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Recapping 2024: A Year of Growth and Gratitude



LOOKING AHEAD...

**GREAT CHARITY
CHALLENGE**

**BOCA HIGH
PROPEL CLUB**

**PADDLE WITH A
PURPOSE**

**COMMUNITY
PARTNERS**

**PROPELIAN
SPOTLIGHT**



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Happy New Year from all of us at PROPEL!

As we start 2025, let's take a look back at all the amazing things that happened in 2024.

Our New Home in Boca Raton

Last year, we moved into our new flagship location in Boca Raton, thanks to our partnership with the Church of All Nations. Russ and his ISG team believed in our vision and helped make it a reality. This new space feels like home, with a computer lab and plans to grow even more.

Looking ahead, we are excited to bring our 2025 vision for Healthy Living to life. Renovating the garage will provide additional space for activities and programs, and our future kitchen will be a place to teach cooking, share meals, and build connections. These updates will make our flagship location even more special for our students and community.

FAU Medical Students Back at PROPEL

FAU medical students have been partnering with PROPEL for many semesters and in 2024, they continued to make a big impact. They jumped right in, tutoring, mentoring, and building relationships with our students. Their energy and kindness makes a big difference, and we are so happy to have them as part of the PROPEL family.

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Holiday Fun: Thanksgiving and Christmas

Thanksgiving at PROPEL was full of gratitude and good food as we celebrated together. Sponsored by **Mississippi Sweets** and served by amazing volunteers, it was a delicious and heartwarming event for everyone involved. We also celebrated our very own Drew's birthday, making the day even more special!

Our PROPEL Christmas party at Royal Palm Country Club, sponsored by Lynne Arlen, was another highlight of the season. We honored students for their grades, attitude, and achievements. We danced, celebrated, and enjoyed the spirit of the holidays together. A great time was had by all!

During Christmas, our Secret Santa event brought joy to everyone. Generous donors from the community bought gifts for all our kids, making their holiday wishes come true. The party was filled with laughter, love, and holiday cheer.

We'd like to extend a **HUGE** thank you to our **incredible partners** for their generosity in making the PROPEL House Secret Santa event a heartwarming success! A special shout-out to:

- **Church of All Nations (COAN) for their unwavering support.**
- **Cosa Doci Italian Market, Boca Raton, for their delicious contributions.**
- **James & Marta Batmasian of Investments Limited for their thoughtful donation.**
- **Jesse J. Rack & The RACK Electric Company for brightening our lives with their kindness and donation.**
- **La Sorelle Italian Restaurant, Delray Beach, for adding a taste of joy to the celebration.**
- **Premier Bounce N Slide Party Rentals for making sure the fun never stopped.**
- **Radd Vision Studios for capturing the magical moments.**

Your support helped bring smiles and unforgettable memories to our PROPELIANS. We are so grateful for your partnership and commitment to our mission!



Secret Santa VIDEO

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ALUMNI News:

We are thrilled to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our PROPEL alumni



Kortni graduated from FAU with her BBA with a focus in Entrepreneurship. She starts her job at Lennox in February!!



Kinsley graduated from Physician Assistant School at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine & Science in California.



Jean Max earned his MBA in Financial Valuation and Investments from Lynn University.



Daniel graduated with his BA from FAU

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Voices of PROPEL: Coaches Share Their Perspectives



There is revitalization between the new walls of Propel! We have a HOUSE <3 It has been an absolute joy to witness the students seamlessly melt into the new atmosphere. This transition has provided our students and us coaches with a new level of comfort and security that has strengthened relationships and numbers! We've had so many of our students invite family, friends, and friends of friends that enrollment rates have multiplied. The word has spread like wildfire, nearly every day there is a new face. We're like that house that all of the neighborhood friends are welcomed to for dinner, play and projects. I love it here! The engagement for the events we've had this year like the Christmas party and Secret Santa proves to me how much love, peace and joy there is in being a part of Propel, especially for the staff! Drew and Kristin have curated an amazing team of coaches that are unique, full of life, and share a love for our youth. There's no place like home. - Tanisha

