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Potential Takes Off This Spring... Lots To Catch Up On!

Momentum You Can Feel... March is a season of growth... and at PROPEL, growth is more than progress. It's belonging turning into leadership.

Across our programs, students are stepping forward with greater clarity, confidence and connection. What begins as relationship-building evolves into ownership. What starts as exploration becomes direction. What feels uncertain becomes possible.

This is how potential takes off... not all at once, but through consistent investment in whole-student growth: academically, professionally and personally.

And it happens because of you! Our community partners, board members, donors and champions who believe in what young people can become.

Vision, Voice, and Direction. We kicked off the spring semester with intention.

Students created vision boards, mapping not just what they hope to achieve, but who they are becoming. From career goals to academic milestones to personal growth, the room was filled with clarity and possibility.

Pastor Coach Casey delivered a powerful kickoff charge to ground the semester in purpose. He challenged students to lead with integrity, stay committed to their goals and remember that growth requires both courage and consistency.

When young people can see their future and hear someone affirm that it's possible... momentum begins!

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Leadership in Action: Restoring More Than a Shoreline

In January, 25 PROPEL students showed up at 8:00 a.m. ready to serve... not for recognition, but for responsibility.

At the invitation of board member John Kotula, our students partnered with the 45 Ocean community in Highland Beach for a hands-on environmental restoration project. In one full day, they planted more than 1,000 sea oat plants along the shoreline... digging, fertilizing, planting and watering each one with discipline and care.

The goal: establish a natural barrier to help protect the seawall from erosion and storm impact.

The outcome: young leaders practicing teamwork, resilience, accountability and pride in their work.

Students worked in coordinated teams and represented PROPEL with maturity and focus. We will return to the site in 3, 6 and 9 months to measure sustainability and growth, reinforcing a powerful lesson: meaningful impact requires long-term commitment.

Following the project, homeowners gathered with our students for food, conversation and connection. What began as a service opportunity became something deeper, intergenerational relationships, mentorship moments and expanded community awareness of PROPEL's mission.

This is whole-student development in action!

When students take ownership of real-world challenges, they build more than skills, they build confidence, credibility and character. Experiences like this translate directly into stronger academic engagement, clearer career pathways and greater leadership capacity.

Your support makes opportunities like this possible.

If you believe young people grow strongest when entrusted with real responsibility, we invite you to continue investing in PROPEL's momentum... through partnership, mentorship or financial support.

Together, we are not just preparing students for the future. We are positioning them to lead it.

__ Watch the spirit of the day here: <https://youtu.be/nWIUG2GFMLE?si=dOoyQmyVlx0zT2Bt>



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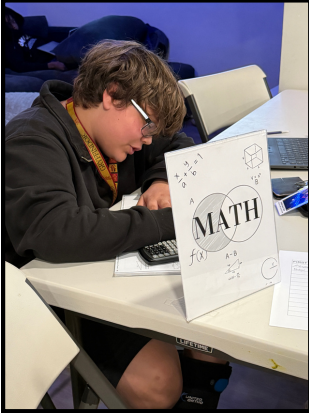
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Mondays & Tuesdays: Academic Focus, Expanding Horizons



At PROPEL, leadership begins with discipline... and that includes academic commitment.

Every Monday and Tuesday, our space shifts into focused homework and tutoring sessions led by our PROPEL coaches alongside an incredible group of FAU medical students. Together, they support our PROPELIANS in Math, Science, English and even a little History, strengthening both skills and confidence.

But what makes these evenings powerful isn't just the academic support. It's the relationships.

Over the past three years, each semester's FAU medical students have done more than tutor, they've bonded with our students. They sit side by side solving equations, reviewing essays, breaking down scientific concepts and, in the process, sharing their own journeys through college, career exploration and professional training.

For many of our students, this is meaningful exposure... not just to higher education, but to possibility. *They ask questions. They speak freely.*

They explore ideas about college and career paths they may not have previously considered... and they begin to see themselves in those spaces.

