

THE PROPEL PERSPECTIVE



MAY 2026

WHERE POTENTIAL MEETS OPPORTUNITY

Powered by Partnership. Driven by Purpose.

This time of year always brings a different kind of energy and you can feel it across every part of PROPEL.

Momentum is building.

From powerful guest speakers who challenged our students to face fear and define their own path, to real conversations around relationships, confidence, and growth, our young people are continuing to step into who they are becoming.

Beyond our program walls, that momentum is being fueled by incredible community partnerships. From the Boca West Children's Foundation Golf Tournament to initiatives like bike deliveries with Roots & Wings, these collaborations are creating real opportunities and expanding what is possible for our students.

At the same time, we are seeing the full circle of impact.

Our alumni are out in the world, leading, serving and building their futures, while our current students are preparing for what is next. Seniors are getting ready to graduate and take their next steps into college, careers and purpose-driven paths. Our middle school students are stepping up, preparing for their transition into high school with a stronger sense of confidence and direction.

And in between all of it, we are still making space for what matters most. Time together. Shared experiences. Moments that build connection and remind our students that they belong.

This is what PROPEL looks like in motion.

LOOKING AHEAD...

PICKLEBALL 2026

GRADUATION

COMMUNITY
PARTNERS



SUMMER PROGRAM

PROPELIAN
SPOTLIGHT

Not just one moment, but a collection of experiences, relationships, and opportunities that continue to move our students forward.

And we are just getting started.

Join us as we continue that momentum at **Paddles With a Purpose**, an important fundraiser that helps fuel the work happening every day inside PROPEL. This event brings our community together in a meaningful way, creating the support needed to keep opportunities growing and our students moving forward.

Every paddle played and every dollar raised helps ensure our PROPELIANS continue to have access to the experiences, relationships and guidance that shape their path.

Because this work does not happen by chance.

It happens because of a community that shows up!



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Faith Over Fear: Choosing Courage When It Counts

When **Josh Good** spoke with our students, his message was simple but powerful. Fear is real, but it does not get to decide your future.

Through honest conversation and real-life examples, Josh challenged students to identify what is standing in their way. Whether it is doubt, pressure, or uncertainty, he reminded them that courage is not about having no fear. It is about choosing to move forward anyway.

Students walked away understanding that growth lives on the other side of discomfort. When they face challenges, they now have a framework to push through instead of pulling back.

The takeaway was clear. Fear will show up. What matters is what you choose to do next.



Josh Good of Superior Roofing Services of South Florida & Eleventh Element

Your Finish Line, Your Pace, Your Story

Brooke Van Paris brought a message that hit on a different level. Her story is one of resilience, grit, and redefining what is possible after life takes an unexpected turn.

After a serious car accident changed her physical reality, Brooke made the decision to keep going. Not just to recover, but to push forward with purpose. She spoke openly about the layers we all carry. Our strengths, our struggles, and the unique qualities that make each of us who we are.

Her message to students was powerful. You do not have to look like anyone else. You do not have to move at anyone else's pace. What matters is that you keep going and define your own finish line.

Through her heart, her grit, and her relentless drive, Brooke showed our students what it means to stay in the race and cross the finish line on your own terms.



Brooke Van Paris, Personal Fitness Coach, Adventure Guide and American Grit TV Personality

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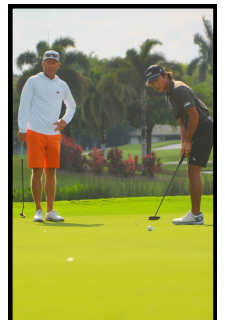
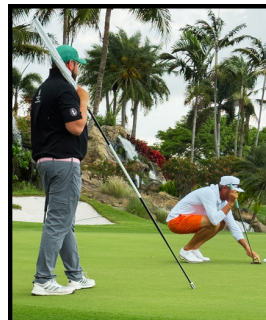
Spring Break, PROPEL Style...

