



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.



2009 Fashion Show Models

13th Annual Doorways to Fashion Show – Saturday, February 27th Benefits Doorways Scholarship Program

On Saturday, February 27, the Beta Omega Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International will hold its 13th Annual Doorways to Fashion Show and Luncheon to benefit the Doorways Scholarship Program of the Pinellas Education Foundation. The Fashion Show begins at 11:45 am and is followed by a luncheon at 12:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased online. All proceeds benefit the Doorways Scholarship Program. Fashions from the Dress Barn and Bon Worth will be modeled by Beta Omega members.

Since 1998, Beta Omega Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, headquartered in Pinellas County, has partnered with the Pinellas Education Foundation to support the Doorways Scholarship Program, sponsoring scholarships for eight students who would otherwise be unable to pursue their dream of a post-secondary education. The Doorways to Fashion Show and Luncheon takes place at the Wine Cellar, 17307 Gulf Blvd., N. Reddington Beach, FL. The public is invited to attend and may send a \$25 check to: Doorways Show, 400 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Clearwater, 33756. Attendees have a choice of meat, chicken or vegetable entrees. Live music will be provided by the group Memories. Model makeup is provided by Mary Kay representative Sheryl Lynn Lonsbury. An Auction Basket Display takes place before the Fashion Show. For more details, visit www.BetaOmegaPinellas.com.

Business Partner Spotlight: Saluting Colmer Photography

Colmer Photography, owned by Bob Colmer and located in Dunedin, has partnered with Clearwater Fundamental Middle School for four years. According to principal Dave Rosenberger, "Mr. Colmer has become an essential member of our school. His consistent support and involvement in our school functions and programs have provided our school community with a wonderful opportunity to partner with a great local business." Bob Colmer has given countless hours providing professional level photography for the school, students and staff. His services are valued at more than \$10,000. Colmer Photography was nominated by Clearwater Fundamental Middle School as a Business Partner of the Year in 2010. Colmer Photography was one of thirty-nine nominated businesses that were recognized on January 20, 2010 at the first-ever Evening of Excellence event at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater. Like Colmer, each business partner provided substantial support to individual public schools, including time, talent and resources. Visit Colmer Photography online at <http://www.colmerphoto.com> to learn more about their services.



Grace Simpson Brott: A Tribute to a Lifetime of Service and Generosity

The Pinellas Education Foundation was saddened to learn that Mrs. Grace Brott passed away on January 28, 2010 at the age of 93. In 1977, Grace moved to Largo, Florida. Because of her strong belief to help others instilled by her parents, Grace established the Your Chance to Achieve Foundation with the Pinellas Education Foundation to help at-risk high school students. The purpose of the Foundation was to encourage children to complete their high school educations and to continue with college under the guidance of trained mentors. In eight years, the program grew to an enrollment of 1,200 students. Grace's early vision provided the model for other individuals to become involved with this powerful program of improving each child's chances of living the American dream. Grace's legacy lives on through this endowment and scholarship program which supports deserving students at Largo High School. For more information, contact the Pinellas Education Foundation at 727-588-4816.

Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union Employees Enjoy Team-Building at Stavros Institute

In January, employees from the Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union participated in the Pinellas Education Foundation's Team-Building exercises designed to re-energize and offer new



Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union
WHERE SMART PEOPLE KEEP THEIR MONEY.

communication skills to corporate groups who donate their time as volunteers at Enterprise Village or Finance Park. Suncoast participants gave the experience high marks, indicating they enjoyed the chance to interact with colleagues outside of the work

environment and also found the chance to work with children in Enterprise Village's hands-on learning environment to be extremely meaningful. Suncoast staffers shared that the best part of the experience was:

- "interacting with the students in Enterprise Village was awesome!! Real life experience for kids."
- "working with the youth. As adults we forget that we have much we can pass on."
- "teaching children about the real world by putting them in "real life" situations."