This consistent interaction builds confidence, broadens perspective and reinforces an essential message: *you belong in rooms of opportunity.*

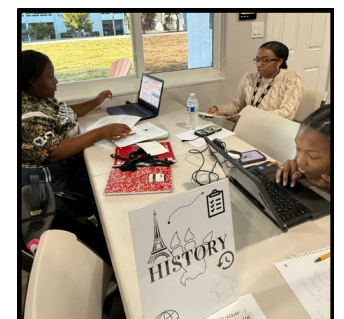
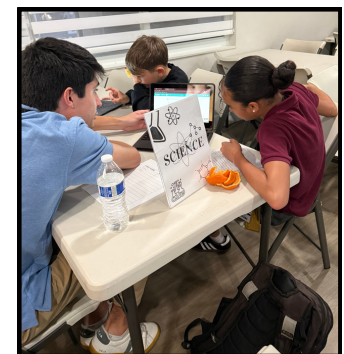
Academic support is important. Academic belief is transformational.

When students feel supported both intellectually and relationally, performance improves but more importantly, self-perception shifts.

As a culminating experience, our FAU medical students will close out the semester by presenting their own service-learning projects to our PROPELIANS. creating a full-circle moment of shared growth and mutual learning.

It's a win-win: future physicians developing community-centered leadership and future leaders gaining insight into academic and professional pathways.

This is whole-student growth in action.



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Wednesdays: Building Skills That Last



Wednesdays at PROPEL are dedicated to team building, preparation, and stepping into confidence.

Our middle school students recently participated in a series of mock interviews — the culmination of two weeks of intentional preparation with our coaches. Each PROPELIAN entered a professional business setting and was individually interviewed, then evaluated on a 1–5 scale in real-world areas they will encounter later in life: handshake, eye contact, posture, clarity of speech and confident communication. *But we added a creative PROPEL twist.*

Students were challenged to introduce themselves as a superhero, identifying their personal “superpower” and how they would use it to make an impact. What followed was powerful. Students spoke about resilience, empathy, leadership, determination, and creativity, often naming strengths they hadn’t fully recognized in themselves before.

It wasn’t just interview practice. It was identity-building.

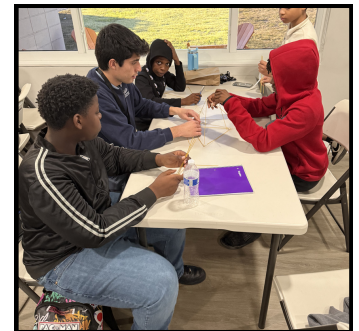
We also hosted the classic Marshmallow Challenge, where teams collaborated to build the tallest free-standing structure possible, reinforcing problem-solving, teamwork, and adaptive thinking under pressure. The room was filled with strategy, laughter and real-time leadership development.

And Wednesdays don’t stop there.

Our high school students dedicate time to SAT prep, college readiness, and application completion. Led by Coach Gibril, working intentionally on essays, scholarship applications and next-step planning. This structured support ensures that aspiration is matched with action.

From mock interviews to marshmallow towers to scholarship essays, Wednesdays are about preparation meeting opportunity!

Confidence isn’t accidental.
It’s practiced.



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Thursdays: Community Voices, Real Conversations

Thursdays at PROPEL are all about community.

Twice a month, we welcome guest speakers who are pillars in their professions and in our broader community, leaders who bring real-world experience, honest stories and lived wisdom into the room.



This month's highlight was truly special.

We had the honor of hosting Erik Coleman, former NFL safety for the New York Jets, for an evening centered on growth, resilience and life beyond the spotlight. The night began with a thoughtful Q&A session designed to move beyond surface-level conversation and into real-life challenges... perseverance, setbacks, discipline, leadership and identity.

Each PROPELIAN had the opportunity to ask a question and each received an autographed football from Erik as a reminder of the moment.

But the greatest highlight of the evening wasn't the memorabilia. It was the depth and quality of the questions our students asked.

They leaned in.

They reflected.

They engaged with maturity and curiosity.



Their questions were a powerful reflection of their growth, not just as students, but as emerging leaders.

When young people are given access to authentic voices and meaningful dialogue, they rise to the moment.

Exposure builds vision.

Conversation builds confidence.

Community builds leaders.

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Fridays: Find Your Mission

Fridays at PROPEL are centered on something deeper... Identity and Purpose.

"Find Your Mission" is our ongoing workshop designed to help students explore who they are, what they value and the direction they want their lives to take. It's an intentional space to pause, reflect and grow from the inside out.

This semester, our focus has been on mental health awareness. Understanding that the quality of our thoughts and emotions ultimately shapes the quality of our lives.

