

THE PROPEL PERSPECTIVE



MAY 2025

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Spring Things at PROPEL

The past two months have been nothing short of action-packed at PROPEL! From serving up fun and fundraising at our Pickleball: Paddles with a Purpose event, to partnering with Roots & Wings for a heartwarming bike delivery, spring has been in full swing. We soaked up the sun at our Spring Break Beach BBQ, teed off for a cause at the Boca West Children's Foundation Golf Tournament, and celebrated a bittersweet milestone with Kinsley's last official day at PROPEL. Each moment reminded us why we do what we do—and just how powerful this community can be when we rally together.



LOOKING AHEAD...

PROPEL SENIORS

SUMMERTIME FUN

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

PROPELIAN SPOTLIGHT

Looking Ahead: Prepping for Progress

As the school year winds down, we're gearing up for an exciting summer packed with purpose, preparation and a whole lot of PROPEL spirit. Our team is working behind the scenes to keep students engaged, supported and ready to level up - whether that's through workshops, one-on-one mentorship or just sharing space together during those slower summer months.

But trust us... it's what's cooking this fall that really has us fired up. Our Healthy Living: Kitchen Initiative is taking shape—and it's going to be a game-changer. From culinary training and nutrition education to hospitality and media skills, this isn't just a program - it's a movement. Stay tuned for more details soon... because we're about to serve up something amazing.



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Paddles With a Purpose: Pickleball, People and a Whole Lotta Heart

Our inaugural Paddles With a Purpose tournament was a smash hit - literally and figuratively. From the first serve to the final point, the energy on the courts was electric. Over 100 players rallied for PROPEL, raising over \$50,000 to support our programs - and looking great doing it.

A huge shoutout to Diane Leighton for chairing this event with style, grace, and a competitive spirit that set the tone for the day. And an extra round of applause for our Tournament Sponsor, Willie Reynolds—PROPEL alum, newest Board Member.

BIG thank you to all our incredible sponsors who helped make the day possible—you showed up for our youth in a major way.

The day was filled with spirited competition, community connection and courtside fun, proving once again that when purpose meets play, magic happens. We can't wait to make this an annual tradition... so start stretching now.



VIDEO 

The Reynolds Law Firm

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Boca West Children's Foundation Golf Tournament: Fore the Kids!

PROPEL was proud to participate in the Boca West Children's Foundation Golf Tournament, an incredible event that brings together community partners who care deeply about supporting local youth.

While the golfers brought their A-game to the course, a spirited squad of PROPEL students brought the energy off the green - welcoming guests with big smiles and even bigger hearts. Their presence lit up the closing ceremony and reminded everyone exactly who this work is for.

We're beyond grateful to the Boca West Children's Foundation for including PROPEL in such a meaningful way. When our students get to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with community leaders and supporters, it's more than a photo op - it's a glimpse into their future.



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This month at PROPEL we had quite a few extraordinary events take place. While the schools were closed for Spring Break, that didn't stop our students from wanting to spend every minute of their spare time at PROPEL! We made sure to keep them entertained and excited during this week so they could have a wholesome Spring Break experience. We had a few days where our students got "Soaked in the Sun" at our Beach Day and Water Day events. It was filled with SPLASH-Tacular games, waves, snacks and laughs!

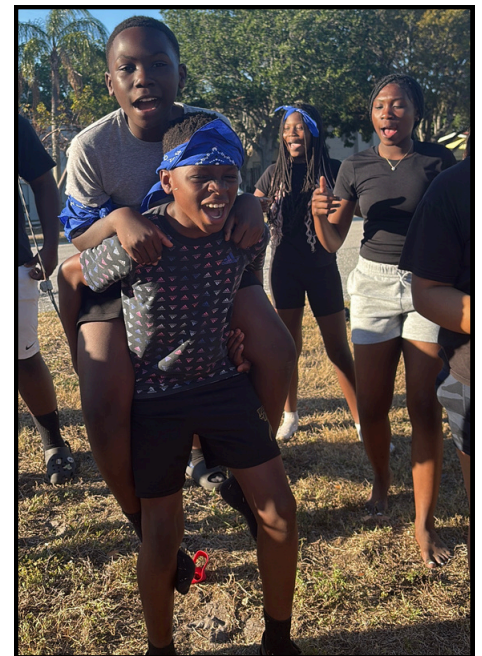
"Beach Day was fun because we got to spend time with everybody outside of school and I had no stress" – Avery (Middle School Student)