Our Enterprise Village and Finance Park teams are ready to challenge your team to a unique experience of teamwork, creativity, planning, leadership, trust and communication by working together on a variety of programs including hands-on business simulations

and strategies. To have us help facilitate your next company retreat, please contact Robin McGowan at 727-588-4816 ext 2113 for more information. We look forward to assisting you with this unique experience, which will have your colleagues talking about around the water cooler for years to come.



Lisa Fagan-Brown Named Pinellas County Outstanding Educator; Bright House Networks Named District Business Partner of the Year at 2010 Evening of Excellence

Pinellas County's best educators and business partners were recognized at the first-ever **Evening of Excellence** held on January 20, 2010 at Ruth Eckerd Hall, in front of a live audience of more than 1,000 guests including educators, community leaders and visionary business leaders. The event paid tribute to the Best Educators and the Best Business Partners who create ever expanding opportunities for Pinellas County's Children and also celebrated this year's induction to the Pinellas Free Enterprise Hall of Honor, recognizing a legacy of service and advocacy for education. Click [here](#) for full coverage and photos from the event.

Winners in all categories included:

Lisa Fagan-Brown - Library Information Specialist at James B. Sanderlin Elementary School, will represent Pinellas County at the Florida Department of Education 2011 Teacher of the Year Program.

Brian Waggoner - husband of Largo High teacher Tamara Evanson-Waggoner, was named as the 2010 Superintendent's Unsung Hero

Bright House Networks - 2010 Business Partner of the Year in the Pinellas County School District Category. Nominated by Lealman Intermediate School

and the Gus A. Stavros Institute, Bright House will represent Pinellas County at the Annual Florida Department of Education Commissioner's Business Recognition Awards ceremony.

Jean Wittner, President of Wittner Centres, Inc. was inducted to the 2010 Pinellas Free Enterprise Hall of Honor in recognition of more than 25 years of business leadership, entrepreneurial and philanthropic service to the community.



Lisa Fagan-Brown, Dr. Janssen and Sanderlin

principal, Denise Miller.



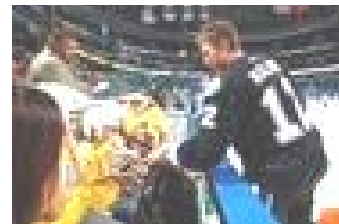
Pinellas County Teachers Win with the Lightning

Pinellas County teachers honored as finalists in the January Educator of the Year Awards enjoyed a preview of Olympic Hockey play when they were treated to a Tampa Bay Lightning game night. On Tuesday, February 9 the Lightning faced off against the Vancouver Canucks at the St. Pete Times Forum. Educator of the Year Finalists and their guests watched the excitement from the comfort of two private luxury suites provided to the winning educators through the courtesy of the Tampa Bay Lightning.

The Tampa Bay Lightning and the Lightning Foundation are committed to supporting programs that enhance the lives of children across the Bay area," said Kasey Smith, Executive Director of the Lightning Foundation. "The educators honored in the Pinellas

Education Foundation Evening of Excellence are to be congratulated on their outstanding service and all the work they do day in and day out. We were delighted to offer them this special night of recognition.”

It was an exciting night for the transplanted teachers who grew up playing hockey on local ponds and follow the sport with religious fever and the couple of teachers who confessed to attending their first game ever. With Stamkos establishing an early lead with the games first goal eight minutes into the first period, the Lightning won the game with three goals to the Canucks single goal. Martin St. Louis scored his first goal of the night nearly three minutes into the third period managing to push the team back into the lead after the Canucks tied the game in the second. St. Louis then finished the night with his second goal in the final minutes of the game. See game highlights:



<http://lightning.nhl.tv/team/console.jsp?hlq=20092010,2.880&fr=false> On Friday, April 23 the Educator of the Year finalists will continue their luxury box sports fan experience when they watch the Rays play Toronto.

