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BRINGING COMMUNITY LEADERS TOGETHER

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## President's Message



As 2017 begins, I know there are many of us who are thankful for a fruitful year, and some of us that are happy to see it go. Looking back at the past 12 months of Leadership Pasco I fall into the former category. 2016 brought forth a graduating class of the highest caliber, Taste of Pasco was highly successful, and our impact on the community continues to grow. Over the Summer, we received more applications for the Class of 2017 than ever before and made some difficult decisions on this year's class roster. After their first quarter of class days, the Class of 2017 has shown that they have what it takes to make Leadership Pasco proud! I want to congratulate their class officers and I look forward to seeing their class develop over the next few months. As I write this, we are a few days from SIMSOC and as all alumni know, this is the point where your class changes from individuals to a cohesive team. I can't wait to watch the magic happen! Happy New Year to all our alumni, class members and their families. I hope that 2017 brings renewed blessings into your world.

*stefanie Pontlitz*



Class of 2017 visiting the Hacienda in New Port Richey during Infrastructure and Growth Day

## Spotlight on Youth Leadership Pasco

Recently, three high school seniors who were graduates of Youth Leadership Pasco were selected as the Outstanding Senior at their school: Christopher Hamilton (Gulf High School) Johanna Cummines (Ridgewood High School) and Ryan Savoldy (Fivay High School). This article is the first in a series of student spotlights.



Ryan Savoldy  
Outstanding Senior Fivay High School  
Youth Leadership Pasco Class of 2016

### What was your favorite part of Youth Leadership Pasco?

I was honored to be a part of this group of young leaders from across the county. It was nice to meet like-minded students who want to learn more about the community in which we live while growing as leaders among leaders. I enjoyed exploring the county and learning more about the criminal justice, economic, and medical resources in our county. My favorite day was Education day and getting the opportunity to spend a great deal of time with Superintendent Kurt Browning. We were allowed to have an open discussion with him about how we feel about the school system as a whole, the amount of testing which takes place each year and the advantages of career academies, Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment classes. He was down to earth and engaged in the discussion and listened to our opinions on how we feel as students within the system.

### What are your future plans?

I am in the college application process. I have been accepted to Stetson University, St. John's University and Xavier University. I am awaiting decisions from the University of Michigan, UF, University of North Carolina, Duke, Stanford, Notre Dame, NYU and Columbia. I want to study Bio-Medical Engineering and eventually attend medical school and become an orthopedic surgeon.

## Celebrating A Bob Memoli Birthday

Community leader and Leadership Pasco alumni (class of 2005 Bob Memoli celebrated his 70th birthday on November 10th. More than 200 friends and family gathered at Fitzgerald's Irish Tavern to wish him well. Happy birthday Bob and many more!



Todd Pillars, '15, Kim Hamm '15, Bob Memoli '05,

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# VOICES OF LEADERSHIP

*Michael Cox*

*Class of 2015, President*

*Two, Zero, One, Five, ready to lead for the next 25!*

*Associate Vice President, Wells Fargo Advisors*



As a lifelong resident of Pasco County I questioned how much I would learn by participating in Leadership Pasco. The program was a huge eye opener to me. Not only did I become more cognitive about issues facing our county, but Leadership Pasco helped me grow as a person. I found the program days informational, the leadership development activities enlightening and fun. SIMSOC pushed us way outside our comfort zones and totally challenged our preconceived perceptions of society. You will find that Leadership Pasco is a great program run by great people and will be an excellent use of your time.

*Don Anderson*

*Class of 2016, President*

*East to West, Sixteen is the Best!*

*Vice President of Strategy and Development, Youth and Family Alternatives, Inc.*



My Leadership Pasco experience provided fantastic opportunities for personal growth on so many levels. But, more than anything else, it helped me to define my desire to serve others while advancing my leadership experience and skills. To quote Ralph Waldo Emerson "The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be." And, without question, Leadership Pasco provided me the opportunity to examine and refine who I want to be and how I want to serve others. I encourage anyone looking to serve and, or, lead in our community, to experience Pasco, and your own ambitions, through the lens of Leadership Pasco.

## Alumni and Friends Mixed It Up in Dade City in October

The last Leadership Pasco Alumni Mixer followed a board meeting in Dade City on October 27 and was one of more successful events drawing alumni from across all corners of Pasco.

The Alumni Committee chose to hold the mixer at Kafe Kokopelli because it has been the Taste of Pasco winner, sponsored by Leadership Pasco, for the past two years. Mixers are held throughout the year to continue the fellowship and networking opportunities the participation in Leadership provides.

The menu that evening included: smoked salmon with boursin cheese and dill on water crackers, chilled thyme scented grilled tenderloin over fried polenta cake with horseradish crème, apple wood bacon wrapped sea scallops, mini maryland crab cakes with red pepper coulis, general Tso's chicken, Dr. Pepper BBQ pulled pork on mini roll with bread and butter pickles

The next Leadership Pasco Mixer will be at Craft Street and Drinks in Trinity on January 23rd, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

RSVP at [www.LeadershipPasco.com](http://www.LeadershipPasco.com)

Your Alumni Committee,  
Kim Bogart '10, James Mallo '12, and Ed Caum '14



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*Alumni Mixer — January 23, 2017 (Craft Street Kitchen and Drinks, Trinity)*

*Taste of Pasco — April 29, 2017 (Rotary Pavilion, Land O' Lakes)*

*Graduation — Class of 2017 — May 23, 2017 (Heritage Springs Country Club, Trinity)*

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