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Hello everyone! My name is Annmarie and I am one of the newest coaches to join the Propel Team this year. We have a ton of exciting things coming up this year. Over our winter break, we spent many hours renovating the facility and converted the garage into another usable room for our students. This will give us the opportunity to take in more students and have more activities for them each day! Not only that, but we also have plans to build a state-of-the-art kitchen as well! The purpose of this is to bring in a new form of life-skills training for not only the students, but families in the community as well. Everyone loves a home-cooked meal! The goal is to have

professional chefs come in and teach cooking classes to help train up this next generation on how to eat healthier and take care of themselves as they grow older. We will be incorporating more life-skills training as well, such as teaching students how to manage money and spend it wisely (something many of us older folk can learn from as well, I'm sure!) Another training activity we will be starting up is self-defense classes, taught by yours truly! I trained in martial arts for nearly 20 years growing up and received my 3rd Degree Black Belt when I was 19 years old. As a young woman, I believe it is extremely important to prepare the youth on how to protect themselves should they ever run into a dangerous situation in which they'd need to defend themselves or a loved one. This year, our goal is to equip our youth with as much knowledge as possible. We are here to help this next generation grow and succeed in more ways than just one, and the constant expansion of our facility and training initiatives is only scratching the surface of what we can do in these students' lives. Here's to a great new year! - Annmarie

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IN LOVING MEMORY.... Tyren White

Forever a PROPELIAN

We are deeply saddened by the loss of Tyren White, who tragically passed away in a bike accident. Tyren had been part of PROPEL since middle school. He graduated from Boca High in 2020.

Tyren loved his family fiercely and shared a strong bond with his friends and community. Music was his passion, and it was a constant part of his life and spirit.

His absence leaves a void that words cannot fill. He will be forever missed and always remembered as part of the PROPEL family.

Rest in peace, Tyren.



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REGISTRATION 12:30 - 1

**TOURNAMENT PLAY
1:00 - 4:00PM**

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PADDLES WITH A PURPOSE - Pickleball Tournament

Join Our Pickleball Tournament! 🏓

Ready to serve up some fun? Sign up now for our upcoming Pickleball Tournament! Here's everything you need to know:

Team Requirements:

- Each team must consist of two players. Please indicate the level of play for each player (beginner, intermediate, advanced) to ensure fair and competitive matches.

How to Register:

- Choose your teammate.
- Decide on your skill level.
- Sign up online at <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/pickleball-tournament-fundraiser>



Why It Matters:

100% of the proceeds from this event will support our Healthy Living Kitchen Initiative, a cornerstone of PROPEL's mission to empower youth through healthy choices, leadership, and community building.

Spots are limited—sign up today to make your mark on the court and in the lives of our students!



Questions? We're happy to help!

Contact us at 561-955-8553 or email kristin@propelyourfuture.org

Bring your paddle and your passion for making a difference! Together, we can rally for the future leaders of our community.

About PROPEL:

PROPEL (People Reaching Out to Provide Education and Leadership) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering middle and high school youth in South Palm Beach County. Through after-school programs, enrichment activities, job placement support, scholarships, and alumni support, PROPEL fosters academic success, leadership, and healthy living choices.

What Is the Healthy Living Kitchen Initiative?

Aligned with PROPEL's mission, the kitchen helps students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally while developing lifelong habits for well-being. This initiative promotes healthy eating, life skills, and relationship building for PROPEL's students and community by:

- Teaching Essential Life Skills: Hands-on cooking and meal preparation.
- Encouraging Healthy Choices: Understanding nutrition and balanced diets.
- Building Community: Creating meaningful connections around the table.

Your participation in this tournament directly supports these vital programs, transforming lives and shaping future leaders.

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TOURNAMENT SPONSOR 🏓 \$5,000

As the Tournament Sponsor, you are the ultimate supporter of our event! This premium package includes registration for two teams, a prime display location, and featured recognition in all marketing and social media promotions. Your presence will be front and center during the event and beyond, ensuring maximum exposure and community engagement.

PLATINUM SPONSORS 🏓 \$3,000

Elevate your presence with a Platinum Sponsorship! This package includes registration for one team, a prominent display on a first-tier court, and inclusion in our marketing and social media campaigns. Whether you're a business or an individual, this sponsorship ensures you'll stand out in the spotlight during and after the tournament.

GOLD SPONSORS 🏓 \$2,000

Shine bright with a Gold Sponsorship! This package includes registration for one team, a strategic display on a second-tier court, and acknowledgment in our marketing and social media efforts, connecting your brand to our engaged community of players and fans.

SILVER SPONSORS 🏓 \$1,000

Step into the spotlight with a Silver Sponsorship! This package includes registration for one team, a dedicated display on a third-tier court, and recognition in our social media marketing, highlighting your valued support to a broader audience.

COURT SPONSORS 🏓 \$500

Make your mark on the tournament as a Court Supporter! Your name or business will be proudly displayed on one of our courts, showcasing your support for the event and our community. This sponsorship is a great way to get involved—whether you're playing, cheering, or just passionate about pickleball and PROPEL!

PICKLEBALL PADDLE PARTNERS 🏓 \$400

Sign up your dynamic duo and get ready to serve up some fun!

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