



Michelle Anchors - Contemporary Inductee

Michelle is committed to many issues and organizations in the community. In 2012 she was a founding member and president of Impact 100, which provides grant funding to local non-profits, and continues to serve on its board. In 2013 she was appointed to the State of Florida Commission on Ethics. Governor Jeb Bush appointed her to serve as chair of the Committee for a Sustainable Emerald Coast. Michelle was a 2013 recipient of the Florida Commission on the Status of Women's Florida Achievement Award. She served as the chair for the Okaloosa County School Readiness Coalition and president of the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce. She also served on the board of the UWF Foundation and FWB Medical Center. Michelle is a partner with the law firm Keefe, Anchors & Gordon, P.A.



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Kathy Foster - Community Service Inductee

Kathy is a lady who recognizes community needs and is willing to step up, a true leader full of enthusiasm and positive activism. She moved to Okaloosa Island in 2000, joined the Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association and served as president. Her approach increased membership and created an active Beautification Committee. Her current project is working to fund a safe corridor for cyclists, runners and walkers from Brooks Bridge to Marler Bridge. She has also been active with the Island Garden Club and a vital part of the Republican Women of Okaloosa Federated since 2001. In 2008 she joined the Sons of Italy, which is now the Sons and Daughters of Italy and has been the lodge president since 2011. She also serves on Okaloosa Citizens Alliance, educating citizens on taxes and spending.



Lisa Jo Spencer - Humanitarian Inductee

Since moving to Okaloosa County in 1997, Lisa Jo has been a leader in the effort to establish a permanent homeless shelter, along with a center for veterans. She was one of the first prosecutors at the newly established Children's Advocacy Center, a founding member of the FWB Chamber of Commerce's Community Solutions Committee and an early supporter of the annual Veterans Stand Down. Lisa Jo was chair of the Okaloosa County Commission on the Status of Women, chair of the FWB Chamber of Commerce and president of American Business Women's Assoc. She supported the ARC of the Emerald Coast, Crossroads Medical Clinic, the Mental Health Association, Impact 100, 100 Women who Care, the Destin Charity Wine Auction, the Emerald Coast Foundation and many others.



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Shawnea has lived in Okaloosa County for nearly 28 years. She took courses at UWF and did her student teaching at Niceville High School. She began teaching science at Choctawhatchee High School and was the Dance Team co-sponsor. The International Baccalaureate (IB) Program helped her develop strong relationships with students in Honors Biology (9th) and IB Biology II and III. She would mentor students to follow their own interests and form partnerships. The first was with NW Florida GeoParks and the Forestry Service. Shawnea sponsored science fairs and clubs, then took district finalists to state and coordinated Awards Ceremonies. She was twice named NHS Teacher of the Year. Shawnea went on to be the District Science Specialist so that she could better help other teachers and students.