



## Foundation Forum

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This is a monthly newsletter to keep you updated on projects and initiatives of the Pinellas Education Foundation. Please forward this to anyone you feel would be interested in learning more about the Pinellas Education Foundation.

### 20 Years of “Real World” Education at the Gus A. Stavros Institute



What began as the dream of an educator and a Pinellas County business pioneer, became reality twenty years ago as Enterprise Village at the Gus A. Stavros Institute in Largo opened its doors. On January 21, the Pinellas Education Foundation celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Gus A. Stavros Institute by opening its doors for special “tailgate party” to welcome new sponsors and thank the countless sponsors and Foundation supporters who have made the Institute programs such a success.

Since Dr. Gus Stavros and Dr. J. Howard Hinesley cut the ribbon at Enterprise Village in 1989, every Pinellas County Schools student has passed through the doors of the Stavros Institute to learn their first lessons about the free enterprise system, profit and loss, personal financial planning, career exploration and ethics through the programs of Enterprise Village, Finance Park and Career Cove. “The reality has become greater than the dream,” according to Institute Foundation and Chairman Emeritus of the Pinellas Education Foundation, Dr. Gus Stavros.

More than 17,000 fifth graders each year spend several weeks in the classroom learning about the free enterprise system and then spend a day at Enterprise Village where they work in real-world jobs in McDonald’s, CVS, Bank of America, Kane’s Furniture, the St. Petersburg Times, and many others. And each year more than 13,000 eighth graders learn to budget and make personal financial plans at Finance Park as they make purchasing decisions at Crown Auto Dealerships, Lifestyle Family Fitness, and Tradewinds Resort, just to name a few. Career Cove teaches many high school students about career exploration, applying for their first job, writing a resume, and business ethics through a comprehensive classroom curriculum.

### Join us for the 2009 Outstanding Educator Awards

It’s almost time for the 2009 Outstanding Educators Awards Show! The show is a tribute to an outstanding group of teachers who have been honored as finalists in five categories. One of these finalists will represent Pinellas County for the title of *Florida Teacher of the Year!* This is an evening for us to honor our valued Outstanding Educator nominees as well as the Unsung Heroes who have dedicated their lives to educating our youth.

This year’s event is set to be bigger and better than ever! Please join us for this celebration of the teaching profession and all of Pinellas County’s outstanding educators on Thursday, February 26, 2009. The evening will begin with a pre-show reception at 6:00 p.m. and the Awards show starting at 7:00 p.m. at Clearwater’s beautiful Ruth Eckerd Hall. The evening will feature a performance by the Pinellas County Teachers All-Star Jazz Band, feature many Tampa Bay Area notables and will be taped and broadcast at a later date on WPDS-TV Channel 14. **In a change from previous years, this year’s event features a pre-show reception rather than a seated dinner.**



Tickets for the show only are free in advance by calling the Ruth Eckerd Hall box office at 727-791-7400. The night of the show, tickets for the show will be available at the box office for \$5. Sponsorship information and tickets for the special pre-show reception are available for \$25 by calling Jessica Kellogg at (727) 588-4816 ex. 2122 or by email at [kelloggj@pinellaseducation.org](mailto:kelloggj@pinellaseducation.org).

## Thank You Publix



Bob Wabbersen and Allyn Welch from Publix present a \$50,000 check from Publix Supermarkets Charities to Pinellas Education Foundation President Terry Boehm, representing the first payment on a \$250,000 contribution by Publix for the construction of the Jacobson Culinary Arts Academy at Tarpon Springs High School. Construction of the state-of-the-art culinary academy is well underway with the opening scheduled for later this spring. Thank you Publix for all you do for the students of Pinellas County Schools.

## Seniors & Scholars News

The Pinellas Education Foundation and Oak Manor Senior Living Community are proud to present the Seniors Health Expo scheduled for March 6. The Expo will be at the Gus A. Stavros Institute from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the keynote speaker is Lisa Gibson, a Pioneer in humor therapy. There will be FREE health screenings including ear scan & hearing, vision & glaucoma, leg vein circulation, blood sugar, cholesterol, and more. Vendors will offer information on the Pinellas Education Foundation's Fundraising Cruise, diabetes awareness, CVS pharmacy, just to name a few. Activities will include seminars, entertainment, vendor booths, prize drawings, good food, and lots of fun.



The Pinellas Education Foundation has planned a Seniors & Scholars Fundraising Cruise aboard the Carnival Inspiration, sailing out of Tampa, January 11, 2010. The cruise goes to Grand Cayman, and Cozumel and will include a Welcome Aboard Private Cocktail Party, Farewell Private Cocktail Party, \$50 ship board credit per cabin, tote bag, and much more. We are taking a

deposit of \$50 per person to hold your reservation now. A percentage of the cruise fees will be donated to the Pinellas Education Foundation. To sign up, or for more information, please contact Ginger Herring at 727-588-4816 ext. 2119 or [herringg@pinellaseducation.org](mailto:herringg@pinellaseducation.org).

## Largo Mid-Pinellas Chamber Honors Doorways Student

Largo High School Doorways student, Katelyn Crist, was recently honored by the Largo Mid-Pinellas Chamber of Commerce as one of their December students of the month. She plans to attend University of Central Florida in Orlando to study Civil or Nuclear Engineering. Katelyn was recommended by her teacher, Larel Chavez, who writes, "Katelyn is an exceptional student! She is vivacious, smart and fun to teach. As a Doorways Scholarship student, Katelyn has excelled academically taking many Honors and Advanced Placement courses. This past summer she traveled to Spain to study the Spanish language as well as Spanish art History which focused on Salvador Dali."

Katelyn is involved in extracurricular activities such as Spanish Honor Society and Drama. She is also community service oriented, working with the Spanish Honor Society during the Relay for Life, Adopt a Family and Salvation Army's Thanksgiving Turkey giveaway program. She has tutored children and working in Pre-K summer programs at Azalea Elementary and Sexton Middle Schools.

Congratulations, Katelyn, on a job well done!

## Visit Us and Learn How You Can Change a Life

The Pinellas Education Foundation changes lives through learning by supporting the following programs:

- Enterprise Village & Finance Park promoting free enterprise and financial education for 5th and 8th graders
- Doorways scholarships & mentoring opportunities for financially deserving students
- Frances Stavros Career Education Fund opportunities & the Jacobson Culinary Arts Academy
- College-bound scholarships for graduating high school seniors
- Pinellas County Outstanding Educator of the Year honoring the profession of teaching
- Teacher classroom grants that inspire innovative projects
- Walker's Rising Stars competition featuring talented high school students in the Arts
- Seniors & Scholars breakfast series and events benefiting our 55+ population

We offer one-hour informational sessions to help educate members of the community about the Pinellas Education Foundation and how our programs impact the teachers and students in Pinellas County public schools. These one hour educational sessions include a tour of our world-renowned program Enterprise Village. Won't you join us?

For information on session dates and times, or to schedule a session, contact Marilyn Browne at 727-522-4816 ext. 2112 or [brownem@pinellaseducation.org](mailto:brownem@pinellaseducation.org).

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