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Alumni



**KENNETH WELCH**  
***BA, ACCOUNTING '85***

Service to community is a tradition and destiny for members of the distinguished Welch family. Kenneth Welch carries the family torch with dedication, dignity and strength. Our community is privileged to have a steadfast and durable leader like Ken serving in the Pinellas County Commission. Representing District 7, but guiding policies that impact all citizens, Ken is a third generation family member and lifelong resident of Pinellas County. After attending local schools and graduating from Lakewood Senior High School, Ken earned a B.A. in Accounting from USF St. Petersburg and completed a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Florida A&M University.

First elected to the Pinellas Board of County Commissioners in 2000, Ken was reelected in 2004, 2008 and 2012. He has served as Chair in 2006 and 2013. Additionally, Ken has rendered expertise at the state level as the 1st and 2nd Vice President of the Florida Association of Counties. He is the current chair of the Pinellas Business Technology Board.

In addition to his duties as a County Commissioner, Ken 's current and past service includes Chair of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA), Pinellas County Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Vice-Chair, Pinellas Metropolitan Planning Organization, Advisory Committee for Pinellas Transportation, Pinellas Juvenile Welfare Board, and other local, state and national organizations.

Ken's professional work experience includes fourteen years in Accounting, Information Technology, and Financial Systems Administration with Florida Power Corporation (now Duke Energy), and more than 20 years of entrepreneurial experience as Technology Manager for Welch Accounting & Tax Services, a family-owned business.

Prior to his election to the County Commission, Commissioner Welch was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to the St. Petersburg Junior College Board of Trustees. Ken and his wife Donna reside in St. Petersburg and have 2 daughters.

*“Two Professors who stand out in my mind are Dr. Gerald Whittaker, Accounting professor, and Management professor Ham Sterling. They both were passionate educators, who created engaging learning environments for their students.”*

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