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## **Chamber News**

2025

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# **EAST PASCO CHAMBER BUSINESS** BREAKFAST

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Thursday, August 28, 2025 6 pm-9 pm DAN CANNON AUDITORIUM

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2025 Annual Celebration Seating Options:

Momentum ~ (Individual) \$75 Cornerstone ~ (Seating for 6) \$425 Legacy ~ (Seating for 8) \$550

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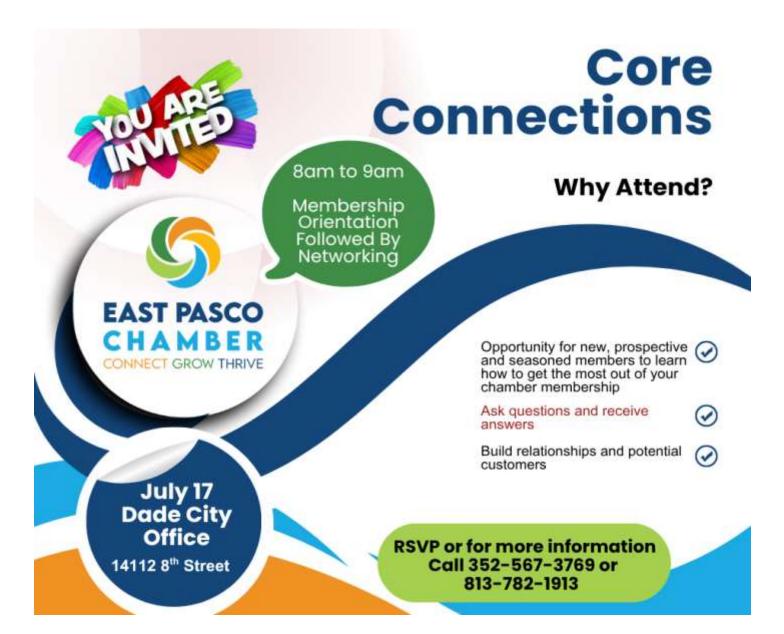
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## Engagement at Chamber Networking Events Core Connections and Coffee & Networking Friday





Another opportunity that the chamber offers New Members, Seasoned Members and Perspective Members to network.

Come learn about "your" benefits you will receive when you join the Chamber!

## Held the 3rd Thursday of the Month at 8am-9am

Location with alternated between the Dade City and Zephyrhills Office

- \* Get Engaged
- \* Ask Questions
- \* Receive Answers
- Introduce you and your business to the staff
- \* Introduce you and your business to the other attending businesses
- \* Exchange Business Cards & Brochures
- \* Network
- Build relationships and potential customers





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# DID YOU KNOW?

Breakfast 7am (2<sup>nd</sup> Tue)

Social Media (Follow, Like & Share Chamber's posts)

Sponsor a

You can come Hang Out with your fellow chamber members at all these Networking **Opportunities?** 

Attend other chamber Annual Events

chamber event Ribbon Cuttings / Celebrations (of your fellow members)

Core Connections 8-9am 3rd Thu, alternates between offices)

Schedule an Open House or Tour of your business



Coffee & Networking 8-9am Every Tue in Dade City & Every Fri in Zephyrhills

Call 352-567-3769 or 813-782-1913 for more information

## You asked for more networking opportunities and we listened.

A fun, casual, and entertaining opportunity to get to spend quality time getting to know your fellow chamber members and growing your business.

Mark your calendars to join us each week!





Fridays 38550 5th Avenue, Zephyrhills





## EAST PASCO CHAMBER

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In order to help up prepare!

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Board of Directors & Staff 2024-2025

## **REMINDER:**

*Refer a New Member and receive \$25.00 credit towards your membership renewal!* 

## **June Renewing Members**

American Legion Post #15 American Modular & Manufactured Custom Homes Angel Tea Room & Heavenly Treasures Gift Shop Arts in Motion Community Youth Theater Arts Education, Inc. **B & N Lenz Enterprises** BHive Awards Apparel & More **Bilirakis for Congress** Blanton United Methodist Church Buzz's Pressure Washing, LLC Chris' A/C Company **Coastal Cremations** Duke Energy **Dunamis Premium Spirits** East Pasco Networking Express Hauling & Junk Florida Westcoast Skin and Cancer Center Gulfside Healthcare Handyman Kendall Deford Kiwanis Club of Dade City Marine Corps League Sgt Maj Michael S Curtin Detachment #1224 Mouratoglou Academy Paradigm International, Inc. Pioneer Florida Museum & Village Profit Growth Catalysts Royal Oak Nursing Center Sarah Vande Berg Tennis Foundation



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## Maximize Your Membership - Support Local for Free!

