

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Active Shooter Safety Response Seminar

**When:** Tuesday, August 6; 8:30 - 10 a.m.  
**Where:** West Palm Beach Police Department - Community Room  
**Cost:** Members \$15 (in advance) \$20; Nonmembers \$25 (in advance) \$30

### Business Builder

**When:** Wednesday, August 7 and Friday, August 23; 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.  
**Where:** Chamber Boardroom  
**Cost:** Free

### YPOP 411

**When:** Thursday, August 8; 8:45 - 10 a.m.  
**Where:** CBS - Channel 12  
**Cost:** Free for YPOP members and \$15 for future YPOP members

### Power Networking @ Lunch

**When:** Tuesday, August 13; 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
**Where:** Hilton Palm Beach Airport  
**Cost:** Members \$45; Nonmembers \$50

### Business After Hours

**When:** Wednesday, August 14; 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Ruth's Chris Steak House @ Rosemary Square  
**Cost:** Members \$20; Nonmembers \$30

### Five Easy Steps for Making Better Investment Decisions Seminar

**When:** Thursday, August 15; 8:30 - 10 a.m.  
**Where:** Chamber Boardroom  
**Cost:** Members \$15 (in advance), \$20; Nonmembers \$25 (in advance), \$30  
**Speaker:** Paul Ferwerda, CFA, Wilbanks Smith & Thomas

### Back-to-School Breakfast

**When:** Tuesday, August 20; 7:45 - 9 a.m.  
**Where:** Palm Beach County Convention Center  
**Cost:** Members \$45 (in advance) \$50; Nonmembers \$55 (in advance), \$60

### YPOP Hotspot

**When:** Thursday, August 22; 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Kapow! Noodle Bar  
**Cost:** Free for YPOP members and \$15 for future YPOP members

### Social Media in the Workplace Seminar

**When:** Tuesday, August 27; 8:30 - 10 a.m.  
**Where:** Chamber Boardroom  
**Cost:** Members \$15 (in advance) \$20; Nonmembers \$25 (in advance), \$30  
**Speakers:** Christine Hanley & David Gobeo, Ford Harrison

## REGISTER TO ATTEND THE 2019 BACK-TO-SCHOOL BREAKFAST



Dr. Donald E. Fennoy II will deliver the Annual Back-to-School Breakfast address on Aug. 20. CAPEHART PHOTOGRAPHY

The School District of Palm Beach County Superintendent, Dr. Donald E. Fennoy II, will deliver the Annual Back-to-School Breakfast address on Aug. 20. Superintendent Fennoy will update attendees with the district's performance and achievements for 2019 and preview plans for 2020.

At this breakfast, we will be collecting school supplies for The Education Foundation

of Palm Beach County, who is partnering with Red Apple Supplies to distribute them to elementary schools in the county. Financial donations will also be accepted (\$25 sponsors one child and \$625 sponsors a classroom of 25 students).

For more information on this event, please contact Michele Sacher at msacher@palmbeaches.org.



2019 graduates of Leadership West Palm Beach.

## Leadership West Palm Beach Accepting Applications

We are now accepting applications for Class 2020 Leadership West Palm Beach. Leadership West Palm Beach will continue to expose its participants to a variety of aspects of the community including: government; health and human services; education; neighborhoods, arts, culture and festivals; and economic development. All of these are integral components of our community. Leadership West Palm Beach provides this information to class participants to generate leaders with a well-rounded



knowledge base to assist in future planning and decision-making for the betterment of West Palm Beach. To submit your application, go online to [www.palmbeaches.org](http://www.palmbeaches.org). For more information or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Sandy Pullens at [spullens@palmbeaches.org](mailto:spullens@palmbeaches.org).



## TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT



### Rachael Bonlarron

Rachael Bonlarron is the Executive Director for Community Engagement and Special Assistant to the President of Palm Beach State College. She serves as the community contact for the President. She is the College's registered lobbyist and government relations director and represents the College before government entities,

assists the Foundation in support of fundraising, and serves as a liaison to state and local entities. Rachael was the 2018-19 Chair of the Association of Florida Colleges' Legislative Committee and is a Board member of the Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County and West Palm 100. She currently serves as a Trustee of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches.



### Patrick McNamara

Patrick McNamara is the President and CEO of Palm Health Foundation. Mr. McNamara is licensed in Clinical Social Work, holds a Master of Social Work from Tulane University, a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Psychican University, and he attended Georgetown University

for three years. He has completed an executive fellowship at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. Mr. McNamara is a Board member of the Housing Leadership Council of Palm Beach County, and previously served on the Boards of the Florida Community Loan Fund and the National NeighborWorks Association.

## Trustees Learn About Economic Trends in Florida

Dr. Jerry Parrish, Chief Economist for the Florida Chamber Foundation addressed more than 40 Trustees at the July Luncheon. Dr. Parrish went over the leading Florida economic indicators and discussed current economic trends in Palm Beach County. He also discussed changing trends that may impact a slow down in the economy.

If you are interested in the Trustee program please contact Kelly Fanelli at [kfanelli@palmbeaches.org](mailto:kfanelli@palmbeaches.org) or 561-257-0289.





Participants enjoyed the museum's Friday night program "An evening of Art After Dark" on July 12.

## More than 400 Young Professionals attend Sip of Summer

More than 400 Young Professionals, ages 21-40, came out to the Norton Museum of Art's 5th Annual Sip of Summer on July 12 to network with local non-profit groups that exist specifically to offer leadership and volunteer and networking opportunities for this age group.

The Young Professionals enjoyed the museum's Friday night program "An evening of Art After Dark," which included popcorn and movies, music programs, a "candy bar," rum and vodka tastings from our chamber member Steel Tie Spirits, snacks by The Constellation Culinary Group, and local craft beer tastings from Steam Horse Brewing Company. Organizations recruiting new



## NORTON

members included YPOP, Young Friends of the Norton, The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's Tomorrow's Leaders, Young Friends of the Kravis Center, Palm Beach Opera Young Friends, Young Friends of the Palm Beach Symphony, and the United Way of PBC: Emerging Leaders Society.



## SAVE THE DATE! The 28th Annual ATHENA Awards Luncheon

The 28th Annual ATHENA Awards Luncheon is Friday, Sept. 20 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Palm Beach Convention Center. Opportunities are available to purchase individual tickets, full-table sponsorships for 10 people, program advertising opportunities and donations for raffle items to promote your business with more than 400 women, attendees and local leaders. Contact Michele Sacher at [msacher@palmbeaches.org](mailto:msacher@palmbeaches.org) or 561-833-3799 to get involved.



ATHENA Awards Finalists were notified as of July 17 in three categories: Leadership, Young Professional (Under 40) and Organizational Leadership. Join us Sept. 28 as we celebrate local West Palm Beach leaders.



The quarterly Network for a Cause event was attended by more than 130 people.

## Hilton Garden Inn - West Palm Beach at the Outlets hosts July's Network for a Cause

Network for a Cause, held quarterly, on July 10, 2019, was hosted by the Hilton Garden Inn of West Palm Beach at the Outlets. The hotel is home to the Houston Astros, who have spring training at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium. More than 130 people attended and congratulatory remarks for the hotel's "Grand-Opening" came from Mayor Keith James; Dan O'Neil, Sr. Director, Business Operations - The Houston Astros; and Jorge Pesquera, CEO of Discover the Palm Beaches. Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were led by Angela Corvello, Director of Sales and Marketing.

Thank you to the non-profits that participated:

- Boys Town South Florida
- Child Rescue Coalition
- Dress for Success Palm Beaches
- Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, Inc.



