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Yulee, Florida August 17, 2015 – Nassau County is pleased to announce that J. Scott Herring, PE, Nassau County Public Works Director, has graduated from the Florida Engineering Society's Leadership Institute program.

The 2015 FELI Class completed five class projects, which included:

- An E-Book entitled "The Engineer's Roadmap to Success"
- Fund Raising and contributions for the following organizations:
  - The Tuskawilla Middle School in Seminole County. The Class provided eight (8) Kindle Fire HD Devices for use in their math classes.
  - Give Kids the World received 1,400 linear feet of composite deck board from the Class and Class participants made repairs to the JJ Express Train Ride railroad ties.
  - The Wounded Warrior Foundation

The Florida Engineering Leadership Institute (FELI) is more than a "training program." It is a metamorphic experience in which the student transitions from a professional **manager** to a fully engaged **leader** equipped with a vision, a mission, the personal connections, and the know how to effectively employ their talents in the service of their community and profession.

FELI ran from November through August and consisted of six sessions held in key cities throughout Florida. One session was held in conjunction with the Professional Engineers Legislative Days in Tallahassee and gave students the opportunity to see Florida government in action as well as personally meet their state representatives. The final session was held concurrently with the FES/FICE Annual Summer

Conference and Exposition where graduation was celebrated during the opening general session.

Speakers and topics are selected to instill the student with two primary understandings:

1. A large-scale perspective of the state of Florida and its engineering profession.
2. The individual's strengths as a leader and how to best use them to serve their state, local community and profession.

To achieve a more "global" understanding of Florida, participants study its government, its politics, its place in the world, its current policies and concerns, its economy and its future. In combination with this, students consider how these entities impact the engineering profession.

By virtue of the speaker selection, students are able to interact with state leaders from both the public and private sectors allowing them to form personal connections. The choice of activities, limited class size, and the focus on fellowship creates a solid bond among class members. Alumni are invited to various functions to enable students to forge an additional link in their ever-expanding network. Students progress through a series of trainings in which they identify the qualities, habits, and mindset of a leader. Then, they learn to elicit and cultivate these characteristics from within themselves. Finally, they receive the motivation and direction to put their leadership into practice in the service of our state and the engineering profession.

This program is intended to develop a vast network of community professionals and business leaders that will boost the positive profile, stature and public perception of engineering professionals in Florida.

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