Take advantage of valuable networking opportunities - just one of the many perks of your Chamber membership.

Looking for an easy (and free!) way to support fellow members?

- Leave a Google review
- Like, follow and share them on Facebook

It costs nothing, but means everything to a small business



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## **June New Members**

Bee Happy Native Nursery Bay Area Manufacturers Association Cook Portable Warehouses Offered by Leonard Truck Outfitters Cortez Training Center Cross Environmental Services, Inc. **Emberwood Manor** Fluffy Puppy Grooming **Green Acre Structures Kiwanis of Zephyrhills Kumquat Pilates** Liquid Gold Prints, LLC Power Prospects USA Premier FC Rec + Southern Mortgage Associates **Teamlogic IT** The Gentlemen's Course, Inc. The PTSD Foundation of America Tory's Kitchen



Don't miss out on great Networking Opportunities Just a small part of your Chamber Membership Benefits

Important ways you can support your fellow local small businesses and it doesn't cost you any money!





## **5 WAYS TO UTILIZE YOUR CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP**





#### **GROW YOUR BUSINESS / BECOME MORE VISIBLE**

- · Help the chamber to learn more about your business for better referrals
- Build relationships with fellow members by attending events
- · Shop fellow members to support them
- Let the community know more about your business
- Place brochures & business cards in chamber offices
- Provide informational articles & photos for the Monthly Newsletter
- Follow, Like & Share all the Chamber's Social Media pages / posts



#### TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

- · Coffee & Networking (8am every Tue in Dade City office & Fri in Zephyrhills office)
- Core Connections (3<sup>rd</sup> Thu, alternates between Dade City & Zephyrhills office)
- Breakfast (2<sup>nd</sup> Tue Monthly, location alternates depending on sponsor)
- Ribbon Cuttings / Celebrations
- · Help the chamber to learn about and share your Social Media posts



#### **MARKETING / ADVERTISE**

- · Keep updated materials in chamber offices
- · Advertise in Chamber Directory (twice a year)
- · Advertise on Chamber website & in monthly newsletter
- Tuesday Newsday email eblast (every Tue)
- Spotlight on Business
- Event sponsorship
- · Promote your events



#### ENGAGEMENT

- Volunteer
- · Attend special events
- · Attend community events
- · Provide informational articles & photos for the Monthly Newsletter
- · Schedule an open house & tour

### Advocacy & Representation

Make the chamber aware of business challenges

**ADVOCACY & REPRESENTATION** 

- Attend Economic Summit Event
- Attend Access Events (Access East Pasco & Access to Opportunity)
- Post chamber membership decal in public location
- Membership signals trustworthiness & professionalism
- Attend events to gain access to local dignitaries & local officials

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## What does it mean to you?

### To us it means:

- Building Relationships
- Seeing you attend Networking Opportunities & Events
- Hearing about your business growing
- You giving us information so we can help to promote your business

July as the new Month begins. I send You lots of love and Sunshine wishes





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We want you to take advantage of this great opportunity to promote your business so please let us know if you have any questions and we look forward to working with you.

Thank you,

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Vicki Wiggins, MBA, CFRE President/CEO



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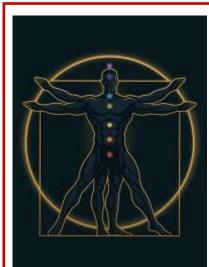




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## Heritage Arts Center Association announces TWO Art Scholarships

### Contact Person – Melinda Geskey, 757-272-2266, melgeskey@gmail.com

Heritage Arts Center Association gives a \$1,000 Nereim Fine Arts Award each year, in honor and memory of Gordon and Jean Nereim, talented founding members of the organization. Their love of the arts lives on through this award. Every spring, talented artists who are seniors in Pasco schools submit artwork (paintings, sculpture, drawing or photography). The organization is excited to announce that, because of a generous grant received from the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation, this year they are able to award TWO \$1,000 art awards to talented seniors!