We also hosted our very own Lock-In during this spring break! A "Lock-In" is like a big sleepover, where the only goal is to have fun (and not be the first one to fall asleep!). All of our fantastic coaches stayed up all night watching over our students as they had pillow fights, dance battles, played card games, videos games, and watched movies until the sun came up! We even got to eat breakfast for dinner! Our lovely coaches Isabella and Tanisha cooked up delicious eggs, bacon, and pancakes for everyone to enjoy!

"Lock-In was my favorite because we got to watch movies, play pillow fights, games and eat!" – Kim (Middle School Student)

We know the school year is coming to an end soon, and we'll miss seeing our PROPELIANS every day...but we do not fret! Summer is coming and we will have more exciting activities, just like these, for our students to participate in to keep the spirit of PROPEL alive and well until the Fall! ~ **Annmarie**



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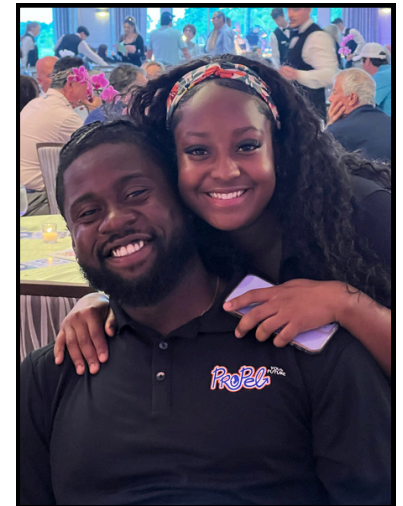
Kinsley Florestal: From PROPEL Student to ICU Fellow

"My name is Kinsley Florestal. I'm from Delray Beach, Florida, but my story began in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, where I was born and raised until moving to the U.S. in 2008. In 2011, I met Drew, who introduced me to the PROPEL family—and I've been part of it ever since.

PROPEL played a tremendous role in shaping the man I am today. The mentorship, leadership opportunities and academic support I received gave me the tools I needed to succeed. From attending the University of Florida to graduating from Physician Assistant School at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, PROPEL supported me every step of the way.

Before beginning my next chapter as a fellow at UMass Memorial Medical Center, where I'll be working in the ICU as an advanced practice provider, I had the opportunity to return to PROPEL—this time, to give back. It meant everything to spend time with the students, share my story and hopefully be the kind of role model that once inspired me.

As I reflect on my journey, I truly can't imagine how different it would have looked without the unwavering support of PROPEL. And for that, I am eternally grateful." ~ Kinsley Florestal



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Kinsley represents everything PROPEL stands for—resilience, excellence and the power of coming full circle. Watching him return to PROPEL after earning his degree, just before stepping into a high-stakes ICU fellowship, reminded us how transformational this program truly is. In the short time he was back, Kinsley inspired our students in ways we can't fully put into words. Whether he was answering questions about med school, helping with homework or simply showing up with a calm confidence, he made a lasting impression.

During his visit, Kinsley also had the opportunity to speak at The Boca Raton Rotary, hosted by longtime friend of PROPEL Neil Saffer and shared his journey on the “Work Smarter, Play Harder” podcast with David Dweck - giving our community a firsthand look at the kind of leader PROPEL helps shape.

We're incredibly proud of him!! And yes, the kids are already asking when he's coming back. Once PROPEL Family... always PROPEL Family!



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♥ Your Gift Directly Impacts:

 **Education & Academic Success** – Providing tutoring, mentorship, and college prep for students who need guidance and support.

 **Workforce Readiness** – Equipping young adults with job training, internships, and career skills that prepare them for real-world success.

 **A Safe & Supportive Space** – Our PROPEL House is a home away from home, where students can learn, grow, and belong.

 **Healthy Living & Life Skills** – Teaching essential skills like financial literacy, cooking, and wellness, ensuring students thrive beyond the classroom.

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