

The Brunson Foundation Corporation is pleased to announce the
2022 “WOMEN IN ACTION HONOREES”



The new Covid-19 variant has eliminated the possibility of having a banquet to properly honor these great women 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 seven women 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



AMIRA FOX

Amira Fox is the State Attorney for Charlotte, Hendry, Glades, Collier, and Lee County. She also serves as the Secretary of the Florida Prosecuting Attorney's Association, former Chief of the Homicide and Economic Crime Units, former Chief Assistant State Attorney overseeing the day to day legal and administrative functions of the office and grand jury operations in the 20th Circuit. Amira relentlessly serves every case she gets even outside the office. She serves the Ft. Myers Rotary Club, the shelter for Abused Women and Children, the Foundation for Lee Public Schools, Pace Center for Girls, and of course her husband "Big Mike."



AUDREA ANDERSON

Audrea has served on the Florida Board of Regents that governs the State University System where she focused on increased access for the underserved through admission policies and scholarships. She is a pillar for social justice in Lee County. Audrea continually appears before elected officials, fights for inclusion, and enlightens the community through her monthly column in the Community Press. Audrea's latest battle was pushing Lee County Commission to choose a redistricting map that doesn't gerrymander Dunbar.



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



KATHY DUPUY BRUNO

The General Counsel for Lee County School Board and proud Delta Sigma Theta Sorority member graduated from "The Washington College of Law," which is one of the top law schools in the country. She is responsible for keeping Lee County School System within the parameters of the law. A devout Christian, Kathy does everything in a meek, humble, professional manner. The broad spectrum of law she has practiced allows her to navigate federal, state, constitutional matters - and YES - even the Pandemic.



GLORIA ROSA TATE

Gloria is a member of Cape Coral's Pioneering Family who arrived in 1960. Gloria and her family's fingerprint is on everything in Cape Coral: The Italian American Club, The Royal Tee Golf Club, The Cape Coral Historical Society & Museum, Cape Coral Animal Shelter, Cape Coral CRA, and The Charter School Board. She even continues to run the family business "Rosa Realty." Gloria has a deep network of people because of her dedication to enhance the quality of life in Cape Coral. In short, Gloria is the "Queen Bee" of Cape Coral.



BETSY VAUGHN

Betsy dedicated more than four decades of her life as a classroom teacher. Betsy's love for educating our future leaders of tomorrow allowed her to ponder methods and policy that could enhance the quality of the education for our kids. She understands more than anyone how school-board policy has a direct impact on teachers and students. Her passion to educate the "TOTAL CHILD" and provide direction, support, and guidance our educators need is paramount in every decision she makes.



LAURA BETHEL

Laura Bethel is an entrepreneur par excellence. She has owned Mateo Graphics since 1993. Laura is a USF graduate whose bilingual skills expanded the network of client relationships that developed into deep friendships throughout Lee County. She ALWAYS overextends herself to help those she comes into contact with. Business owners and those who have experienced tremendous growth in their business attribute their success to the quality, efficiency, and creativeness of Mateo Graphics.



TERESA WATKINS-BROWN

Teresa is a native of Ft. Myers and everything concerning the city engulfs her full attention. Councilwoman Brown is the President of the Florida League of Cities, and was even a past professor of Berean Christian College & Seminary. Teresa is always on the frontline for all citizens of Ft. Myers albeit she was elected to Ward 1. She is truly a champion for the people. "Misses Ecetera" should be her nickname because her involvement on various boards and wise counsel she gives to decision makers is too long to list.



THERESE EVERLY

Therese Everly is a powerful woman who understands that everything is a process. She worked her way up the ladder by dedicating her heart and soul over the past 32 years in various capacities in Health Care. She has excelled in enhancing primary care, secondary care, tertiary care as well as public health for the citizens of Lee County. There is a member of Alzheimer's Association, Lee County Homeless Coalition, Florida's 20th Judicial Circuit Elderly Abuse Fatality Review Team, and several other boards.



LINDA DOGGETT

Lee County Clerk of Court & Comptroller is the lifeblood of Florida's 20th Circuit Court. Linda launched Turbo Court which allows citizens to file court cases. Linda also integrated paperless processes to make her office more efficient. She saved millions of taxpayers dollars by switching from the Internal Audit Department to an accredited Inspector General. This monumental shift reduced waste, fraud, and abuse in Lee County. Linda announced her retirement effective Feb. 18th 2022 after 37.5 years of service & building a clerk's office that has become a model of excellence Nationwide.