Colette Hanke, a senior at Academy at the Lakes, is one honored artist. She has had a fascination with art since childhood, and her teacher is Matthew Paltoo. Colette submitted an acrylic painting, created in order to experiment with the "cell shading" style. She used a white charcoal pencil to sketch out the piece, and then blocked out the light and shadow for the process. Her painting depicted an artist's workspace, with a blank canvas – suggesting the endless possibilities of creation.

Lindsey Overland from Cypress Creek High is our 2<sup>nd</sup> artist awarded. Lindsey's primary field of interest is illustration, her teacher is Zach Krieder, and future plans are to attend Ringling art school in visual development as a concept artist. The submitted artwork was a mixed media piece of birds, with pearl craft stickers on canvas, which reflected the theme of femininity and connectedness.

Because of the large numbers and quality of entries this year, we also named both Brianna Mercado and Alenna Raza as our "Honorable Mention" artists. These 4 young artists will be featured at Heritage Art's "Moonlight and Ivory" concerts and art show, held annually at Dade City's Woman's Club. This year the show will be on November 1, 2025. More information about that event, and the organization, may be found at heritagearts.org.



# BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

We would like to "Spotlight Your Business" in one of our monthly Chamber News email!

Email your "Spotlight" information in 100 words or less and your logo in a high resolution jpg to melody@eastpascochamber.org

## Business Spotlight

CALL 352-567-3769 OR 813-782-1913 FOR MORE INFORMATION









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<u>Awareness of your brand</u> ~Multimedia program partnership ~Event participation ~FREE Ribbon Cuttings Introduce your business to the community

<u>Networking with your clients</u> ~Interaction with potential customers ~Business Breakfasts ~Chamber Ambassador Opportunities ~Events and Committees

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Hurricane season is officially underway, and <u>Pasco County Emergency Management</u> wants to make sure you're prepared before storms start brewing. Following an unprecedented storm season in Pasco last year, we all know a little preparation now can go a long way toward keeping your family, pets and property safe!

Download our <u>new and improved Disaster Guide</u>. Our redesigned, interactive guide is packed with essential tips on storm readiness, evacuation routes, emergency supplies and recovery resources – everything you need to plan ahead.

"We can't say it enough – preparation is key to keeping your family safe and protecting your property," says Emergency Management Director Andrew Fossa. "We've updated our Disaster Guide with the latest, most practical information to help everyone in Pasco be ready before a storm strikes."

#### Act Today:

ü Download Pasco County's Disaster Guide in English and Spanish.
 ü Sign up for Alert Pasco to get real-time updates on severe weather, evacuations and other emergency notifications – <u>straight</u> to your phone or inbox.

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### **Reducing Crime With The 9PMRoutine!**



Many vehicle and home burglaries happen simply because a door is unlocked or valuables are in plain sight. These crimes are often preventable, and that's where the 9PMRoutine comes in. This Pasco Sheriff's Office initiative is a nightly reminder to remove all valuables from your car and lock the doors to your vehicle and home. Your 9PMRoutine can also include additional protective measures to reduce crimes, including home and auto burglaries or vehicle theft.

To fully understand why the 9PMRoutine works, it helps to learn about a well-known law enforcement concept called the "Triangle of Crime." Three factors are required for a crime to occur: ability, desire and opportunity. It only takes breaking one side of the triangle to prevent crime. While you can't control a

potential criminal's desire or ability, you can eliminate opportunity. Therefore, adding the following steps to your 9PMRoutine will go a long way in reducing opportunity.

Auto burglaries and theft start the moment you park your car. Park in a well-lit and highly visible area or park in a garage to make your vehicle less accessible to criminal activity. Remove items from your car to eliminate your chances of being targeted. When you leave your valuables in plain sight, you also risk your stolen items appearing in other crimes, like fraudulent credit card use. Ensure you remove your car's key fob from inside the vehicle, even when parking in a garage. A popular feature in many cars is a keyless entry system that unlocks your car automatically when you are close by, so avoid leaving your key fob near your garage door or windows. Finally, don't forget to actually lock your car. When doors are locked and windows are closed, thieves are likelier to move on.

