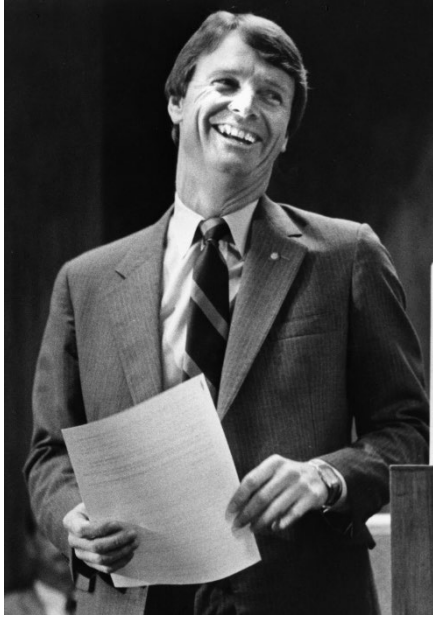




CLASS OF 2021



Frank Messersmith

Frank Messersmith, a Tallahassee Community College Trustee who was recently honored as the 2021 Florida College Trustee of the Year, is one of the longest serving college trustees in Florida. He was first appointed by Governor Jeb Bush and reappointed by Governor Charlie Crist and Governor Rick Scott.

Frank has dedicated his career to the public. He is a former Republican Leader Pro Tempore and Floor Whip of the Florida House of Representatives. During his legislative career, Frank was the first and only Florida legislator elected as the National Chairman of the American Legislative Exchange Council. After his public service, Frank was a legislative consultant for numerous clients, and ultimately focused on representing all the Florida Sheriffs and the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Prior to his legislative activities, Messersmith was a Deputy Sheriff for a decade and served as the Assistant to the Sheriff of Palm Beach County, the Drug Education Deputy for public and private schools, and created the first Community Relations Program for the Sheriff's Office.

Later, Messersmith was selected by former Apollo Astronaut Edgar Mitchell, the sixth man to walk on the moon, to be his Corporate Manager for his national human resource management firm in Palm Beach.

For 25 years, Messersmith was a Florida Board member of Communities in Schools, for which he served six terms as the Florida State Chairman. Frank also served as the Republican Executive Committee Chairman for Wakulla County for five years and Chaired the Florida Small Counties Committee for the Florida Republican Party. He was County Cochairman and Chairman for Governor Jeb Bush and President George W. Bush, respectively.