



From left: President of DFS, Dave Cantley, Idalia Maqueda, Leanne Grunow, Barbara Rivero and Mrs. Barry Grunow (Pam).

Barry Grunow 2016 Scholarship

The Barry Grunow Memorial Scholarship Fund for Aspiring Teachers is presented in memory of **Barry Grunow**, the teacher at Lake Worth Middle School who was slain in his classroom on the last day of school in the year 2000. This scholarship is available to students in any public, private, or parochial school in Palm Beach County who aspire to teach.

This year's recipients include **Barbara Rivero: \$3,000, Nancy Garcia: \$2000, Wilda Emitil: \$2,000, Cindy Mendez: \$1,500 and Idaliz Maqueda: \$1,500.**

LW Community High School's Multicultural Friend: Assistant Principal, Vincent Taormina

By Helen Gilmore

"I love Lake Worth High School," enthuses Vincent Taormina, Assistant Principal, "It has so much history! I meet people all the time, and when they hear that I work at Lake Worth High School, they say that their parents or they, themselves, graduated from Lake Worth High School."

Vincent is the liaison for the school to the Lake Worth High School Alumni Foundation and the Lake Worth High School Dollars for Scholars Foundation. He attends both monthly board meetings, representing the school.

Vincent has taught at the school since 2008. A graduate of the University of Florida, majoring in Micro Biology and Cell Science, he has taught Integrated Science I and II, Earth and Space Science, and Biology at Lake Worth High. After teaching for three years, he

was named Science Coach and Department Chair. When asked what the duties of a Science Coach were, Vincent replied, "I'd assist other teachers in the various Science disciplines

to be the best teachers they could be!" He served in that capacity for four years. Vincent shared, "This year I became Lake Worth Community High School Assistant Principal over Science and the Adult Education and Community School, which meets in the evenings. Our night school offers English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Graduate Equivalency Diploma (GED) courses and a variety of Community classes. Our program is the second largest Adult Educa-



tion and Community School in Palm Beach County, with approximately 900 students. Born in Venezuela into a dual culture family—his father was Italian and his mother was Spanish—Vincent moved with his

parents to the United States when he was 8 years old. He and his parents knew no English when they came here. However, his parents wanted to be assimilated into the American culture. So, every day, when he came home from school, he would teach his parents the English vocabulary words, with their proper pronunciation and the phonics skills he had learned that day. He admitted, "I no longer communicate with my parents in Spanish." The whole family is fluent in English now, and that's the way he feels he communicates best—in English. Vincent married his college sweetheart, Lisa, and they have one son, Nicholas, 14. When asked about future plans, he said, "I'm happy when I'm reaching out to adult students and our daytime students." According to Vincent, "Our students come from a very rich, cultural, diverse community. I'm happy I can use my multicultural background to educate our Lake Worth community."

LWHS Alumni Deidre Hall Earns Star on Hollywood Walk of Fame

By Helen Gilmore

Actress Deidre Hall—Lake Worth High School Class of 1965—and for 20 years portraying Dr. Marlena Evans on the NBC daytime TV drama "Days of Our Lives," has earned her star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Born in Milwaukee on Oct.

31, 1947, Hall's family moved to Lake Worth, Florida when she was 6 years old. Hall was selected as Junior Orange Bowl queen was she was 13 and worked for Lake Worth radio station WLIZ as a teenager, hosting an interview show and reporting.

John Adair 2016 PBC of FES Lifetime Achievement Award



John Adair, local engineer, was honored with a "Lifetime Achievement Award" by his engineering colleagues at this year's Annual Engineers' Week Banquet held at the County Convention Center's Hilton Hotel. 330 engineers, friends, Infrastructure Contractors and dignitaries enjoyed the festivities.

Born and raised in Lake Worth, he was President of the LWHS Athletes Letter Club, lettering in football, basketball, baseball, and track with State Honors in football and Conference Honors in basketball. He was also President of his senior class. He graduated in June 1945, leaving for The US Naval Training Station in Green Bay, Wisconsin that same month. He was honorably discharged from the Navy and enrolled at the University of Florida to pursue his college education in physics. He later changed his major to civil engineering, graduating with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering in 1950.

John accepted a job offer with the Tennessee Valley Authority in Knoxville. He enrolled at the University of Tennessee's Master's program with advanced classes in concrete design and soil mechanics. John married Marilyn Oxtoby in Miami. Marilyn and he brought with them from Tennessee son, Scott and daughters Cindy and Laurie. Back in Florida, Marilyn and John welcomed sons Kraig and Mike. Next came granddaughter Rachael Rogers (Mrs. Brad Baskin), Joshua Rogers, Jacob Rogers (deceased). Step-children Kris Michie and sister Julie made 7 children. Granddaughter Katelyn Adair, great grandsons Ty and Griffin Baskin and Jacob

Rogers complete the family.

John purchased the engineering/surveying business of Chester Wright to begin his career in 1958. The office was one room without air-conditioning. He soon moved to 421 South H St. (58 years ago) where he has his office today.

In 1984, John was recipient of "Engineer of The Year Award" by his engineering colleagues at the local Chapter of The American Society of Civil Engineers. In 1998, The Palm Beach Chapter of the Florida Engineering Society Honored John with the award of "Outstanding Service to the Engineering Profession."

John served two four year terms on Grievance Committees of the local Chapter of the Florida Bar. He was selected as a lay member of the Palm Beach Chapter of the Florida Bars' 15th District Circuit Court Judicial Nominating Committee" in West Palm Beach serving four years. He was selected as a lay member of the 4th District Court of Appeals in Ft. Lauderdale. In 1993, the local Chapter of the Florida Bar honored John with the Florida Bar's "Liberty Bell Award."

John found time to serve as a member of the Palm Beach County 5 Year Road Program. Since then, he has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Lake Worth High Foundation including a term as President. And now, as his Engineering life is coming to a close, his engineering colleagues at the Palm Beach Chapter of the Florida Engineering Society honored him at this year's Annual Engineers' Week Banquet with the Chapter's "Lifetime Achievement" Award."