



## Community News

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School has officially started and so have we! We visited the incoming seniors of Village Academy last month. We will be presenting at all 11 of our partner high schools in the next few months. Check out the Facebook page for more photos!



We are launching a new initiative with Florida Prepaid Foundation called Project STARS! We are interviewing five incoming high school juniors and pairing them with mentors to prep them to become Viner Scholars. Florida Prepaid Foundation is granting us \$13,000 in matching funds per scholarship equaling a total of \$65,000 over the next four years.

We are happy to announce that we are continuing our partnership with Eye Associates of Boca Raton. Thank you Eye Associates for giving our students eye examinations at no charge!



Executive Director, Katie Mixon, has accepted a co-chair nomination for the Achieve Palm Beach County Student Urgent Relief Fund. The fund will help at risk college students in Palm Beach County pay for unexpected or emergency situations.

## Upcoming Events

*Take a look at the events that are coming up!*

### **Mentor Appreciation Party**

We are excited to get together and celebrate our success with our Mentors! The event will be held on September 26 at 6 P.M. at the Tanzy Restaurant in Boca Raton. We can't thank our mentors enough for the time they are dedicating to ensure our scholars are successful.

### **Scholar's Spotlight: Alexis Foster**



Viner Scholar, Alexis Foster has started her own business selling Autism Awareness merchandise! She states, "My mom and I want to let these beautiful souls to know that they're not alone." The merchandise comes in multiple designs and can be found on the website. "I've created the website from scratch and it has all of the available merchandise currently in stock, along with information about the business. Everyone in my family is a huge advocate of autism, so why not join in on spreading awareness!" she said. Visit the site

at [www.themissingpuzzlepiece.net](http://www.themissingpuzzlepiece.net).

## Community Partners

Click on the names to learn more about our amazing community partners!

- [American Association of Caregiving Youth](#)
- [Dr. Peter T. Blumenthal, DDS](#)
- [Boca Raton Regional Hospital](#)
- [Boca West Community Charitable Foundation](#)
- [Nelson Mullins Broad & Cassel, LLP](#)
- [Direct Primary Care - Rachel Huerta, ARNP](#)
- [Eye Associates of Boca Raton](#)
- [Southern Scholarship Foundation](#)
- [Vitality Spine & Wellness](#)
- [Achieve Palm Beach County](#)
- [Faulk Center for Counseling](#)
- [Konis Family Dental](#)
- [Levis JCC](#)
- [Propel](#)
- [Ronald L Rubin , DMD - Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery](#)
- [Rotary Club Downtown Boca Raton](#)
- [Ruth and Norman Rales Jewish Family Services](#)
- [Urban League of Palm Beach County](#)
- [Dr. David Lubetkin, MD FACOG](#)
- [A Squared Consulting Services](#)

## Letter from the Executive Director



### Interview with Andy Thomson

We're proud to have newly appointed city councilmen, Andy Thomson as one of our esteemed mentors! We are so grateful for his willingness to give us some insight on balancing his new role, practicing law and keeping up with his family. [Check out the interview here.](#)

## Benefactors

**We want to thank our generous benefactors who have graciously donated to create scholarships for our Viner Scholars**

**Ondina Felipe Barkin & Richard Barkin**

**Boca West Foundation**

**Suzanne & Jeffrey Deutch**

**The Rosemurgy Family**

**Barbara & Dr. Donald Janower**

**Amanda & Noah Rosenfarb**

**Carol & Mark Rosenfeld**

**Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services**

**Maurice Samuels**

**Janice & Jeff Sandelman**

**Carolyne & Edwin Levy**

**Naomi & Reid Shapiro**

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