



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.

Get Your Tickets to Watch the Stars Come Out



There is still time to get your tickets for the annual Walker's Rising Stars Awards Show on May 28 at 7 p.m. at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater. 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. For information on corporate sponsorships, contact Jessica Kellogg at 727-588-4816 ext. 25. Tickets to the show can be purchased by contacting any high school arts teacher or at the door the night of the show for \$5.

For more information visit our website at www.PinellasEducation.org

Thanks to the Tampa Bay Rays

On April 12, more than 4,500 Pinellas County Schools' students, parents, teachers and friends descended on Tropicana Field for Pinellas County Schools Spirit Night at the Rays. Nick Grasso, Executive Director of Athletics and Extracurricular Activities for Pinellas County Schools, threw out the first pitch which was deftly caught by Pinellas Education Foundation Chairman Bob McIntyre. Thanks to Matt Silverman and the entire Tampa Bay Rays organization for a great night at Tropicana Field.



Garrett Scholars Named



Jack and Helen Garrett loved children and education. Jack was a well-known Pinellas County school administrator for more than thirty years and served as principal at Plumb Elementary, Kings Highway Elementary and 74th Street Elementary schools. Jack and Helen had no children of their own so his school children became their family.

They wanted to make sure that future generations of young people had the opportunity of a higher education, so Jack and Helen decided to bequeath their entire estate to the Pinellas Education Foundation through their will. They were impressed with the programs and opportunities offered by the Foundation and thought that this would be the best way to ensure scholarships for deserving students.

Thanks to the generosity of Jack and Helen, many future generations of students will receive the opportunity for a better life through higher education. The six Garrett Doorways Scholarship winners for 2008 are Khalil Henson and Karla Jahuey from Kings Highway Elementary School, Brittney Borresen and Paul Pardo from Plumb Elementary School, and Tayveon Landsm and Tallea Toro from 74th Street Elementary School.

Derby Lane Honors Graduating Seniors

Sixty-three high school seniors were honored by the Pinellas Education Foundation and Derby Lane on Friday, April 11 at a noon luncheon at the Hilton Carillon Hotel in St. Petersburg. The students are recipients of Derby Lane Scholarships sponsored by the St. Petersburg Kennel Club. Derby Lane Scholars are selected on the basis of their personal and academic achievements, leadership and service to school and community. Recipients are selected from each of the

public high schools in Pinellas County and will receive scholarships to be used at a community college or university within Florida. In addition, two students, Alicia Holden from Lakewood High School and Sarah Hall from Tarpon Springs High School, received four-year renewable scholarships. Also T.L. Weaver Scholarships were awarded to family members St. Petersburg Kennel Club employees who are graduating seniors from bay area high schools. Thanks to Derby Lane for generations of support for Pinellas County Schools students.



Pinellas County High School Alumni Directories

Pinellas County Schools and the Pinellas Education Foundation have contracted with Harris Connect, a nationally-recognized educational publishing company, on an exciting project. For the first time, alumni directories will be published for the 15 high schools in Pinellas County that have been in operation for at least 25 years! Alumni directories are a wonderful tool to help alumni stay connected with one another and to our schools and community. All alumni will be included in the directory, and will have the opportunity to purchase a directory. Directories will be sold in hardbound and softbound editions.

Harris Connect staff are working on the data verification component of the directory project by sending letters, postcards, and emails to all graduates from the 15 high schools involved in the project. Phone calls will also be made—all in an effort to verify the contact information and correct listing for all alumni at each of the schools. If you graduated from one of the high schools involved in the project, please be sure to update and verify your contact information, and encourage your friends, and colleagues to do the same. Each school will be assigned an 800 number for alumni to call to provide their updated contact information.

Corporate Ambassadors Make a Difference

Our Corporate Ambassador Program provides opportunities for individuals in businesses throughout Pinellas County to assist in the work of the Pinellas Education Foundation and support the students and educators of Pinellas County Schools. Our Corporate Ambassadors serve as advocates for public education in their various walks of life, assist the Foundation with its fundraising efforts, and carry information about our many programs into the community. Thank you to all of our Corporate Ambassadors and welcome to our newest Ambassadors.

Sarah Miller	Home Shopping Network
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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.

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