



## 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.**

### Reserve Your Seats Now for the Big Show!

Just a few days remain to reserve your seats for the Annual Outstanding Educator of the Year Awards at Tropicana Field. This year's event is February 6<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9 p.m. and will feature a Dinner Buffet beginning at 6:00 p.m., followed by the awards show at 7:30 p.m. Attended by educators, business and community leaders, this spectacular evening honors those teachers who have been nominated at their schools as Pinellas County Outstanding Educators.

Finalists from five categories which include Creativity & Innovation; Commitment to Children and Families; Ambassador of the Profession; Commitment to Improvement of the Profession; and Inspiring Students to Perform at Higher Levels, will be recognized and one will be given the opportunity to represent Pinellas County, competing for the title of Florida Teacher of the Year. For reservation information contact Jessica Kellogg at 727-588-4816 ext. 24.



### CONGRATULATIONS!

Jacob Folce, recipient of the Public Defender's Scholarship through the Pinellas Education Foundation and Commercial Art student at the Pinellas Technical Education Center, has been named pTEC Clearwater Student of the Month for January. Congrats Jacob on a job well done!

### Ajax Building Corporation Comes Through

Bill Byrne and Ajax Building Corporation have been longtime partners of the Pinellas Education Foundation, sponsoring a wide variety of Foundation programs including Walker's Rising Stars, the annual Superintendent's Roundtable at Tropicana Field, the Doorways Celebration, Centers of Excellence and the Frances Stavros Career Education Scholarships. Thanks Ajax for more than \$70,000 to support the students and teachers of Pinellas County Schools.

### 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 30 or [brownem@pinellaseducation.org](mailto:brownem@pinellaseducation.org).

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## Save the Date for the Annual Walker's Rising Stars Show

It's time to save the date for the biggest show of the year. The annual Walker's Rising Stars Awards Show is set for May 28 at 7 p.m. at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater. Get ready now for this star-studded evening as a yearlong, countywide competition culminates with the Walker's Rising Stars Awards Show. Funded by noted neurosurgeon, Dr. Jeffrey Walker, this competition will recognize and provide scholarships up to \$10,000 to our most outstanding public high school junior

and senior solo performers in the fields of instrumental music, vocal music, theater, dance and visual arts. More information on tickets will be available from the Foundation in the coming months.

For more information go to our website at [www.PinellasEducation.org](http://www.PinellasEducation.org)

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