## Education Foundation Creates New Scholarships

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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — The Education Foundation of St. Lucie County is proud to announce two new scholarships that will be available to local students attending public schools.

The Restoring the Village Youth Initiative and Addison Williams Memorial scholarships will be available to graduating seniors this year.

State Rep. Larry Lee Jr. led the drive to create the Restoring the Village Youth Initiative. This grass-roots initiative started in 2013 out of an effort to eliminate gang violence in the Lincoln Park area of Fort Pierce.

Lee is a native of Fort Pierce and grew up in the Lincoln Park area. He created this initiative to work with community partners to inspire our youth to take pride in their neighborhoods.

The new scholarship was created to inspire youth in the Lincoln Park area to stay in school, graduate work-ready and attend college part-time or graduate and attend college full-time.

The second scholarship honors the life and memory of Addison Williams, a student at Port St. Lucie High School who died tragically.

It will be presented to a graduating senior at Port St. Lucie High who is also a member of a music program and/or a member of the JROTC program. The scholarship can be used for higher education at a two- or four-year college in a major of their choice. Addison's uncle, John Remsen, made the initial donation to start the memorial scholarship.

Both scholarships are now available to qualifying graduating public school seniors.

The St. Lucie Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit corporation that is also a direct support organization for the St Lucie Public School District. For additional information, please visit the St. Lucie Education Foundation website at <a href="https://www.efslc.org">www.efslc.org</a>.

You can also donate additional funds to either scholarship by visiting the website and click "Ways to Give."



St. Lucie County Education Foundation President Thom Jones with state Rep. Larry Lee Jr. Lee led the drive to create the Restoring the Village Youth Initiative. (Photo: CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)