

The Brunson Foundation is pleased to announce the 2021 "MEN IN ACTION HONOREES"

The new Covid Variant has eliminated the possibility of having a banquet to properly honor these great man who have unselfishly given their time, talents, and acts of kindness to the residents of Lee County. However, we will do so in a pictorial format. The criteria set by the Director of Institutional Advancement, McKinley Williams, was approved by Dr. Chanetta Campbell-Brunson as a benchmark to identify a high degree of servitude, ethics, and conservatism displayed by these Men of Great Character.

These nine men have exceeded the criteria and displayed the values of Servant Leadership in Lee County.

- ★ They honored others before themselves
- ★ They inspired vision before setting the course
- ★ They chose ethics before profit
- ★ They empowered others before personal gain
- ★ They privilege people before task
- ★ They balance focus with flexibility before making decisions
- ★ They Served with humility



Hon. James R. Adams

This man of distinction has served on the bench the last 28 years directly impacting the lives of Lee County residents who came before him. He is has been highlighted as a premier HBCU grad (Hampton University and North Carolina Central) who has blazed a trail in the courtroom during his career. Judge Adams is truly an irreplaceable brain trust in the 20th judicial circuit.



Hon. Frank Mann Jr.

The unsung hero of judicial proceedings in Lee County. Judge Mann's abbreviated time on the bench will not go unnoticed. Frank made decisions that have a rippling effect on a better quality of life for those who entered his courtroom. An entrepreneur par excellence; Frank has successfully transitioned as the owner of The Hanging Gardens of Ft. Myers.



Dr. Chanetta Campbell-Brunson and McKinley Williams of The Brunson Foundation Corporation



Randall Mayes

He has been the Property Manager of Ft. Myers Presbyterian Community for nearly six years. Ft. Myers Presbyterian Community offers over 3000 housing units to seniors under Presbyterian Homes and Housing Foundation. Mr. Mayes is the most compassionate, professional, and patient administrators in Lee County. He genuinely cares about seniors and even knows them all on a first name basis.



Coach Sammy Sirianni

It's hard to follow in your fathers footsteps, but Coach Sammy has kept The Green Wave tradition alive and well. He has dedicated his life to mold young adolescents into respectful men in Lee County. No-one can put a price tag on the deposit Coach Sammy made in the lives of his players. He is truly a living legend.



Dr. Brian Gibson

Lee County's top educational administrator is Lehigh Acres Middle School principal. Dr. Gibson plays an integral role in the lives of his students and staff. He is a mentor and father to many of the kids who attend his school. Education is the core of everything he does and he uses every opportunity as a teaching moment. Many alumni of Bethune - Cookman University have suggested that he considers a Vice president role once he retires from Lee County School System.



Jonathan Martin Esq.

The Chairman of the Lee County Republican Party has been busy the last few years with the GOP. The efforts to maintain the party faithful and reach out to provide inclusiveness have not gone unnoticed. He has been more than willing to collaborate with the efforts of The Brunson Foundation Corporation and has even helped many Black leaders in Lee County behind the scenes. He is a family man who maintains strong Christian values and works endlessly as the Chairman.



Chief Judge Michael T. McHugh

There is probably no job more demanding than the Chief Judge of Lee County. Dealing with Judges is no easy task. Judges have very strong personalities. Fortunately, Judge McHugh was prepared for this long sometimes grueling journey as a cross country runner at UF. You have to have endurance to deal with judges as well as your own docket and no-one does it better in the state of Florida than Lee County's Chief Judge Michael T. McHugh. In fact, when James Brunson Sr. was killed in a tragic car accident; Judge Michael T. McHugh signed the guardianship papers for James Brunson Jr and Bethany Brunson.



Walter ILczyszyn

Mr. ILczyszyn of Cape Coral is the Business Manager for IUPAT District Council 78. The IUPAT Union represents the one hundred and forty thousand men and women in the US and Canada who work in the finishing trades of commercial and industrial painting. He is the man elected officials/political candidates love with IUPAT's relentless ground game and phone banks to spare who put people in office that are pro labor.



Coach Sam Brown

Coach Brown is the Head Coach of Dunbar High School. He has built one of the most successful football programs the tigers have had in decades. Coach Brown instills discipline and respect in the classroom and on the field. He has old school values that instill integrity, accountability and sportsmanship in his players. Coach Brown's level of humility and dedication to his players is unparalleled.