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## Luminaries – Evening for Education

*Ft. Pierce, FL-* An Evening for Education was created by the Education Foundation of St. Lucie County to increase awareness and celebrate the successes in our local Public Education. This year, the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala is being held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Pelican Yacht Club in Fort Pierce. The dinner/dance will feature both a live and a silent auction.

The Education Foundation is celebrating all of the advances recently made by the St. Lucie County Public Schools. We are now the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest rated school district on the Treasure Coast. St. Lucie County is the 4<sup>th</sup> most improved school district in the state for graduation rates and we have no failing schools. The month-long celebration is called "Working Together for Success". The Education Foundation is soliciting support from the business community to promote the progress that has been made. The celebration (October) will culminate with Public Education Week (November 1-7) and the Evening for Education Gala.



The cities of Fort Pierce, Port St. Lucie and St. Lucie County have all issued Proclamations, recognizing the first week of November as Public Education Week. They are several activities planned for the week including school tours organized by the Chamber of Commerce; the business luncheon at the Economic Development Council (EDC) will feature Mr. E Wayne Gent, Superintendent of Schools for St Lucie County Public Schools as keynote speaker along with Mr. Thom Jones, President of the Education Foundation.

The Evening for Education Gala will showcase the steady growth and improvements in the St. Lucie County School District. Keiser University is the title sponsor for the Gala. The University has recently opened a new campus in Tradition with over 1200 students involved in a variety of fields of study. Other sponsors include PNC Bank, Florida

Power & Light, Wells Fargo, Bank of America and MIDFLORIDA Credit Union. All proceeds from the evening will support public education in St Lucie County.

The Education Foundation is a community wide organization that provides teacher grants, student scholarships and high school mentoring programs to help students graduate.

The Education Foundation of St. Lucie County is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation dedicating to advancing public K-12 education. The Foundation has been providing grants to teachers and scholarships to students in St. Lucie County since 1990.

If you would like to get involved as a sponsor, volunteer or supporter, please contact Thom Jones, President at (772) 429-5505 or visit [www.efslc.org](http://www.efslc.org)



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