

Accolades

■ **Barbara Mollanazar** of **RE/MAX Alliance Group** has been named to the **Realtors Political Action Committee** (RPAC). RPAC's purpose is to fundraise and increase awareness of the committee among Realtors.

Mollanazar has 25 years of local real estate experience and serves the entire Hillsborough, Pinellas, Manatee and Sarasota County markets. She has consistently ranked in Top 250 Latino Agents nationwide by the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals (NAHREP). A RE/MAX Alliance Group Gold Club award recipient, Mollanazar is based in the Bradenton office at 3007 Manatee Avenue W., Bradenton.

■ **Sarasota Yacht Club** has announced that COO and General Manager **Karen Harmon** has



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earned the **Distinguished Club Executive Award** from **Board-Room** magazine, in partnership with **Forbes Travel Guide**. Harmon is one of only

140 general managers globally to receive the distinction for leading her team in providing an excellent member experience.

Since her arrival in 2018, Harmon has helped build the Club's youth sailing program, expanded the marina and helped her team navigate its way around the pandemic. Under Harmon's watch, Sarasota Yacht Club was among Florida's first 100 establishments to receive the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association Seal of Commitment award for enhanced standards to ensure the safety of staff, members and guests.

Appointments

■ **State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota** (SCF) named its new Director of the SCF Coding Academy, **Deshjuana "Desh" Bagley**. Bagley comes to SCF with



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a background in technology education focused on enhancing STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) enrichment into existing statewide curriculum based on Florida state standards.

"The SCF Coding Academy provides industry-driven training from leading professionals, equipping motivated individuals with the essential technical skills to succeed in a digital world," said Bagley. "The Academy will offer premier hands-on instruction, training and mentoring resulting in a highly skilled, innovative and creative workforce prepared to meet the dynamic technical needs of the industry."

She plans to leverage her industry experience to reach the following goals for the SCF Coding Academy:

- *Developing a sustainable business model promoting training, mentoring and career advancements.*
- *Staying abreast of technology trends to develop rapid training to meet industry needs.*
- *Equipping students of all ages with the hard and soft skills needed to succeed in the industry.*
- *Promoting a collaborative, supportive and competitive environment to help everyone involved remain sharp and innovative.*

Bagley serves as the program delivery partner for **FIRST® Robotics** throughout a 16-county region for over 100 teams and 500 volunteers. She is also a member of **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.** and anticipates working with community partners to expand opportunities for women and young girls in technology. Her previous experiences includes being an Amazon virtual customer service trainer and team manager, and a highly-ranked national trainer for Fortune 500 companies through **SkillPath/CompuMaster**.

For information about the SCF Coding Academy, contact Bagley at BagleyD@SCF.edu or call 941-752-5208.

■ **The Florida Center for Early Childhood's** Chief Executive Officer, **Dr. Kristie Skoglund**, has been appointed to the board of directors for the Florida Association for Infant Mental Health, or **FAIMH**.

FAIMH's purpose is to expand the infant and early childhood mental health field into the Florida workforce through an endorsement available to professionals that work with young children. FAIMH accomplishes this through local chapters.

In the mental health world, infant and early childhood mental health professionals work with the child in the context of their relationships. Most of the time, the relationships include a parent or caregiver. This therapeutic framework helps the entire family heal from trauma while promoting healthy social and emotional development of the child.

As a board member, Skoglund will raise awareness about the Infant Mental Health Endorsement, or **FIMH-E**, a credential available to childcare and mental health professionals in the Sarasota area.

Skoglund became one of the first clinicians in Florida to be endorsed as an 'Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Expert.' She was one of eight experts across the state invited to apply for the endorsement when it was first implemented in Florida in 2020.

■ **Sarasota Memorial Health Care System** is changing its leadership structure this year to integrate and coordinate care across the health system's expanding hospital network. This fall, Sarasota Memorial's transformation into a regional health system will take another step forward with the opening of a new hospital in Venice.

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Health Care System's Chief Operating Officer, has been appointed president of the Sarasota Memorial Hospital – Sarasota campus. In her expanded role, Liang will

oversee strategic initiatives, operations and overall performance of the main hospital in Sarasota.

Liang, along with **Sharon Roush**, president of the Sarasota Memorial Hospital-Venice campus, and senior leaders for the health system's First Physicians Group, Ambulatory Services and Corporate/Support Services, all report to Verinder and work collaboratively to advance the health system's operations and strategic goals.

A fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, Liang has more than 30 years of experience in hospital leadership. She earned her Master of Health Services Administration from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and a bachelor's degree in Health Science and Policy from the University of Maryland.