Students are learning how to recognize internal narratives, manage stress, build emotional resilience and develop healthy coping strategies. They are having honest conversations about pressure, expectations, self-doubt and confidence, all within a safe, supportive environment.

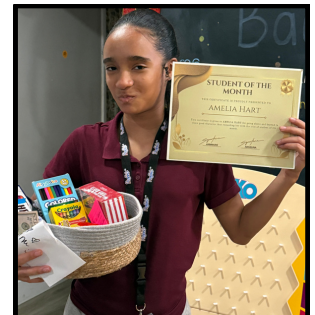
Because leadership isn't just external.
It begins internally.

When young people understand their identity and learn to steward their mental and emotional well-being, they build a foundation that supports academic success, healthy relationships and long-term purpose.



At PROPEL, we believe whole-student growth means strengthening the mind, the heart and the vision for what's ahead.

Fridays remind our students, and all of us... that mission drives momentum!



STUDENT OF THE MONTH
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Celebrating Diamond-Level Leadership

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This month, we proudly celebrate our founder, Marta Batmasian, who was recently awarded the prestigious DIAMOND Award from the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce.

And DIAMOND isn't just a title... it stands for:
Dedicated, Inspiring, Accomplished, Motivated, Outstanding,
Noble and Driven.

If there were more letters, Marta would qualify for those too.

Her acceptance speech was heartfelt and powerful. A reflection of the humility and conviction that have shaped both her life and PROPEL's mission. Two themes stood out.

First, her deep desire to help others. She shared, "If I can just help one person, I'm doing God's work." The truth is, her impact has reached far beyond one person. Through her leadership and generosity, countless individuals have been empowered to grow, lead and pursue their fullest potential.

Second, her unwavering determination. Marta spoke openly about her early days in a male-dominated real estate industry in the 1970s. Rather than shrinking in the face of challenge, she leaned in. Doubt fueled her drive. Obstacles sharpened her resolve. Surpassing expectations became her standard.

The plot twist? She married the very man whose ambition once challenged her, our co-founder, James Batmasian.

Together, they built not only a real estate enterprise defined by vision and grit, but also a legacy grounded in service, partnership and heart.

At PROPEL, we believe leadership is not inherited... it is modeled.

This week, we celebrate diamond-level determination.

We celebrate legacy.
We celebrate the climb.

Because the view from here and the path being built for our students... is extraordinary!

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Around the Table: Community That Nourishes

At PROPEL, some of the most meaningful growth happens around the table.

Shared meals are a cornerstone of our culture, creating space for conversation, mentorship, laughter and belonging. When students gather to eat together, relationships deepen. Trust builds. Stories are shared. It's in these everyday moments that community becomes real.



We are incredibly grateful for the partners who nourish our PROPELIANS so generously. A special thank you to board member **Debbie Schmidt** for connecting us to her son-in-law at **The Irishmen**, where **Chef Rossa** prepared a hearty sausage and veggie pasta with fresh salad that fueled both body and spirit.

We are equally thankful to board member **Yaira Gurman** for her delicious pasta, grilled chicken with onions and what many are calling the best sweet potatoes ever served at PROPEL (or anywhere). **Deborah Frustino** blessed us with an elevated home-style chicken and rice bake paired with a cheesy, crowd-favorite broccoli casserole.

Crazy Uncle Mike's brought the flavor with chicken fajitas, while **Fran's Chicken** delivered their legendary fried chicken... perfectly complemented by Drew's now-famous mashed potatoes.

The Meat Market elevated the evening with sirloin steaks and asparagus, and **Trattoria Romano** treated our students to an exceptional pasta and salad experience, a true taste of fine dining and generosity.

And of course, we are grateful to **Publix** for the always-popular "Pub Subs" that never fail to bring smiles, along with **Drew's** beloved Taco Tuesday fiesta that keeps the energy high week after week.

Healthy, home-cooked meals matter. They fuel focus and support well-being. But even more powerful than the food itself is what happens because of it. Around the table, students feel seen. They open up. They build meaningful relationships with adults who consistently show up for them.



That consistency changes lives!

To every chef, restaurant and community partner who cooks, donates, grills and serves...

Thank you!

You are an essential part of the PROPEL family and because of you, potential truly takes off.



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