2020/2021) for the Hillsborough Community College Foundation!

MOVERS & SHAKERS



Reggie Ellis
CONNECT CLASS 9
 Florida A&M University
 Northwest

Congratulations to Reggie Ellis, as he has been accepted into the Academic Leadership Institute!



Jen Halter
EDUCATION CLASS 6
 Green Cove Springs Junior
 High
 Northeast

Congratulations to Jen Halter named the '2021 Florida Principal of the Year!'



Capt. Keith Hoskins,
 USN (Ret.) ▲
EXECUTIVE CLASS 11
 Navy Federal Credit Union
 Northwest

Congratulations to Lifetime Member, Captain Keith Hoskins for his recent promotion to Executive Vice President of Branch Operations for the Navy Federal Credit Union

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Ron Christaldi

Cornerstone Class 36
Shumaker



Michael Griffin

Cornerstone Class 26
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Joe Lopano ▲

Cornerstone Class 30
Tampa International Airport



Jessica Muroff ▲

Cornerstone Class 36 &
College Class 2
United Way Suncoast



David Pizzo ▲

Cornerstone Class 30
Florida Blue



Craig Richard

Executive Class 11
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STAFF SPOTLIGHT



KRISTIN MULLIKIN

Executive Assistant to the President and CEO
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How long have you been with the Leadership Florida Team, and what is your primary role?

I joined Leadership Florida in May of 2017. I primarily manage the CEO's calendar, including setting up appointments, scheduling meetings, resolving conflicting priorities, and ensuring the CEO is on time, organized, and prepared for each meeting/appointment. I assemble comprehensive travel itineraries, including all background and contact information, to ensure the CEO is well prepared. Additionally, I support the CEO regarding the planning of Leadership Florida's Board of

Directors meetings.

For which projects or programs would you be a member's contact person?

Primarily, I am the "go-to" person for Wendy. However, it is important to Wendy that staff be familiar with all aspects of Leadership Florida to serve our members better. With that being said, if I don't know an answer to a specific question, I know who to connect the member with.

Regarding working with Leadership Florida, do you have any favorite moments you would like to share?

My most favorite moment is when I received a phone call from Wendy (early April 2017). I answered the call saying, "you are just now calling?" Her response was, "I need you; when can you start?" That was the first "but for" Leadership Florida moment for me. Wendy and I had worked together for ten years at the Florida Park Service and Volunteer Florida. I had retired from State Government in November of 2012 after 37 years of service. Still, I couldn't turn down the opportunity to join her at Leadership Florida, so I reported on the morning of Monday, May 1, 2017. Other memorable moments are Leadership Florida's Annual Meetings. It is such a wonderful experience to meet, face to face, the members that I have the opportunity to speak with by phone.

Would you share a little about life outside of Leadership Florida?

(Family, hobbies, volunteer service, etc.) I've been married to my husband, Doug, for 40 years. We have two daughters, two granddaughters (Grace, 9 and Abbi, 7), and one grandson (Liam, 6). Grace and Abbi are 5th generation Tallahasseeans. Our downtime includes camping, spending time at our family beach house, saltwater fishing, hiking, and occasionally I ride my unicycle – yes, I still ride it to keep myself in balance with life.

And just for fun, if you were to write a book about yourself, what would you name it?

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