- Philanthropy Tank
- Seagull Services
- The Giving Closet Project
- The Lord's Place
- The Palm Beach Symphony
- Trustbridge Hospice Foundation
- Young Men of Distinction

Network for a Cause takes place quarterly; the next event is Wednesday, Oct. 23 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel West Palm Beach Airport. If you are interested in sponsoring this event, contact Michele Sacher at [msacher@palmbeaches.org](mailto:msacher@palmbeaches.org).



## WATCH LIST | FOCUS ON EDUCATION

### OVERVIEW: Pell Grant Eligibility

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 7.3 million U.S. jobs are vacant in part due to a shortage of qualified workers. In South Florida, there are several good-paying job categories (aviation, IT, accounting) with shortages which can be filled quickly through short-term training programs offered at South Florida colleges and universities. Yet, the cost of these programs remains a barrier for many low-income students eager to increase their skills and earning potential.

Pell Grants, need-based grants for low-income and working students, can only be applied toward programs that require at least 600 hours of coursework. Lowering the threshold for Pell Grant eligibility will enable more individuals to access training programs for jobs in high-need fields such as avionics, aviation mechanics, power plant mechanics, and law enforcement officers.

While expansion would add to program costs, the maximum expenditure would be capped up front. At current funding levels, the program would add less than \$600 million annually to the overall cost even if every institution now enrolling Pell Grant recipients used all newly available funds, which is highly unlikely.

### CURRENTLY SOUTH FLORIDA RECEIVES \$732,038,802 ANNUALLY IN PELL GRANTS

Sample Jobs That Students Could Secure With Pell Grant Expansion

Jobs	Median Hourly Earnings
FAA Aircraft General Mechanic	\$24.80
Network Systems Support Specialist	\$24.17
Computer Support Specialist	\$22.09
Motion Picture Production	\$18.76
Accounting Technology Specialist	\$16.89
Graphic Design	\$16.49
Marine Electrician	\$14.36

### ACTION

The SFBC is advocating for the passage of the Senate's bipartisan JOBS Act. We will be representing South Florida in Washington, D.C. this fall. We encourage business leaders to let their legislators know this bill will make a difference. Go to [commoncause.org/find-your-representative](http://commoncause.org/find-your-representative).

### IMPACT

Expanding Pell Grant eligibility to cover high-quality and rigorous short-term job training programs would allow more students to afford the training and credentials that are in high demand in today's job market, allowing businesses to accelerate growth.

*"Short-term programs are an important and growing component of our offerings for evolving workforce needs. Short-term programs respond to the immediate needs of employers and create new career ladders that foster upward mobility for South Florida residents."*

- Gregory Adam Haile, Esq., President of Broward College

*"At FIU, we are focused on supporting our students and helping them find jobs. We are working with industry partners to create innovative programs that help our students succeed in a rapidly evolving workforce. More than half of all undergraduate FIU students receive Pell Grants, which makes the program a critical part of our learners' success."*

- Mark B. Rosenberg, President of Florida International University

*"Providing Pell Grant support to low-income students can catapult them into a new quality of life. Not only have Pell Grants been proven to increase retention and completion, data also shows students who earned short-term credentials through community colleges have seen increased employment opportunities and wage increases of 20 percent or more."*

- Ava L. Parker, J.D., President of Palm Beach State College

*"We've worked closely with the colleges and universities to attack the workforce shortages and have seen the benefit when business and educational leaders work together."*

- Juliet Murphy Roulhac, Esq., Director - External Affairs, Florida Power & Light Co.

*"Having access to a skilled workforce is a key factor in whether businesses choose to expand or even relocate to South Florida. There's a clear economic impact to investing in Pell Grant expansion."*

- Tony Argiz, Chairman & CEO - MBAF

### ABOUT SFBC

The SFBC is a partnership between the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, and Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. To learn more, visit [soflobusinesscouncil.com](http://soflobusinesscouncil.com).

### NEW MEMBERS

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