We kicked off Spring Break with purpose and momentum at the **Boca West Children's Foundation** Golf Tournament.

Despite less-than-perfect weather, the energy on the course never dropped. Longtime PROPEL supporter Walter Blum led a strong foursome alongside Liam Ly, a junior at St. Andrews and dedicated PROPEL volunteer and mentor, who brought both leadership and serious golf skills. Daniel Allen our own "Beat the **PROPEL**" and newcomer Andrew Johnson jumped right in, representing the heart of what it means to support our mission.

Rain or shine, the focus was clear. Investing in opportunities for our students and showing up for the community that continues to believe in them.

We are incredibly grateful for Boca West Children's Foundation and all they do to support youth across our community, including ours. Their partnership continues to open doors and create lasting impact.



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Spring Break, PROPEL Style...



In the Spotlight: PROPEL on ABC

During Spring Break, Drew and alumni Kinsley Florestal had the opportunity to represent PROPEL on WPBF ABC, sharing the heart behind our mission and the impact happening every day with our students.

It was a proud moment to highlight how PROPEL is helping young people build confidence, stay engaged in school, and step into their future with purpose. Having one of our own alumni alongside Drew made it even more meaningful, showing firsthand what this work looks like in action.

Moments like this remind us that the stories being built inside PROPEL are worth telling and worth celebrating.

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And after a little time in the spotlight... we traded the cameras for the coast.

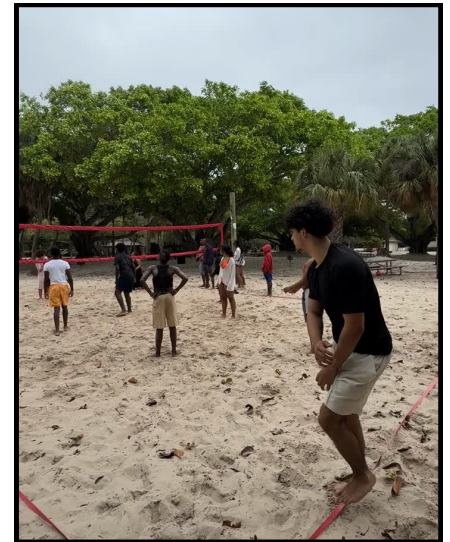


Spring Break at the Beach

We kept our tradition alive with our annual Spring Break beach BBQ, featuring Drew's famous burgers and hotdogs.

The weather tried to cool things down, but it did not stand a chance. What could have been a quiet, chilly day turned into one full of energy, connection and pure PROPEL spirit.

Volleyball games kept everyone moving, a few brave students took a



freezing dip, and plenty of laughter filled the air from start to finish. It was one of those days where the conditions did not matter... but being together did!

Moments like this are a big part of what makes PROPEL special. Yes, we focus on growth, exposure, and opportunity, but we also create space for students to build relationships, have fun, and feel a true sense of belonging.

Cold weather and all, we would not have it any other way.

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Where Community and Opportunity Come Together



Celebrating Success, One Bike at a Time

This spring, the power of partnership was on full display.

Through our incredible community partner **Roots & Wings**, 370 bikes were delivered to elementary schools across Palm Beach County, made possible by the generous support of **Boca West Children's Foundation**.

Drew and Gibril jumped in to help bring it all to life, delivering bikes to 20 different schools and helping ensure each one reached the students who earned them.



These bikes are more than just a reward. They represent hard work, perseverance, and achievement. Each one celebrates a student who met their year-end reading goals, turning effort into something tangible and unforgettable.

Moments like this show what is possible when organizations come together with a shared purpose. It is not just about meeting goals. It is about recognizing growth, building confidence, and creating experiences that students will carry with them long after the school year ends.

This is what community partnership looks like in action.

We're finally finished delivering 370 new bicycles to all 20 of our schools!

We're so proud of these students who beat their iReady growth goal for the year by December's test!

