

# ON THE MOVE

## Awards & Recognition

**Dan Burden**, Blue Zones director of inspiration and innovation, was named one of the 100 Most Influential Urbanists of all time by Planetizen, an independent online academic resource. Planetizen readers selected people who they felt have had the “most influence on the places and environments we call home.” Mr. Burden, who leads the walkability and built environment efforts for Blue Zones Project Southwest Florida, ranks 58th on the list and is described as a “leader in innovative transportation planning.” An authority on walkability, bicycle and pedestrian programs, road diets, traffic calming, street corridors and intersection design, he helped to develop the longest recreation train in the world (TransAmerica Bicycle Trail) and was named by TIME magazine as one of the six most important civic innovators in the world.



BURDEN

**Elizabeth Galbut**, a 2007 graduate of Community School of Naples, has been chosen for the 2018 edition of the Forbes 30 Under 30. She was also recently honored as one of New York City’s 33 Under 33 Top Innovators, and as a TechWeek100 Innovative Investor. A venture capitalist, designer, professor and global speaker on health-care innovation, Ms. Galbut is managing partner of SoGal Ventures, which invests in diverse founding teams in the U.S. and Asia. In 2015, at the age of 25, she co-founded A-Level Capital while in graduate school at Johns Hopkins University.



GALBUT

**Brian Lord**, executive chef at Collier’s Reserve Country Club, was voted 2017 Chef of the Year by the American Culinary Federation-Caxambas Chapter of Southwest Florida. In 2015, the chapter named Mr. Lord Culinarian of the Year. An ACF certified executive chef, he also holds certification from the Court of Master Sommeliers. He earned an associate’s degree in culinary arts from the Art Institute of Atlanta and held positions at numerous Platinum Clubs throughout the Southeast before joining Collier’s Reserve in November 2011. Over the past three years, food and beverage revenue at the club has increased almost 40 percent.



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## Aviation

**Norris Langley** has joined the Naples Airport Authority as director of finance and administration. Previously director of finance at the Duke Human Vaccine Institute, Mr. Langley also served as chief financial officer of Duke University Press. He has more than two decades of experience in finance and holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Texas A&M University-Commerce. Naples Municipal Airport is home to flight schools, air charter operators, car rental agencies, and corporate aviation and non-aviation businesses, as well as fire/rescue services, mosquito control, the Collier County Sheriff’s Aviation Unit and other community services.



LANGLEY

## Banking

**Joseph Douglas Rushing** has been named vice president-internal private banking lending specialist for the Naples market of Gibraltar Private Bank & Trust. In this role, Mr. Rushing examines, evaluates and recommends residential mortgage products/applications to secure clients’ wealth and well-being. During a 35-year career in the mortgage industry, he has performed market and feasibility analyses in 38 states. He previously worked at National Mortgages, where he served as a national chief appraiser. Prior to that, he was regional chief appraiser of the nine Southeastern states at Norwest Mortgage. He is a licensed mortgage broker for the state of Florida and is a former licensed real estate sales agent. He also holds CREA, CRA and CEI designations.



RUSHING

## Board Appointments

**Nancy Lascheid**, co-founder of the Neighborhood Health Clinic, has been re-elected to the board of directors for the Florida Association of Free and Charitable Clinics, of which she is a founding member. Ms. Lascheid will serve a three-year term on the association’s Public Policy Committee, which will address sovereign immunity of telemedicine, optometrist licensure credits and the medical reissuance program. FAFCC



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represents and supports 112 clinics and networks that provide quality, cost-effective health-care services at little or no charge to low-income, uninsured and underserved Floridians.

**Donald Thomson**, managing attorney of the Bonita Springs office of the law firm of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A., has been named chairman of the Bonita Springs Estero Economic Development Council. Mr. Thomson also is involved with the Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida, the Center for the Arts Bonita Springs, the YMCA of Bonita Springs and the Imperial River Conservancy. He is chair of the Corporate Advisory Board of The Terraces of Bonita Springs. He received his undergraduate degree from St. Leo College and his law degree from Stetson University.



