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Polk State student and mother of two awarded Alumni Association scholarship

Criminal Justice student ShiAnn Griffin stood before a crowd of alumni at the Polk State College Foundation's inaugural Distinguished Alumni Dinner on Thursday evening to share her story, defined by resilience, rediscovery and a growing commitment to serving her community.

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MLK scholarship empowers Polk State student's dream

Polk State College has awarded the 2026 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship to Rachele Scarbor, a Radiography student who is turning perseverance into purpose and education into community impact.

Scarbor has a clarity forged by experience and a vow she refuses to abandon. The promise to become the first in her family to earn a degree in the healthcare industry has become the compass for every lecture, lab and clinical shift.

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Polk State alum secures funding on ABC's Shark Tank

As a business owner, Polk State College graduate Clay Canning has had incredible success in reaching new audiences. His next audience will be national television.

Canning, along with co-founder RaShaun Brown and advisor Wayne Pfeffer, pitched their product, Screen Skinz, to a panel of successful businesspeople and entrepreneurs such as Barabara Corcoran, Lori Greiner, Daymond John and Kevin O'Leary on ABC's acclaimed show *Shark Tank*.

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