Thankful for our partnership with **Boca West Children's Foundation** who provide these free bikes and helmets!

AND a special thank you to **Drew Gaut** from Propel Boca for being there every step of the way!

It takes a village!



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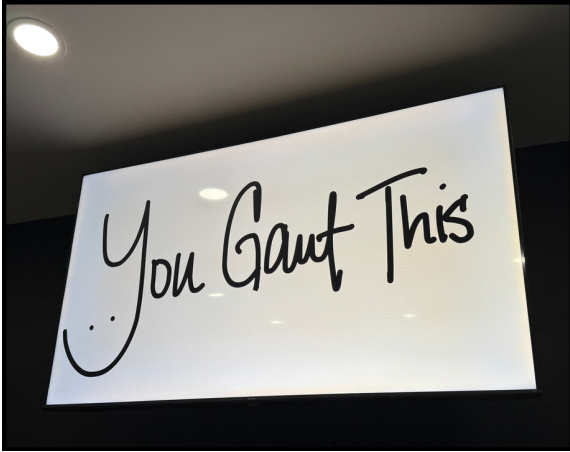
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You Gaut This: Friday POP-Up Workshop



Sometimes the most impactful moments happen when you least expect them.

This month's You Gaut This Friday POP-Up was designed specifically for our high school students, with a focus on one of the most important areas of their lives right now, relationships.

Led by Drew and Kristin Gaut, the workshop created space for honest conversation about connection, communication, and the choices that shape who you surround yourself with. It was real, relevant, and exactly what our students needed.

Students dove into what healthy relationships actually look like in today's world, while also unpacking the challenges that can come with them.

From co-dependency and toxicity to setting and maintaining boundaries, the discussion pushed students to think deeper about who they allow into their lives and how those relationships impact their growth.

Through open dialogue and shared experiences,

students were encouraged to recognize their worth, communicate with intention, and make choices that reflect the standards they are setting for themselves.

Because when students understand what healthy looks like, they are better equipped to build it. And protect it.

At the end of the day, that is the goal. Giving our students the awareness, confidence, and tools to move forward with intention.

Because in every relationship, every decision, and every next step... You Gaut This.



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★ Alumni Spotlight: Ariah Saunders



Ariah Saunders' journey is one that reflects exactly what PROPEL is all about.

Starting with us in middle school, following in the footsteps of her big sister MJ, Ariah quickly became part of the PROPEL family. Not just someone who participated, but someone who showed up, grew and leaned into every opportunity in front of her.

After graduating in 2023, Ariah took a bold step and enlisted in the United States Army, building on the four years she dedicated to ROTC during high school. That foundation of discipline, leadership and commitment carried her across the world, with experiences in Germany and Poland that shaped her perspective, strengthened her resilience and sharpened her drive.

And she did not stop there.

With that same grit and determination, Ariah has transitioned into a career in real estate with CENTURY 21 Stein Posner, bringing her work ethic, heart and commitment to everything she does.

Her journey is layered. Built on discipline, fueled by resilience, and grounded in who she is at her core.

Ariah is not just someone who came through PROPEL... She is PROPEL!

And the best part... it does not stop at graduation. Any opportunity we have to show up and support her at an open house, or celebrate her accomplishments, we are there. That is what PROPEL is all about. Staying connected, showing up, and continuing to build alongside our students long after they leave our program.

We could not be more proud of the path she is creating.



For those looking to connect with Ariah in her new role, she can be reached at
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Why Donate to PROPEL?

Because your support changes lives. When you give to PROPEL, you're not just making a donation—you're fueling dreams, creating opportunities and building a future where every student has the chance to succeed.

♥ 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.

 **Alumni Support** – Helping college students and young professionals continue to PROPEL forward into successful careers and meaningful lives.

Your Gift = A Brighter Future

Every dollar you give creates real opportunities for young people who are working hard to overcome challenges and achieve greatness.

💙 Be the spark. Be the change. PROPEL a future today!



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