



## **Polk State College names Anastasios “Stasi” Kamoutsas as its sixth president**

Student success remains at the heart of Polk State College’s future. With the appointment of Anastasios “Stasi” Kamoutsas as its sixth president, the College gains a leader deeply committed to expanding opportunity, strengthening workforce pathways, and supporting every student’s journey.

His passion for education and community impact closely aligns with the Polk State College Foundation’s mission to remove barriers, invest in students, and create lasting pathways to success. Please help us welcome President Kamoutsas.

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## Debbie Harsh receives Distinguished Alumni Award

“If you want to touch the future, touch a life.”

Returning to her alma mater as Polk State College’s April 2026 Distinguished Alumnus, Debbie Harsh stood before graduates not simply as a retired banking executive, but as someone who had lived the kind of life she now urged them to build.

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## Cynthia Price leaves a legacy that will ensure student success for years to come

The Polk State College Foundation has received a \$115,000 legacy gift from the Cynthia A. Price Revocable Trust to support students pursuing an associate degree at Polk State College.



## Polk State College Foundation receives \$110,000 gift to establish Goddard Legacy Scholarship

Polk State College Foundation has received a \$110,000 gift to establish the Deputy David Michael Goddard Legacy Scholarship, an endowed fund

The Foundation has established the Cynthia A. Price Endowed Fund to support students pursuing their associate degree with a scholarship covering tuition, books, and fees.

Steve Warner, Vice President of Resource Development and Executive Director of the Polk State College Foundation, presented the check during the Polk State College District Board of Trustees meeting.

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that will support students pursuing careers in law enforcement and criminal justice while honoring the life and service of a fallen Polk County deputy.

The scholarship, created by donor Charles "Chuck" Goddard, commemorates his father, Deputy David Michael Goddard, who was killed in the line of duty while serving with the Polk County Sheriff's Office in 1989.

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## **NBA and NCAA champion Mo Speights named head coach of Polk State Basketball**

Former NBA center Marreese Speights has been named the new head coach of Polk State College Basketball. Speights played 10 seasons in the NBA with the Philadelphia 76ers, Memphis Grizzlies, Cleveland Cavaliers, Golden State Warriors, Los Angeles Clippers and Orlando Magic.

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