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CIS Alum Receives National Recognition

In recognition of his extraordinary strength in overcoming many obstacles to give back to the community, the Jefferson Awards honored Mordecai Scott as one of ten Jefferson Award GlobeChangers.

Known as the "Nobel Prize for Public Service," the Jefferson Awards are presented each year and a broad array of honorees are recognized - from high-profile individuals who have dedicated the better part of their lives to public service, to celebrated professional athletes, to largely unheralded community-based volunteers. Also recognized are organizations and companies that represent the pinnacle in corporate citizenship and high schools that best reflect the Jeffersonian ideals of citizen involvement.



Scott is the Communities In Schools [Alumni Network](#) Specialist, leading an effort to engage the 12 million students who have been helped by the organization through the years. Scott's ultimate goal is to reach Communities In Schools alumni, with a passion much like his, into a powerful network to support each other and serve their communities.

[Read more](#) about Mordecai Scott and the Jefferson Awards.

P&G GIVE Education

As part of Procter & Gamble's commitment to help children in need get off to a healthy start, receive access to education and build skills for life, GIVE Education is partnering with Communities In Schools to help keep more than one million kids in school. The P&G GIVE Education program helps fight the nation's dropout crisis by inspiring consumers to help through simple actions and everyday purchases.

On Sunday, July 31, a special "School the Nation" [brandSAVER](#) coupon booklet will be distributed in newspapers across the country, featuring information on Communities In Schools. For each brandSAVER coupon redeemed, P&G will donate a portion to Communities In Schools - allowing consumers to give back, while saving money.

In addition to a national television ad promoting the work of Communities In Schools and a [Facebook](#) campaign, P&G will also make significant product donations. Walmart stores will help with the product distribution by ensuring that the P&G products are delivered to local CIS affiliates who will help disseminate the products to kids and families who receive CIS services.



Partner Spotlight: Capital City Bank Group Foundation

A conversation with his banker gave CISFL's Director of Program Services, Matt McKibbin the idea to apply for a community grant through Capital City Bank Group Foundation. A few months later, the Foundation notified CISFL that their grant had been approved.

The funds are being used to provide cost-share for a summer AmeriCorps VISTA, a student at Tallahassee Community College who is working as a camp counselor at the [Character Center](#), a Leon County site. The student has been a mentee of the CISFL state team and is pleased to have the opportunity to spend his summer mentoring and inspiring young learners.



Pictured from L-R: Melanie Quinton, Capital City Bank Group Lead Associate; Rod Mayo, Capital City Bank Group Market Leader; Bruce Manciangli, CISFL Director of Partnerships and Development; Matt McKibbin, CISFL Director of Program Services

Affiliate Spotlight: Communities In Schools of Hernando County

Welcome to Communities In Schools of Florida's newest developing affiliate, Communities In Schools of Hernando County! Hernando County's search for the best dropout prevention program began four years ago with the creation of Hernando Youth Initiative's Graduation Rate Committee, which was born of discussion during a Greater Hernando Chamber of Commerce's Education Committee meeting.

The CIS model as a national, evidence- and research-based solution for Hernando County prompted discussion with the school district, community-interest meetings and the search for potential Board members. As a result of

the endorsements received from the Hernando Youth Initiative's Graduation Rate Committee and Chamber of Commerce's Education Committee, CIS school sites will be implemented at Central High and Hernando High Schools starting in the fall of 2011.

The Hernando County community of businesses, organizations and individuals has been very supportive of CIS and bringing it to the district. Additionally, the Greater Hernando Chamber of Commerce has been a valuable partner in this effort as they know that keeping kids in schools builds a stronger workforce and community.

CIS Hernando's efforts are being supported through the Race to the Top grant awarded to the Hernando County School District for this purpose. With additional community support, the program will be expanded in the upcoming years to all schools within Hernando County.



Pictured from L-R: Carol Gordon, CISFL Director of Training & Replication; Tracy Echols, CIS Community Liaison for Hernando County; Lois Gracey, CISFL State Director

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