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FSW President Jeff Allbritten, Ellen and Frank Previte

Frank and Ellen Previte's philanthropy and FSW's partnership with **NCH Healthcare System** have launched a scholarship program in Ellen's honor for FSW students. The program awards deserving FSW nursing students with financial resources and immediate employment upon commencement.

Inspired by Ellen's career as a nurse, the Prevites established the **Ellen Nolan Previte Nursing Scholarship** to support aspiring nurses and help meet the growing need for compassionate, well-trained RNs in Southwest Florida.

FSW's **Daveler Entrepreneurship Institute** hosted its inaugural advisory board meeting recently, also featuring area business leaders, faculty, staff, and students. Highlights included an overview of the new AS in Entrepreneurship program's first semester, enrollment data, key milestones, and future plans.

The event recognized the group's significance in creating opportunities for students through coursework, mentorships and partnerships. The advisory board is chaired by philanthropist, entrepreneur and author **Sandy Stilwell Youngquist**, who helped FSW create its world class School of Nursing simulation center featuring the US's first juvenile Down Syndrome simulation manikin.

The Daveler Entrepreneurship Institute and the Daveler Innovation Center are supported by \$3.5 million in gifts from the Frank G. Daveler Foundation. Daveler Foundation advisors, **West McCann**, **Susan McManus** and **Janice Page** were recognized for their instrumental guidance and support.

FSW and Lee Health continue their long-standing partnership to address the persistent nursing shortage. Lee Health's recent investment strengthens the nursing pipeline through scholarships that cover NCLEX live review, exam fees and license costs.

Additional support enhances simulation training and faculty professional development, preparing students for clinical practice and their first day as a registered nurse.



Fire training service award presentation

The Bentley Foundation Inc. launched a new grant program to support FSW students training as firefighters and emergency medical technicians. FSW operates the firefighter program through a partnership with the North Collier Fire Control and Rescue District's Fire Academy.

FSW's program with the training center earned the **2025 Florida Fire Service Training and Education Provider of the Year** award in January. The honor marks the third time the program received this award, following previous recognitions in 2015 and 2018. The achievement is a direct result of the program's commitment to student success and the quality of instruction. In 2025, FSW graduated 71 firefighter students, equipping them to serve their communities effectively.



FSW President Jeff Allbritten, Schulze Family Foundation Director Mary Beth Geier, FSW Foundation Executive Director Geraldine Gallagher, FSW Foundation Chief Philanthropy Officer Heather Chester, and FSW Assistant VP Whitney Rhyne

FSW recognized the **Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation** with a Community Impact award. The Schulze Foundation, a supporter of FSW for a decade, has transformed educational access, strengthened regional workforce pipelines, and improved quality of life across Southwest Florida.

Through vision, generosity, and a deep understanding of community needs, the Schulze Foundation has strengthened FSW, empowered thousands of students, and advanced the economic vitality of Southwest Florida.

Thank you for your continued support!

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