



[Thank you for making the John R. Alexander Memorial Clays Classic a blast!](#)

We're still buzzing from an incredible day at the range! Huge thanks to everyone who came out to support the Polk State College Foundation. Your aim, energy and enthusiasm made this event unforgettable.

A special shoutout to our Presenting Sponsor, [A.D. Morgan](#), whose generous support helped make this event possible. Your commitment to [Polk State College](#), [Polk State College Athletics](#) and community impact is always on target. We're already looking forward to next year!

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Two of the resources available to address food insecurity among Polk State College students, My Brother's Keeper and Polk Pantry, accept donations year-round. Both entities provide students with discreet and confidential assistance by offering food and personal hygiene items. In addition to receiving products, both accept monetary donations at the cashier's office on campus and online. All donations received are used to stock the shelves with items for students. More information, including hours, location and online donation links can be found at www.polk.edu/student-life/eagle-outreach/. The Ledger listed other community resources available at [this link](#).



Polk State honors two faculty with Endowed Teaching Chair distinction

Polk State College has named two faculty members as recipients of its prestigious Endowed Teaching Chair, a distinction that recognizes excellence in instruction and innovation in the classroom.

This year's honorees are Maggie Chaffin, Professor of Nursing, and Dr. Austin Zekeri, Professor of Accounting and Finance. These educators represent the very best of Polk State's mission to transform lives through the power of education.

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Polk State launches 2025-2026 Basketball season at annual Tip-Off Social to thank donors

Supporters of Eagles Basketball gathered this month to meet the players for the upcoming season at the Tip-Off Social at Adams Estate in Lake Alfred.

Head Coach Brandon Giles shared personal stories about the team and his enthusiasm for the year. A special thank you to Wesley Barnett for sponsoring the event and to all Eagles Basketball supporters for your commitment to these talented student-athletes.

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Polk State Music alum performs worldwide after getting start at collegiate high school

Now a professional musician who has performed across the globe, Ryan Michael James was a high school junior when he enrolled at Polk State Chain of Lakes Collegiate High School and took courses in the College's renowned Music Program. He never would have guessed that the decision would have led to a rewarding entertainment career.

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