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# Florida International University

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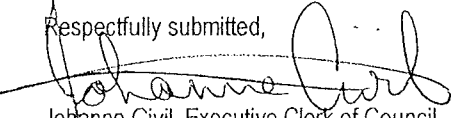
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ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Johanne Civil, Executive Clerk of Council  
Student Government Council, Biscayne Bay Campus

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ATTACHMENTS: Presidential Report; Monica LaFrance's Proposal

# President's Report

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5:30- 7:00 p.m.

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# MEMORANDUM

To: Robert Castellanos Finance Chairperson  
CC: Finance Committee  
From: Monica LaFrance Former Student Services Chairperson  
Date: 7/5/00  
Re: *Funding for College Leadership Florida*

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I am seeking funds to help finance my trip to Tallahassee for the College Leadership Florida Class IV Conference this summer. Attached is pertinent information about the trip amongst other details. I wish to mention that this trip has been fully funded by the Student Government Council for those individuals from Class II & III; however, I am only requesting funding for the airline ticket because I have paid the registration fee (\$100.00). If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me: (305) 759-0563 or (305) 331-8552.



## PROPOSAL

I, Monica LaFrance, have been chosen to attend the College Leadership Florida's Class IV Conference. I applied to this very prestigious organization with the intention of gaining skills and experiences that would help me better serve the student body at Florida International University at any given level of leadership in our various organizations. I have paid the registration fee, the amount of \$100, on my own; however, I am seeking to receive funding for the airline ticket from the Student Government Association. Only two major airlines offer round trips from Miami to Tallahassee; furthermore, I have decided to fly with Delta Airlines because they are more cost efficient.

### Background Information:

I am a junior at Florida International University where I am majoring in International Business and Economics. Upon my arrival at FIU, I immediately joined the Student Government Council's Internship program. Being an intern for only a semester, it was not long before I was appointed Student Services Chairperson.

As Student Services Chairperson, I ensured that all the services provided by the university on the North campus were efficient and effective for the student body. Some of my responsibilities included overseeing the Student Government booth (where information for the student body was disseminated), meeting with university officials engaged under the Division of Student Affairs, and tending to constituent grievances. For my dedication to the Council, I was named Intern of the Year and have received other recognition. I participated in the FIU Law School Rally in Tallahassee. I have attended town hall meetings and have helped in the efforts of North Campus's Voter's registration drive. My perseverance to institute a shuttle service for the dorm residents was endless

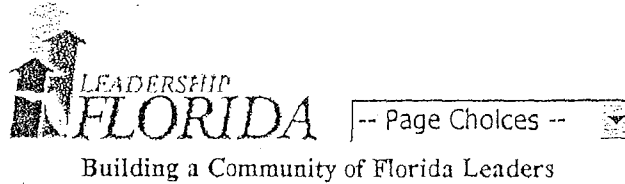
and later I realized that my efforts were not in vain. I have been the first Student Services Chairperson to create a constitution for this standing committee on the Council; furthermore, my Student Services binder/notebook has been organized to help shape the roles and responsibilities of future Student Services Chairpersons. It was a great desire of mine to remain Student Services Chairperson; however, to due foreseen and unforeseen circumstances I am uncertain as to whether I will be able to successfully complete my term as Student Services Chairperson for the 2000-2001 academic school year. I have not sought re-appointment for these reasons.

## **Why should the Student Government Council fund this Trip?**

I believe that when a rare, but special opportunity presents itself, you must seize it knowing that one-day it will result in countless accolades and achievements for the betterment of mankind. I decided to apply to College Leadership Florida because I believe that it will be the single factor which will ultimately determine whether I would continue along the leadership path or whether I would follow the masses coherently becoming uninformed and uninterested.

I am an ambitious, dedicated, and unique young woman who will stop at nothing to accomplish all that I have set out to achieve. From attending College Leadership Florida, I hope meet individuals from all walks of life whose life stories will add a little more color to my life story. I hope to be challenged enough so that my mind and my heart will reach heights and depths beyond my comfort zone. What I will learn during College Leadership Florida will contribute a great deal to my college career as well as my life.

*What is CLF  
(College Leadership Florida)?*



## College Leadership Florida

*" CLF afforded me the opportunity to meet with some of the most outstanding students in Florida. The week long process turned perfect strangers into lifelong friends. Anyone interested in being a shaper of the world should jump at the chance to be a part of such a strong program."*

*- Derric Heck, Class III  
Florida A&M University*

College Leadership Florida is based on the belief that knowledge is a key element and prime motivator of leadership. Over a seven-day period, 40 college juniors and seniors, studying in a wide variety of majors, will meet and be exposed to the many societal and economic issues facing the state in order to stimulate inquiry, analysis, personal development, and a commitment to Florida.

Program curriculum is designed to address a variety of issues: understanding Florida, public policy, leadership, community service and technology. The program will feature lectures and symposia by noted government, business and community leaders, consultants and professional educators. These will be supplemented by background readings, on-site visits, small discussion groups, leadership development sessions, and mentoring by Florida's leaders.



Class IV of College Leadership Florida will be held August 12-18, 2000 in Tallahassee. The retreat will take place at the DoubleTree Hotel and the Wakulla Springs Lodge with the balance of the week spent on the campus of Florida State University.



Post Office Box 11309 • Tallahassee, Florida 32302-3309 • [www.leadershipflorida.org](http://www.leadershipflorida.org)  
Telephone: Toll-free 877-352-5323 • 850-521-1222 • Fax: 850-521-1299

June 28, 2000

Dear Class IV:

Thank you for sending us the requested information – your picture, bio and release form. For those of you who have yet to send it, remember you can email me at [gkuersteiner@flchamber.com](mailto:gkuersteiner@flchamber.com).

Enclosed you will find a list of what to bring, a Myers-Briggs booklet and answer sheet. See memo for instructions.

Students trying to arrange flight schedules need to plan on checking-in to the DoubleTree Hotel in Tallahassee on **Saturday, August 12th no later than 2:00 p.m.** Check-in is between 12:00 and 2:00 p.m. You are responsible for your transportation to and from the airport; the DoubleTree does have a shuttle service if you provide them with your flight information in advance. Their phone number is (850) 224-5000 and they are located on 101 South Adams Street, for those of you who will be driving. The weeklong session will conclude around **1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**. Flights departing Tallahassee 3:00 p.m. and later on August 18<sup>th</sup> will work best.

You will be receiving a letter in August with the agenda for the session and all other details you may need. If you have any questions in the meantime, you may contact Gayle Webb or myself toll free at (877) 352-5323, direct in Tallahassee 521-1225 or by email. Again, congratulations and we look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

Garrett Kuersteiner  
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Enclosures

## AIRLINE PRICE QUOTES:

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Departure time and date: 10:05am, August 12, 2000 MIA

Arrival time and date: 5:40pm, August 18, 2000 MIA

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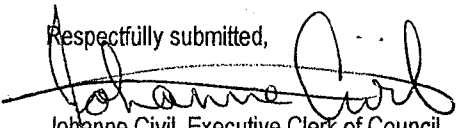
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