THOMSON

**Christopher Spiro**, CEO and chief creative officer at Spiro & Associates Marketing, Advertising, Public Relations and Brand Architecture, has been appointed to the board of directors of the American Red Cross, Florida’s Southern Gulf Chapter. The chapter serves more than 1 million residents in Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties. Mr. Spiro will help develop the American Red Cross’ vision for the region, as well as work with other community business professionals to determine the policies that guide the local chapter’s decisions and manage donor contributions.



SPIRO

**Techrin Carbary**, a broker associate at William Raveis Real Estate, has joined the advisory board for Make-A-Wish Southern Florida’s Southwest Florida region.



CARBARY

## Law

**Laird Lile**, a board-certified wills, trusts and estates attorney in Naples, has been appointed to The Florida Bar’s Strategic Planning Priority Subgroup. Members of the subgroup are responsible



LILE

for implementation of the 2017-18 Strategic Planning Priority adopted by The Florida Bar that addresses the Constitutional Revision Commission. Mr. Lile is serving his sixth term as an elected member of the Board of Governors for The Florida Bar. He is a past chair of the bar’s 10,800-member Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section.

## Professional Development

**Olga Placeres, Karen Pickrum, Gretchen Berger, Kristina Gear, Esther Alvarez, Wendy Taylor, Tina Callahan, Joan Leedy, Linda Walker, Bo Gover and Nancy Zimmerman** of Preferred Travel of Naples team recently attended a Signature Travel convention at the Mandalay Bay Hotel located in Las Vegas.

## Recreation

**Jacob Myers** has been named head golf professional at Naples Lakes Country Club. Mr. Myers began his golfing career at Naples Lakes in 2009 at the entry-level position of starter/ranger. He had just graduated from the Golf Academy of America-Myrtle Beach Campus. He rose to the position of first assistant professional and also completed continuing education courses to earn the PGA professional designation. In September 2016, he was named to his first head professional position at the new Bonita National Golf & Country Club. He returns to Naples Lakes to succeed long-time Director of Golf Duke Bowen, who joined the staff at another area golf course in November.



MYERS

## Nonprofit Organizations

**Janey Cook** has been promoted to oversee medical and community outreach for the three west coast regions of Make-A-Wish Southern Florida. She will lead the effort to identify critically ill children from Hernando to Collier counties who would be eligible to receive Make-A-Wish services. Ms. Cook joined Make-A-Wish in August 2013, initially handling medical outreach, volunteers and grants in Bonita Springs. She will now focus on creating relationships with and providing tools for the child life specialists, social workers, nurses, physicians, and hospitals that are the main source of referrals for the nonprofit organization. ■



COOK

## Teens can apply now for summer Youth Leadership Collier program

The Leadership Collier Foundation, an affiliate of The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, is accepting applications for the Class of 2018 Youth Leadership Collier program.

The mission of Youth Leadership Collier is to develop ethical leaders committed to active community involvement. The program empowers Collier County high school students to become effective leaders through hands-on experiences and fieldwork with key organizations. The program is also designed to encourage young citizens to return to or stay in Collier County to begin careers and community leadership.

Youth Leadership Collier is a weeklong intensive program that begins with a weekend of team-building activities.

Participants interact in daily sessions designed to give them first-hand experience in various aspects of the community. Topics include local government, health care, law enforcement, business, agriculture, media, human services, environment and the arts.

The 2018 program will take place from Saturday, June 2, through Friday,



June 8. Tuition is \$500. The deadline for applications is Feb. 2.

Applications can be found at [www.napleschamber.org/youth-leadership](http://www.napleschamber.org/youth-leadership).

For more information, call Amanda Beights at 403-2903 or email [amanda@napleschamber.org](mailto:amanda@napleschamber.org).

### About Leadership Collier Foundation

The Leadership Collier Foundation educates local business leaders about

the societal and economic challenges facing the community today through the programs it governs: Leadership Collier, Growing Associates In Naples, Youth Leadership Collier, Emerging Leadership Council and The Campaign for Leadership. Through the work of the LCF Alumni Association, graduates continue to build alliances and foster goodwill and civic trusteeship that will strengthen Collier County through nonprofit organizations, local government boards and schools while enhancing relations with other like-minded, influential community leaders. ■