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### President's Message



I'm very honored and excited to serve as the 2012-2013 President of the Leadership Pasco Board of Directors. My experience with Leadership Pasco began back in 2009 and I was so fortunate to be our Class Vice-President. Since joining the Board, I've been able to serve in several areas including Program Co-Chair, News Releases and Graduation Chair. Our Board of Directors is completely committed and dedicated to making each Leadership Pasco year a memorable and value experience to our class members.

Once again, in September, we will kick off a new Leadership Pasco year with Orientation for our Class of 2013. During the next nine months, they will participate in dynamic program days, bus tours, SIMSOC and a class project as they build the bonds and friendships with fellow class members. It's always exciting to see how the class year develops and what can be accomplished by them working together.

I would like to personally invite the Leadership Pasco Alumni to come out and welcome our new class at Orientation. It's a great time to meet our upcoming community leaders and connect with other Alumni. I hope that you will join us!

Once again, I would like to welcome our new class members! I look forward to meeting each of you and working with your class this upcoming year!

Tina Shelton

### Taste Of Pasco Fundraiser Raised Funds To Help The County's Homeless Population

*Krista Hakes (Class of 2012)*

Leadership Pasco hosted the second annual Taste of Pasco fundraiser last May at the Rotary Pavilion at the Concourse to raise money for the new Mobile Medical Unit used to serve the homeless population of Pasco County.

After attending the Criminal Justice Day the Leadership Pasco, class of 2012, had heard facts that left the class shaking their heads in sorrow.

"There are 4,000 homeless children in Pasco County – that just boggles my mind" said Public Defender, Bob Dillinger. These children and their parents have many needs; one very serious need is medical treatment.

Something needed to be done. After that day

the students met several times to discuss the class project they would undertake, the Mobile Medical Unit to serve Pasco County's homeless seemed like a home run.

The Mobile Medical Unit was unveiled at Metropolitan Ministries in Holiday, FL. This past March. Senator Mike Fasano, Pasco County Commissioners, and several other business and community leaders were in attendance for the ribbon cutting. Senator Fasano had arranged for \$165,000 in the state funding to pay for full-time staff and Commissioner Pat Mulieri was instrumental in helping to raise the funds needed to purchase the vehicle.

The event included food and beverage tastings from local restaurants, live entertainment, silent auction and police K9 unit demonstrations. Children had plenty of activities including games, a bounce house, petting zoo, face painting, balloon artists and more. The event raised over \$22,000 and will be used to help stock the medical unit full of the necessary supplies needed to serve the homeless.



# PRESENTING THE CLASS OF 2013

*Nikki Alvarez-Sowles - Pasco County Clerk & Comptroller*

*Stefanie Ambrosio Pontlitz - United Way of Pasco County*

*Jack Armstrong - Pasco Sheriff's Office*

*Mike Chissell - Miller Wealth Management Group*

*Gary Clendenin - Carter & Clendenin, PA*

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*Linda Edington - Rasmussen College*

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*Shannon Hancock - Morton Plant North Bay*

*Michele Hinton - Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP*

*Debbie Humphrey - Home Helpers*

*Kim Jacklin - Jacklin Patent Services, PLC*

*Ashley Juno - Gulfside Regional Hospice*

*Ken Kilian - Pasco Sheriff's Office*

*Crystal Lazar - Habitat for Humanity of East & Central Pasco County*

*Summer Martin - Pasco Economic Development Council*

*Julie McWilliams - Planet Beach/Spa*

*Michael Miller - Miller Wealth Management Group*

*Iliana Molina - Pasco Kids First / Healthy Families Pasco-Hernando*

*Gail Page - Pasco County Sheriff's Office*

*Yosodha Ratnasekera - Tampa Electric Company*

*Jaysen Roa - HPH Hospice*

*Jan Roberts - Big Brothers Big Sisters*

*Summer Robertson - District School Board of Pasco County*

*Ed Rogers - Heidt Design, LLC*

*Michael Schwab - Coastal Rental Center*

*Lisa Shippy-Gonzalez - Havana Dreamers Café*

*Brian Taylor - Pasco County Parks & Recreation*

*George Tharin - Williamson Dacar Associates / Architects*

*Robert Waselewski - Tampa Electric Company*

*Philip Whitten - Fellowship of Christian Athletes*

*Keith Wiley - Pasco County/Environmental*

## We're Doing Something Right

### Survey Results from Class of 2012

***We continuously improve our program by analysing evaluations from each educational day, and are pleased with end-of-year evaluation.***

On a scale of one to ten, we achieved an 8.21 for the program year, with scores ranging from 7 to 10.

