

# Talent4Tomorrow earns local college prep grant

The Florida Philanthropic Network president and CEO Bob McFalls last month presented a grant check for \$50,000 to representatives from the Talent4Tomorrow Partnership, a collaboration of community organizations working to improve college preparation, access, and completion among Sarasota County students.

The grant was awarded through FPN's College Access & Success Initiative, which seeks to strengthen "local college access networks" like Talent4Tomorrow around the state.

The Talent4Tomorrow partner organizations are using the grant to help students and their families access financial aid, to inform them about high-demand local jobs and the education needed to reach them, and to inspire students who are traditionally underrepresented in higher education to see college as a realistic and achievable opportunity.

The College Access & Success Initiative is an initiative of the Florida Philanthropic Network, made possible through funding from the Helios Education Foundation and The Kresge Foundation.

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## Healthy Start Coalition elects executive board

The Healthy Start Coalition of Sarasota County recently hosted



**From left, Deborah Chapman of CareerEdge Funders Collaborative; Teri A. Hansen of Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation; Luz Corcuera of UnidosNow; John Anni of Community Foundation of Sarasota County; Mark Pritchett of Gulf Coast Community Foundation; Robert McFalls of Florida Philanthropic Network; Jennifer Sams of Education Foundation of Sarasota County; Mireya Eavey of United Way Suncoast and CareerEdge Funders Collaborative; and Mimi Cirbusova of Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce.** [COURTESY PHOTO]

its 2017 annual meeting at Van Wezel Bayside.

The Keynote speaker for the meeting was Jane Murphy, executive director of the Hillsborough County Healthy Start Coalition and president of the Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions. Murphy has been instrumental in guiding Healthy Start Coalitions statewide in its focus to improve services to high-risk families, centering on maternal depression, inter-conception care, and developmental assessments.

The Healthy Start Coalition also presented

annual awards to several outstanding community members for their continued involvement and dedication to Healthy Start's mission "to improve the health and well-being of pregnant women, infants, and young children."

The Lawton Chiles Award, given for contributions to prenatal and early child health, was presented to Murphy.

The Mission Award for sustained value was given to Dr. Pam Beitlich, director of Women's and Children's Services at Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

Board Member of the Year was given to Mary Dunn, treasurer. Business Partner of the Year went to MySelfie Photobooth, part of MyDJ Entertainment. Media Partner of the Year was given to Tom Tryon of the Herald-Tribune Media Group and Heidi Godman, host of Health Check on WSRQ. Community Partner of the Year went to the Junior League of Sarasota. Volunteer of the Year was given to Stefany Holmes and Zubeda Remes. Family of the Year went to Lisa Dailey.

The Healthy Start Coalition also elected

new members to the volunteer executive board: Chair Dr. Washington Hill; vice chair Dr. Pam Beitlich; treasurer Mary Dunn; secretary Amy Fulton; past-president Debra Boterf; at-large Erica Gregory, Sarah Cloud, Dr. Jina Foltz, Christina Holmes, Dr. Karin Stanton, Tiffany Mangold, Angela Baker, Marilyn Lapidus, Kerri Deatherage, Melanie Fiscina, Maggie Davenport; CYD Star Student Caroline Nosal, ex-officio, Shelley Rence.

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