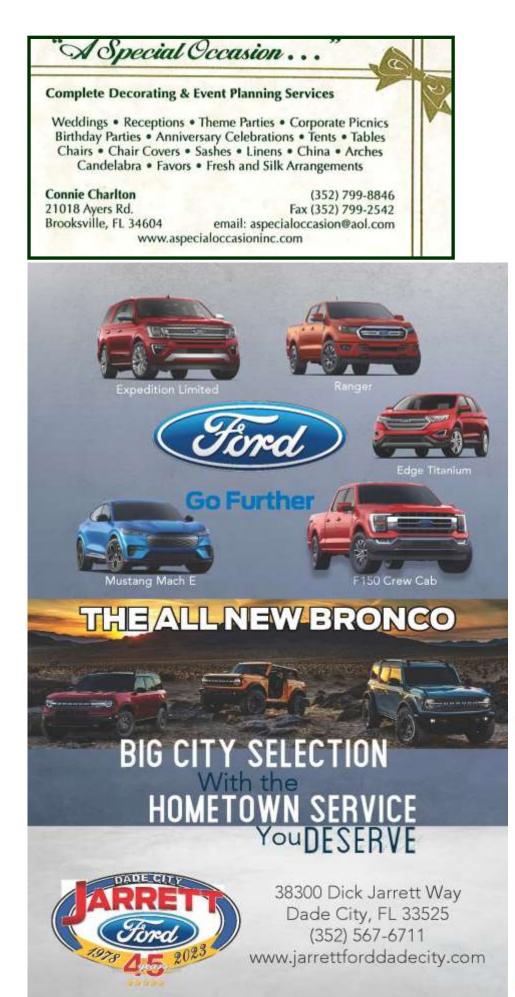
When it comes to eliminating opportunities for home burglaries, there are protective measures you can take outside and inside the home. For the exterior of your home, ensure all outside doors and windows have working locks. Keep spare keys with a neighbor, not near your door. Have a functioning light near all exterior doors. Ensure gate latches and fences are in good working condition. Consider a secondary lock for sliding glass doors. Keep plants near windows trimmed to eliminate hiding places. Make sure items like bikes, grills, lawnmowers, or other valuables are secured when not in use.

As for inside the home, walk around your house with the eyes of a burglar. Remove valuables that are visible from windows to reduce your home's chances of being targeted. Think of the expression "out of sight, out of mind," and consider securing your valuables in a safe. Make your home appear occupied by setting lamps to automatic timers. Before turning in, double-check that all exterior doors and windows are locked and ensure your garage is closed.

The final steps for reducing crimes of opportunity are to be vigilant and report suspicious activity. As the saying goes, if you see something, say something! Provide the date and time you saw unusual activity, and include as much information as possible to identify the suspect. Don't hesitate to report any behavior that seems out of place. You could be protecting your friends, family and neighbors from becoming victims.

By practicing the 9PMRoutine every night, you're doing more than locking a door; you're protecting your loved ones, your belongings and your peace of mind. Don't let opportunity knock — lock it out with the 9PMRoutine!

Sheriff Chris Nocco





Chamber Members With July Birthdays

We Hope Your Day Is and Was Amazing!

> Just believe, Uplift others, Love yourself, You got this,



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In the Business View Magazine Cicil Municipal May 2025 Issue

## Small Businesses and Artificial Intelligence (AI): Where to start?

#### By Joe Blankenship, Principal Solutions Engineer at A Valid Company

Modern artificial intelligence (AI) tools are powerful and have the potential to accelerate many tasks for small businesses. Small businesses can easily access and use services like ChatGPT and other large-language models (LLMs), creating efficiencies in sales, marketing, accounting, and information technology management. These efficiencies in practical business operations can enable an organization and its skilled workers to enhance their daily practices and expand their current capabilities. AI as a workforce multiplier is elevating small businesses and their strategies, leveraging AI to refine and focus their goals beyond their current limitations.

Al can level the playing field between large corporations and small businesses in several ways, but small businesses must be smart about how this adoption occurs. Small businesses often have budget and skilled labor constraints that can limit their adoption or the consideration for utilization of generative AI (GenAI) solutions. GenAI tools can enable smart chat for customer support, smart marketing agents for content generation, or forecasting models for logistics and sales planning. The use of AI in these areas allows a small business to make leaps in capabilities and accelerate their offerings to customers, but only if careful consideration is taken towards the long-term costs and technical responsibilities that the use of GenAI incurs for an organization and their unique business goals.