Favorite program day was Criminal Justice; however, all days were represented in the results.

#### ***What was the favorite part?***

Learning about Pasco County.

The diversity of subjects and the people Including the classmates.

Tours of local businesses and government agencies.

Meeting some Incredible people.



***100% said they would recommend Leadership Pasco to colleagues!***

*Thank you Class of 2012 for your participation and suggestions. We Welcome you as alumni.*



# VOICES OF LEADERSHIP

## King Pithla Speaks

*Bob Memoli (Class of 2005)*

Bob graduated Leadership Pasco in 2005. Their class slogan was "Helping Pasco Thrive in 2005." The class was very dynamic and had great spirit. The class grew very close over time and that closeness in relationships still exist today with many of the class members both personally and in business.

When Bob signed up for the class of 2005 he expected to meet people and grow his real estate business and learn leadership skills. That in turn did happen for him. However, through working a major class project that at the time was very ambitious many close friendships developed. The class project was to build a complete park for the children and families in Tommytown. The class raised over \$40,000 in revenue and in-kind to build a park that was second to none in a very deprived area of Pasco. But just as important they worked side by side doing jobs they never thought they could do. Excavating, ball fields, commercial sea-saws, swings climbing bars, sprinkler systems, fences, bell towers, race tracks and much more were just some of the tasks that were completed.

Then there was SIMSOC. SIMSOC meant the class had to work together as a team and prove themselves. Later that first day it was very evident that the friendships would be forever for many.

Bob was elected class president and that automatically put Bob on the Leadership Board of Directors as a liaison for the year he was in class. The following year Bob was appointed as a Director for the Board and later became President of the Board of Directors. He reflects back and sees Leadership Pasco as one of the most valuable assets of his career. He also realizes how much work is done behind the scenes on the Board of Directors to make Leadership Pasco classes so successful year after year. Seven years later everyone he says, "grows when they go through Leadership Pasco, but he must admit he grows each meeting he attends on the Board as well." Bob says, "You cannot find a bunch of more talented individuals on a Board of Directors who respect each other, have fun and work together to make each class have the best experience that a person can have." This type leadership has been going on for over 21 years and has benefitted hundreds of students to learn about Pasco as well as hone their leadership skills.



## Thoughts from Queen Chasco

*Cindy Ewald (Class of 2010)*

As this year's Chasco Queen I'm honored and have truly enjoyed meeting so many non-profits and volunteer organizations. In addition; it has been very special to meet all of the volunteers that give back to our community. This has been a great opportunity for me to see all the good being done here in Pasco County. It is very humbling to represent so many that selfishly give so much. There are still so many organizations that could use volunteers, so I encourage you, if you haven't already, to reach out. Many don't need a specific skill, but they just need a hand. A great place to start looking for volunteer opportunities is our local Chamber of Commerce. A minute of your time could be a lifetime to someone else.

## UPDATE YOUR INFO

<http://tinyurl.com/LP-ALUMNI>

**Don't miss the opportunity  
to keep in touch.**

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# Class of 2013 Reception - 9-6-12

*Class of 2013 - Start Time - 5 pm*

*Alumni - Start Time - 6 pm*

*Tampa Bay Golf & Country Club*

*10641 Old Tampa Bay Drive (I-75 & SR 52)*

*San Antonio, FL 33576*

Meet and greet the new Leadership Pasco class.  
Reconnect with past alumni and friends.  
Remember how valuable the Leadership Pasco  
experience is to both you both  
personally and professionally?

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