Save the Date for the Annual Career Education Breakfast – March 24, 2010, pTEC St. Pete

The Pinellas Education Foundation invites you to save the date for the 2010 Career Education Breakfast on Wednesday, March 24 from 8:00 am – 9:30 am at pTEC’s St. Petersburg Campus. Join us for a delicious breakfast catered by Sweetbay Supermarkets. This event is free to attend, and it is our hope to inspire you to contribute to the Frances Stavros Career Education Programs, allowing us to both preserve our existing career education endeavors and develop new projects to address the needs of students and teachers. . We will hear moving testimonials from Pinellas County Schools’ students, graduates and educators whose lives have been forever impacted by the opportunity to



pursue career education. Most importantly, we want you to become more familiar with the Pinellas Education Foundation and our life-changing initiatives. Stay tuned for more details and an e-invitation in your inbox in the coming weeks. You can read more online at www.PinellasEducation.org.

Board Member Spotlight: Dick Crippen

Pinellas Education Foundation Board Member Dick Crippen will be honored at the “Caring for Our Community” event hosted by Communication Access, Inc. on April 17th. The organization serves the needs of people with hearing loss in the Tampa Bay area. Crippen is being recognized as “the Great Communicator” and is being recognized for his generous contributions of time and talent to the many charitable organizations which he has supported throughout the Tampa Bay Area, including the Pinellas Education Foundation.



Walker’s Rising Stars Spotlight: Dylan Glatthorn, Composer, Lyricist, NYU Alumnus

Dylan Glatthorn, a 2004 Walker’s Rising Star finalist and graduate of Gibbs High School’s Pinellas County Center for the Arts, recently debuted “Canteen!” at the Laurie Beechman Theatre in New York City. Dylan served as the musical director for the show. A graduate of NYU Steinhardt’s music composition program where he studied under Steven Rosenhaus, Dylan also wrote the music, lyrics, and co-wrote the book for his musical, *Republic*, which had a stage reading in April at the Acorn Theatre in Times Square. The show’s incredible cast included such Broadway regulars as Lauren Worsham (*New York City Opera’s Candide*), James Moyer (*Tale of Two Cities, Full Monty*), and Tony Award winning actress Beth Leavel (*The Drowsy Chaperone, Crazy for You*). Born and raised in St. Petersburg, Florida, he has composed, orchestrated, and music directed for numerous productions at the Palladium Theatre and the Studio@620.



Dylan’s music has been performed by ensembles such as the Quintet of the Americas, the Lumina String Quartet, the PCCA Orchestra, and the PRISM Brass Quintet. Dylan is a founding member of Circles and Lines, the NYC composers collective which has received favorable reviews in the New York Times. He is a recipient of the Alan Menken Award, Walker’s Rising Stars Scholarship, Al Downing Jazz Association Scholarship, and the Mensa Education and Research Foundation’s Grosswirth-Salny Scholarship. Dylan resides in New York City and is a proud member of both ASCAP and The Dramatists Guild of America, Inc.



Save the Date for Walker’s Rising Stars – May 27

The Pinellas Education Foundation invites you to take your seat for the Annual Walker’s Rising Stars Scholarship Gala. Join us on Thursday, May 27 at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater. The evening kicks off with a private reception from 6:00pm – 7:00pm followed by the program from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. Tickets will be available for purchase soon!

Walker’s Rising Stars was created and funded by noted Bay Area neurosurgeon Dr. Jeffrey Walker, to recognize Pinellas County Schools’ most outstanding public high school junior and senior solo performers in the fields of instrumental music, vocal music, theater, dance and visual arts. More than 200 students enter the annual competition. Scholarships valued at \$65,000 will be awarded in categories of: dance, drama, vocal music, instrumental music and visual arts. “We’re pleased to announce

that a new category for a team to win a first-ever digital video award has been introduced this year,” said Terry Boehm, President of the Pinellas Education Foundation. Complete details are available at the [Events](#) link of the Pinellas Education Foundation website or www.pinellaseducation.org.

Doorways Student Spotlight: Alton Taylor, Senior, Countryside High



“Great expectations” is a phrase that comes to mind when you meet Alton Taylor. Honor Roll student and record breaking athlete is how his list begins. Add to it goal-oriented, well mannered and driven and you have Mr. Taylor’s formula for success.