Here are a few things to consider when looking to adopt AI for your business:

- Knowing the connections between your business strategy and operations can improve your selection of affordable AI platforms based on the areas where they would make the greatest impact
- Understanding key areas where AI solutions worked best for other organizations can help your business better identify the near- and long-term costs of a platform's implementation, use, and maintenance
- Taking time to analyze and understand where implementation of AI solutions may be overkill can help you define better requirements for solutions that make real impact for your business
- Success through AI solutions can be accelerated through a clear understanding of how key team members and champions in your business will contribute to the adoption and growth of new AI-driven processes

Al is driving real change today and empowering small businesses to quickly and successfully compete with larger businesses. You know your business the best and you know where and how you want your company to grow. Carefully planning how to use AI solutions and gradually building your AI capabilities will set your growth apart from your competitors and keep your organization on the leading edge of companies using these rapidly improving technologies for amazing results.



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## Pasco Fire Rescue Expands Water Rescue Fleet

### ~~Firehouse Subs awards PCFR \$30,000 to provide lifesaving equipment~~

<u>Pasco County Fire Rescue</u> (PCFR) is stepping up our game, ensuring that when floodwaters rise, we're ready to respond faster and more effectively than ever.

PCFR is adding two, new inflatable rescue boats, motors, scupper sets and essential accessories to our rescue fleet – all thanks to a **\$30,000 grant** from <u>Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation</u>®. This generous gift couldn't have been timed better and will significantly boost our ability to handle water rescues.

"These new rescue boats are vital to our emergency response, which many of our communities relied on during last year's unprecedented hurricane season in Pasco," says Fire Chief Ryan Guynn. "When floodwaters rise, every second counts. This equipment will help us reach flood victims quickly and safely, ultimately saving lives."

In just two years, PCFR's swift water rescue fleet has grown to include six inflatable rescue boats and two Jon boats. This expansion ensures that when severe flooding threatens our community, the Special Operations team can move swiftly to safely assist those in need.

Pasco Fire Rescue is dedicated to serving and protecting the people of Pasco County through community risk reduction strategies. We provide professional, compassionate responses to calls for service while striving to educate our community. To learn more about Pasco Fire Rescue, visit: <u>mypas.co/FireRescue</u>.

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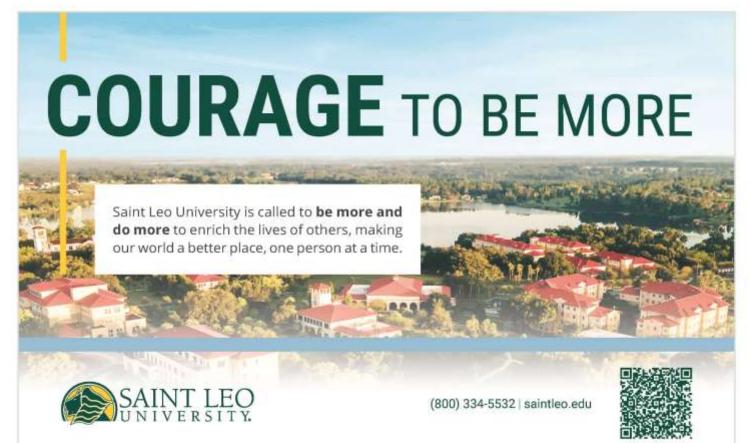
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## Saint Leo University Bachelor's in Nursing Receives National Accreditation

## Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education accreditation 'real testament to the quality and dedication behind what we do.'

Soon after celebrating the graduation of its first nursing students on May 7, Saint Leo University reached another nursing milestone. The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) on May 28 accredited the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program. The accreditation was effective as of November 2024, CCNE stated.

Saint Leo began development of its nursing degree in 2019, striving to create a nursing program that not only meets the requirements of nursing education, but also creates new nurses who are caring and well-prepared to meet the challenges of the field.

"The focus of program development was on assuring that the highest nursing education standards were addressed," said Dr. Kathleen Van Eerden, dean of the College of Health Professions. "The Florida Board of Nursing requirements and the CCNE accreditation standards were incorporated in Saint Leo's program."

Accreditation is a peer review process in which nursing experts conduct an on-site evaluation completed by CCNE representatives, Van Eerden said. The site evaluation is comprehensive over several days. "During the visit, the evaluation team reviewed hundreds of materials, including a detailed self-study document prepared by the faculty, and met with nursing faculty, students, administrators, support staff, and community representatives. The evaluation team then completed a written report which was shared with the program and with CCNE whose board does further review and renders a decision. The Saint Leo University BS in Nursing Program received the maximum allowable accreditation term of five years."