■ **Tammy Sawmelle**, who holds a doctorate in educational research and evaluation from Nova Southeastern University, recently completed her first semester as director of nursing programs at State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota (SCF). Prior to joining SCF, Dr. Sawmelle was an assistant professor of nursing at Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh, PA, and associate dean of nursing at the Community College of Allegheny County.

SCF graduated more than 75 new ASN nurses and recorded a 99% passing rate on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). Sawmelle orchestrated SCF's first drive-through nursing pinning ceremony to allow those graduates to be appropriately honored for their achievements while maintaining safety precautions like social distancing to lessen the risk of COVID-19.

For information on SCF's nursing programs, visit SCF.edu/Nursing.

■ **Laura McCann** is the new executive director of the **Animal Rescue Coalition** (ARC), a not-for-profit organization with a mission to end the killing of adoptable dogs and cats in Sarasota and Manatee Counties.



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McCann brings more than 30 years of legal and executive experience in the military, corporate and nonprofit sectors to ARC.

In her new role, she will lead, support and guide the organization's mission, ensure the nonprofit's financial health, oversee re-

sources and day-to-day operations and fulfill ARC's mission through programming, strategic planning and community outreach.

Most recently, McCann was the founder and president of **Philanthropy Partners**, a firm that provides professional guidance to nonprofits, corporations and foundations. She helped advance the mission of nonprofits through expert assistance on compliance with state and federal laws regarding formation, governance and tax reporting and identified funding opportunities. In this capacity, McCann secured more than \$1 million in federal grants and private donations for clients.

She is a veteran of the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps, where she was selected to serve as the first Regional Counsel to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

■ **Lighthouse Vision Loss Education Center**, a nonprofit organization that educates and empowers those affected by vision loss in Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, DeSoto and Highlands Counties has recognized the achievements of two of its employees.

Lisa J. Howard, Lighthouse Chief Executive Officer achieved recertification as a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE). CFRE credential demonstrates professional achievement and commitment to the fundraising profession and is administered by CFRE International. More than 7,200 fundraising professionals from over 20 countries are currently CFREs working throughout all segments of the nonprofit sector where they bring adherence to rigorous standards to all aspects of their work.

Terri Medina, Lighthouse Director of Development was elected as a member of the Board of Directors in the Southwest Florida Chapter of the Association of Fundraisers Professionals (AFP-SWFL). Medina will also serve as Chair of the Communications Committee. AFP-SWFL is committed to growing professionalism and diversity among its membership, increasing the opportunities and resources provided to its members, and celebrating the philanthropic heritage of the Sarasota and Manatee Community.

■ **Neuro Challenge Foundation for Parkinson's** has named **April Spagnuolo-Moschini** as its pro-



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gram director.

With more than 12 years of nonprofit experience, Spagnuolo-Moschini has proven success in the health care industry with leadership, fundraising, operational and community outreach knowledge. In her new role, Spagnuolo-Moschini will execute and oversee all programming content, including all virtual and community-based monthly programs in Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, Pinellas, Marion and Highlands Counties. She will also recruit and train program volunteer ambas-

sadors, identify and implement new programs and organize and lead the nonprofit's Distinguished Speakers Series, among other responsibilities.

Most recently, she served as the senior center manager at the Senior Friendship Center, where she managed two senior center sites and supervised its employees and volunteers. Spagnuolo-Moschini was also responsible for the day-to-day operations, budgeting, revenue generation and providing more than 1,000 members with activities and events.

For more information, visit www.ParkinsonsNeuroChallenge.org.

Board News

■ **The Southwest Florida Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals** (AFP-SWFL) has announced its **2021 Board of Directors:**

Executive Board

- **Tracy Vanderneck**, MSM, CFRE, Phil-Com LLC, President
- **Amy Towery**, CFRE, ACFRE, Meals on Wheels Plus of Manatee, President-Elect
- **Lee Ann Rodriguez**, MA, MBA, DBA, Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast, Secretary
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- **Janet Ginn**, CFRE, Pines of Sarasota Foundation, Immediate Past President

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- **Debra Flynt-Garrett**, Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe
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 - **Kevin Hughes**, New College Foundation
 - **Lisa Intagliata**, CFRE, Resilient Retreat, Inc.
 - **Kathy Jordan**, WUSF Public Media
 - **Terri Medina**, MPA, Lighthouse Vision Loss Education Center
 - **Andria Piekartz**, Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium
 - **Sara Curtis Robinson**, CFRE, The Sarasota Ballet
 - **Rafael Robles**, Sarasota Military Academy Foundation
 - **Linda Watterworth**, Children First
 - **Sarah Wertheimer**, Embracing Our Differences
 - **Kim Noyes**, AFP Southwest Florida, Chapter Administrator
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