While earning honor roll grades and shattering Countryside’s touchdown single season record (31 TDs) took up most of his time, Alton still managed to stay involved with his community and church. Alton ended his high football career by being named Bright House’s Breakout Player of the Year and Knology Cup Player of the Week. He was also a weekly favorite in the *St. Petersburg Times*. Even with all the attention he receives, he still hangs out with his friends and spends time with his family.

“Being a Doorways student constantly reminds me of what is really important,” says Alton. A leader by example on campus, Alton is well respected by his peers, teachers and administrators. Keys to his success are his intrinsic motivation and supportive parents. As winter thaws into spring, Alton’s focus shifts from football to track and deciding on which college he will pursue in his quest to become a sports medicine physician or dentist. As Alton transitions from high school standout to college graduate, we can look forward to

Alton’s great expectations becoming awesome realities.



2nd Annual Seniors & Scholars Health Expo – March 12 – Achieva Conference Center

Knology is teaming up with the Foundation’s Seniors & Scholars program to present the Senior Health Expo on March 12 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Gus A. Stavros Institute. This effort is just one more way in which the Foundation works to keep the community aware of, and engaged in our Pinellas County schools. Over the course of the day, expo attendees will have the opportunity to tour the Institute and learn how students experience the realities of personal finance and the marketplace.

The Health Expo will feature more than 30 exhibitors whose expertise can support healthy lives and continued involvement in the community. Community organizations, entertainment and life enrichment resources, residential communities, senior consumer product vendors, and representatives of traditional and alternative healthcare are all scheduled to participate.

Attendees can take advantage of free screening for vision and glaucoma, ear scan and hearing, memory, blood pressure, spine and leg vein circulation. In addition, seminars will cover topics like Alzheimer’s disease and healthy aging. June Kittay, creator and innovator of dynamic health and fitness programs for seniors will speak *and* have everyone moving and motivated. Prizes, food sampling, music and movement classes will fill the day with fun. The Senior Health Expo is free and open to the public. There is no need to register in advance. This event is presented in partnership with Oak Manor Senior Living Community.

Save the Date for Seniors & Scholars Breakfast – April 14th

Save the Date for the next Seniors & Scholars Breakfast on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in the Achieva Conference Center of the Gus A. Stavros Institute, 12100 Starkey Road, in Largo. The breakfast seminar is free, but you will need to call 727-588-4816 extension 2109 to reserve your seat.

Volunteers Needed!

Enterprise Village teaches fifth-graders about the free enterprise system, what it takes to run a business and a community, how to write checks and make wise consumer choices. During their visit, students actually “work” a designated job, get “paid” for their work and on their breaks, become the consumers.

Finance Park teaches eighth-graders about personal finance. Each student receives a simulated life situation, which they use to determine their net monthly income, prepare a budget and make financial decisions that we all face every day. Students must pay all of their bills and balance their checkbooks by the end of the day. If you would like more information on volunteering or if you are able to help advertise our volunteer need, please contact Karen Brighton at 727-588-3746 or e-mail brightonk@pcsb.org. Read more at www.stavrosinstitute.org.



Come See How the Pinellas Education Foundation Changes Lives - Have Lunch on Us!

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 & 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 lunch courtesy of Sweetbay Supermarket and a tour of our world-renowned program Enterprise Village. Won't you join us?

Upcoming dates are: Tuesday, February 23, Thursday, March 11, Thursday, March 25 and Thursday, April 15. To reserve your spot, contact JoAnne Ratliff at 727-522-4816 ext. 2210 or ratliffj@pinellaseducation.org.



Have you Moved Recently?

Please remember to update the Pinellas Education Foundation with your new mail and / or email address if you have recently moved or changed positions. We want to keep you informed of our programs, events and opportunities. Keeping our records updated also helps us to save on postage costs! Thank you for helping us to save money and keep you informed! Send updates to: info@pinellaseducation.org or call 727-588-4816.

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