Dr. Debra Peterson, chair of Saint Leo's Nursing Program, said she views the CCNE accreditation as "a real testament to the quality and dedication behind what we do. It shows that our BSN program meets high national standards, not just in academics, but in how we support our students and continually strive for excellence."

For Peterson, the accreditation means much more. "On a personal level, this accreditation reinforces the responsibility to make sure our students receive the best education possible," she said. "It reflects the hard work and dedication of our faculty and confirms that we're preparing nursing graduates to meet the real-world demands of health care.

"Above all, I'm proud that our program reflects Saint Leo University's core values such as excellence, integrity, and community by preparing nurses who are compassionate and respectful, and who confidently apply their clinical judgment and expertise to lead in the nursing profession and make a real difference in people's lives," Peterson continued.

### Filling the Need

The demand for registered nurses increased during and following the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, making Saint Leo's program even more needed in the state of Florida and nation. Data from the Florida Hospital Association shows Florida is experiencing a shortage of nurses and projects a deficit of about 59,000 by 2035 while the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts the country will need more than 200,000 registered nurses from now through 2031.

After developing its nursing degree, Saint Leo in 2021 enrolled its first students in its pre-nursing program. In fall 2023, following successful completion of their college courses with a 3.3 GPA and passing the standardized ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills, the now-juniors started their core nursing classes. They began their hands-on learning, practicing their skills in simulation labs and a clinical setting at Blue Heron Senior Living in nearby Wesley Chapel, FL.

In Spring 2024, Saint Leo partnered with AdventHealth Zephyrhills and later with AdventHealth Dade City for an innovative learning experience — a Dedicated Education Unit. The DEU provides nurse-mentors at the AdventHealth hospitals for the university's nursing students.

They began clinical rotations with their preceptors/mentors, working 12-hour shifts side-by-side, with Saint Leo nursing faculty member Paige Porter on site, providing instruction and guidance. The goal was to give the students hands-on clinical experience and train possible future AdventHealth employees.

For Laynee Marsee, one of Saint Leo's first nursing graduates, the DEU experience was invaluable. "The DEU at AdventHealth gave us the opportunity to follow a nurse, who matched our learning styles, throughout our clinical experience," Marsee said. "It allowed us to really understand what goes on in a full 12-hour shift and what nursing is really all about. For me, the most important part of the DEU was being able to put what I've learned into practice. Practicing on a mannikin is nice for understanding the process of the skills learned but doing them on an actual person builds our confidence in our skills and helps us to fully understand how the skills are incorporated into practice."

#### **Building on Success**

Saint Leo's nursing program gained its own dedicated floor when the second floor of Benedictine Hall was renovated to create a state-of-the-art simulation and learning space. A grand opening took place in February to showcase the high-tech nursing classrooms and simulated clinical settings that provide immersive learning environments.

State funding as well as private donations helped build the nursing program and pay for renovation costs as well as equipment, hiring of faculty and staff, and other needs.

John Picciano, a Saint Leo University trustee *emeritus* and member of the Class of 1969, donated more than \$750,000 to the university's Bachelor of Science in nursing program and to help with construction of the new nursing floor. The program also received support from other generous donors and \$740,000 from the Florida Legislature in its 2023-2024 budget.

"Nursing changes the lives of others, and I hope others will support Saint Leo's program, help it to grow, innovate, and graduate caring and competent nurses," said Picciano, who is the CEO of Oglethorpe Inc.

#### What's Next

The first cohort of nursing students graduated May 7, with many of them already accepting positions or having offers locally at AdventHealth, Lakeland Regional Health, Tampa General Hospital, Moffit Cancer Center, and BayCare health care facilities. "This cohort brought something truly special to our program — an energy rooted in excellence, compassion, and connection," said Porter, Saint Leo nursing instructor. "Their impact will continue to echo through the halls of this program, influencing and inspiring future cohorts for years to come."

And more pre-nursing students are on their way with more than 100 incoming first-year students set to attend in Fall 2025, Van Eerden said, which is a record number to date of enrollees in the program.

The university also is continuing its Nursing Housing Award for 2025-2026, which offers an annual financial aid award of \$7,680 to cover on-campus housing costs. In 2024-2025, nursing students used that award and were part of a Nursing Living Learning Community in one of the residence halls. In 2025-2026, "There are plans to offer two Nursing Living Learning Communities in the residence halls," Van Eerden said.

