

# *Chick-Fil-A Leadership Academy*

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# *Swoosh for a Cause*

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Chick-Fil-A Leadership Academy is a national high school leadership program focused on **IMPACT THROUGH ACTION**. Throughout this year, students have learned necessary skills to be leaders through monthly interactive labs. The program is sponsored by local Palm Beach County Chick-Fil-A's. Our Chick-Fil-A Leadership Academy students at Glades Day School have learned valuable qualities of what a leader looks like and on how to be a better leader in their surroundings and out in the community. Emilee Perkins, a junior at Glades Day School, said, "This is the first program where I felt like I actually learned how to become a leader." Ruth Anne Lively, a freshman at Glades Day School, said, "The Chick-Fil-A Leadership Academy allowed me to grow my leadership skills and learn how to work with others to put on an event. The experience I gained from this academy is truly something I will use through my entire life."

At the beginning of the school year the leadership academy packaged over 100 food bags for local food banks. As the monthly labs continued, students hosted a Pet Supply Drive for the holidays for Peggy Adams Rescue League. A car full of food and supplies was donated.



Beginning in January, students ran full force into creating an Impact Project to benefit our community. The students planned the event from scratch. They came up with the idea of a basketball game and then decided on Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and Palm Beach County Fire and Rescue. They titled it "Swoosh for a Cause". The leadership academy then broke into groups and tackled what had to be accomplished. They planned the date, got approval from school leadership, contacted PBSO and PBCFR, created flyers, wrote donation request letters and delivered them, followed up with sponsors, purchased all supplies, emailed local news

stations and newspapers, created raffle baskets, tickets for entry and raffle, figured out concession stand items, wrote thank you letters and the list goes on and on. “The Chick-Fil-A Leadership Academy taught us, as a group, that student leadership is not only possible but when uniting and working together we can accomplish great things as a team,” said Lauren Nichols a Junior at Glades Day School. “There are no words to express how much hard work and time these students gave to make this event a success. Proud? I’m beyond proud to sponsor and teach this group of students,” said Lynn Davis teacher and sponsor of the Chick-Fil-A Leadership Academy at Glades Day School.

As a result, the Chick-Fil-A Leadership Academy hosted its first ever Impact Project titled “Swoosh for a Cause” this past Friday, April 27 at Glades Day School. The event boasted a basketball game between PBSO and PBCFR for the winning team’s charity of choice. Palm Beach County Fire and Rescue was victorious over Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office with a score of 80-60. There were over 150 people in attendance profiting \$2500 for the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Cadets.

