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SHERIFF RIC BRADSHAW AND PBSO RECOGNIZED FOR COMMITMENT TO LOCAL EDUCATION
Ed Tancer Distinguished Alumni and Leadership Awards recently held at the Center for Public School
Excellence and Innovation

(Lake Worth Beach, Fla.) – An outstanding alumnus and community leader was recently honored at the Ed Tancer Distinguished Alumni and Leadership Awards, a special event hosted by the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County and the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County. The evening featured a cocktail reception and an awards ceremony, celebrating the vital role of investing in today's students as tomorrow's leaders.

"When we say the School District of Palm Beach County is 'Your Best Choice,' that's not just an empty phrase," said James Gavrilos, President and CEO of the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County. "Graduates of the Palm Beach County school system have gone to great success in all fields. This year, we honor Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, a proud graduate of Lake Worth Community High School. Having served his country both as a Marine and now a career in law enforcement, Sheriff Bradshaw exemplifies what is best in us and our community. He is not only a man of impeccable integrity and professionalism, he leads a first-class sheriff's department. His journey began in Palm Beach County's public schools and has brought him back to this community. He embodies exactly what the Ed Tancer Distinguished Alumni Award is all about."

Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, a proud graduate of Lake Worth Community High School, received the prestigious Ed Tancer Distinguished Alumni Award. He has served nearly five decades in law enforcement, leading the largest law enforcement agency in Palm Beach County. Bradshaw began his career as a member of the West Palm Beach Police Department. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran, Bradshaw has served on many task forces, among other honors.

"I am honored to receive the Ed Tancer Distinguished Alumni Award and grateful for the recognition of our Sheriff's Office with the Outstanding Business Partner Award," said Sheriff Bradshaw. "Both honors reflect my lifelong commitment to public service and education, and I will continue working tirelessly for a safer, stronger community."

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office was recognized with the Outstanding Business Partner Award. PBSO is the largest law enforcement agency in the county with more than 4,000 staff members. The sheriff's office works tirelessly to not only protect the community, but also set a stellar example for local children, generously supporting the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County every year in its Backpack Initiative.

As one of the Education Foundation's strongest community partners, the sheriff's office and its incredible deputies help to purchase thousands of backpacks each year, fill them with essential supplies for children, and personally drop them off at dozens of schools throughout the summer. Thanks to the

gracious support of the sheriff's office, Palm Beach County students can start each school year with the resources they need to be successful in the classroom.

The Education Foundation of Palm Beach County was founded in 1984 and serves as a nexus between the county's public schools and the community. The Foundation awards grants, supports innovative programs and scholarships, and provides necessary school supplies and resources through Red Apple Supplies, the Foundation's signature program. The Education Foundation of Palm Beach County operates more than 100 programs that close achievement gaps in learning, prepare students for post-secondary success, and create positive, measurable change for more than 100,000 students. The Foundation recently opened its new home, the Center for Public School Excellence and Innovation, at 1515 Barton Road in Lake Worth Beach.

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