In addition to its current health care partners such as AdventHealth Zephyrhills and Dade City, BayCare, and Gulfside Healthcare Services, the program also plans to join with other entities to train Saint Leo's nursing students as well as provide care for patients in the surrounding communities.

"The program is continuing to grow, and we are engaged in ongoing expansion of our health care

organization relationships," Van Eerden said.

#### Photo cutlines

At the February 2025 grand opening of Saint Leo University's nursing floor, student Samantha Chapman explains the IV lab during a tour.

In March 2024, AdventHealth Zephyrhills nurse preceptor Bianca Cook shows Saint Leo student Grace Lundfeldt a patient's chart. Lundfeldt of Land O' Lakes, graduated in May and will work for AdventHealth Zephyrhills in the emergency department.

*Emily Edwards, Laynee Marsee, Brenna Reinhard, and Emma Hayhurst at AdventHealth Zephyrhills during Spring 2024 at AdventHealth Zephyrhills.* 

#### About Saint Leo University

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## **Organized Summer Break**

The school year is quickly wrapping up and we know what that means. Summer break is upon us. That special time of year when routines (and all the food) seem to disappear. While the kids may be bursting with excitement for the long, laid back days of summer, you may be looking around your home trying to figure out a plan to make it all work. Prepping for an organized summer break can be both fun and functional. The secret to your success (and keeping your sanity intact) is a little decluttering and organizing magic before the lazy days of summer arrive.

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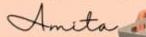
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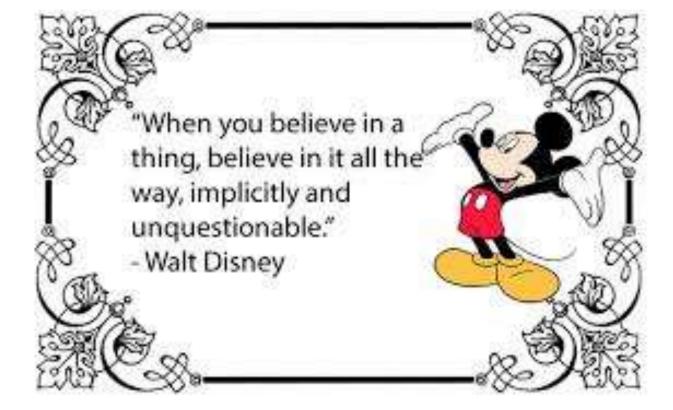
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Regional Affairs Manager, Pasco County and Plant City



### **Finding True Freedom This July**

We celebrate freedom in America—the right to speak openly, worship freely, bear arms, and petition our government. These rights define us as a free nation.

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• 2 Corinthians 3:17

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This July, as you celebrate our nation's freedoms, consider the deeper freedom Christ offers—a freedom no government can grant or take away. Once you accept it, this freedom is yours forever—secure and unshakable, no matter what life brings.

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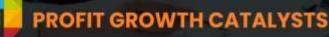
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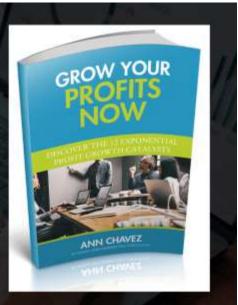
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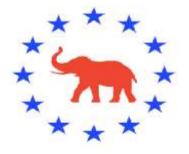


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| 5/20/2025 | Bill Cronin  | Pasco EDC   |  |
| 6/17/2025 | Mike Fasano  | Pasco County Tax Collector  |  |
|           | Mike Wells, Jr.                                      | Pasco County Property Appraiser   |  |
| 7/15/2025 | Nikki Alvarez-Sowles<br>Vicki Wiggins, MBA, CFRE     | Pasco County Clerk & Controller<br>President/CEO Greater East Pasco Chamber of<br>Commerce  |  |
| 8/19/2025 | Chris Nocco<br>Colonel Tait Sanborn<br>Chase Daniels | Pasco County Sheriff<br>Top Deputy, Pasco County Sheriff's Office<br>Pasco County Sheriff's Office  |  |

| 9/16/2025  | Todd Vandeberg<br>Dr. Randall Stovall     | Planning Director, City of Zephyrhills<br>PHSC Dade City, Provost Dean Emeritus,<br>ZEDC Chairman, Past Chairman Zephyrhills Chamber<br>of Commerce |
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| 10/21/2025 | Tracy Hanson<br>Brian Corely<br>John Legg | Founder, Caterpillars to Butterflies<br>Pasco Supervisor of Elections<br>Pasco Superintendent of Schools  |
| 11/18/2025 | Madonna Wise                              | Retired Educator and Author   |

Contact the Chair, Nils R. Lenz, 813-782-9491 or nilslenz@gmail.com, the Vice Chair, Amy Yarborough, cellphone: 813--312-4784 or her e-mail amyzingdestination@gmail.com,or any of our board members for suggested topics that you would like to hear about or to suggest specific speakers. If you would like to speak, contact us NOW to schedule your time during our Networking meetings.

