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## Leadership Tampa Alumni Establishes Thom Stork Memorial Hospitality Scholarship

Tampa, Fla. – Today, Leadership Tampa Alumni announced the establishment of the Thom Stork Memorial Hospitality Scholarship. Stork was President and CEO of the Florida Aquarium until his passing earlier this year. Prior to his work at the Aquarium, he served in many leadership roles with Busch Gardens and Sea World. For many years, he served as the Chair of Tourism Day for Leadership Tampa and was an advocate for the participation of tourism leaders in the program. The scholarship will be open to applicants who work in the tourism industry and have a demonstrated history of volunteerism.

Members of Leadership Tampa are business/professional people who hold leadership positions within their companies or organizations. Additionally, they have demonstrated a concern for community issues and volunteered their time with service and professional organizations. The selection process is rigorous and competitive for each of the 50 seats available in each class.

The Leadership Tampa year begins in September and runs through May with members meeting every other week for briefings, seminars and hands-on experiences. Each Leadership Tampa program brings in top-level business, civic and government leaders for panel discussions and question and answer sessions. Topics covered include healthcare, education, law enforcement, the environment, economic development, government and other important community issues. Applications are currently being accepted for the Class of 2018, the deadline is May 5.

For the specific criteria of the Thom Stork Memorial Hospitality Scholarship or more information about Leadership Tampa, please contact MaryBeth Williams at (813) 276-9445 or at [mwilliams@tampachamber.com](mailto:mwilliams@tampachamber.com).

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