Networking is one of the best methods to make your business Grow. Finding a Network Group that offers great Speakers with relevant Topics for the –Growth & Enhancement of your business is not always easy!!

EPNG – East Pasco Networking Group is the one Networking Group to be a part of Again this is one exciting meeting you do not want to miss!

#### PLEASE NOTE, OUR STARTING TIME IS 7:30 AM 2025 Mixers: (Starting Time for the Mixers is 6 PM

Spring Mixer Date TBA Beth Aker East Pasco Meals on Wheels





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## West Coast Region Volunteer Opportunities

Area 5 Bowling Invitational Saturday, June 28 | Brandon Crossroads Bowl, Brandon

West Coast Region SUP Competition Friday & Saturday, July 11-12 | Nathan Benderson, Sarasota

Area 5 Swim Competition Saturday, July 26 | High 5 Inc, Brandon

Area 7 Swim Competition Saturday, July 26 | Selby Aquatic Center, Sarasota

West Coast Region Volleyball Competition Saturday, August 2 | Shorecrest School, St. Petersburg

South Area 5 Bowling Competition Saturday, August 2 | Brandon Crossroads Bowl, Brandon

North Area 7 Bowling Competition Sunday, August 3 | Bowlero Bradenton

North Area 5 Bowling Competition Saturday, August 9 | Bowlero Crystal River

South Area 7 Bowling Competition Saturday, August 9 | Bowlero Coral, Cape Coral West Coast Region Swim Competition Sunday, August 24 | North Shore Aquatics Complex

Special Olympics

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Area 7 Powerlifting Competition Saturday. September 7 | Real Fitness- CrossFit, Naples

Area 7 Fall Classic Competition Saturday, September 7 | Veterans Community Park, Naples

Area 5 Gymnastics Competition Sunday, September 14 | Temple Terrace Rec Center, Tampa

Area 5 Fall Classic Saturday, September 20 | Cypress Creek High School, Wesley Chapel

West Coast Region Fall Classic Saturday, October 4 | Wiregrass Ranch Sports Complex, Wesley Chapel

Area 5 Golf Competition Sunday, October 12 | Cove Cay Golf Club, Clearwater

West Region Golf Competition Sunday, October 26 | Seven Springs Golf Course, New Port Richey



Special Olympics Florida - Area 5 313 W Fletcher Ave, Tampa FL 33612 www.specialolympicsflorida.org For more information on volunteer opportunities or group volunteer opportunities, contact Megan Swanson, Manager, Community Engagement, Area 5 Meganswanson@sofl.org | (352)-242-8850 The "9-MILE WAR" is a highly competitive high school football rivalry between Pasco High School and Zephyrhills High School in Florida, dating back to 1941. The "9-MILE WAR" moniker refers to the distance between the two schools, which is about nine miles. The rivalry is known for its intense community involvement and is considered one of the oldest and most fiercely contested rivalries in Pasco County. Here's a more detailed look at the story:

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 LONGSTANDING TRADITION: The rivalry has a rich history, with the first game played in 1941, It's a tradition that involves the entire community of both cities, with mayors placing friendly wagers and a plaque awarded to the winning team.

 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: The game is more than just a football match; it's a community event with extensive media coverage.

 RECORD: Pasco leads the all-time series with 42 wins to Zephyrhills' 24, according to PascoCountyFB.

 RECENT HISTORY: In recent years, Zephyrhills has had a strong streak against Pasco, winning the last three meetings by a combined score of 138-29.

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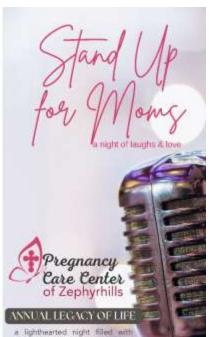
- · Two complimentary tables of eight with preferred seating
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