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October is my favorite month, and sadly it has come to a close. During this month, we have accomplished a lot and have recognized or celebrated even more. As many of you know, October is the month we promote awareness around Breast and Liver Cancer. It is also National Disability Employment Awareness Month. I had the pleasure of joining Spectrum News 13 host Allison Walker and a few others to discuss the importance of inclusion and the great benefit to employers for hiring workers with disabilities. If you would like to see the complete panel discussion, please click <u>HERE</u>.

### Preparing for Session 2022 - Committee Weeks 2 & 3

We finished out our second and third committee weeks with some excellent presentations. One particular presentation of note to me was the fascinating discussion about the use of technology in agriculture. Precision agriculture reduces water usage and limits pesticides and fertilization, resulting in increased productivity and efficiencies, along with far less environmental impact. The big point to make is that it requires high-speed internet, which is often unavailable in rural farming communities. Another reason why we need to keep pushing for broadband for ALL and why I remain committed to this issue.



## **Gadsden and Leon County Delegation**



October also included delegation meetings in both Gadsden and Leon Counties. I really enjoy this opportunity to join my colleagues and hear from citizens and county leaders about the needs of our communities. Remember, these delegation meetings provide an important forum for communities to share their concerns and needs as we prepare for the 2022 Legislative Session. So please, share your concerns and ideas. Thank you, Gadsden and Leon County, for your participation!

## **Remaining Delegation Meetings**

#### CALHOUN COUNTY AND LIBERTY COUNTY: NOVEMBER 8TH MADISON COUNTY AND JEFFERSON COUNTY: NOVMEBER 9TH TAYLOR COUNTY AND FRANKLIN COUNTY: NOVEMBER 10TH GULF COUNTY AND WAKULLA COUNTY: NOVEMBER 22ND

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#### **OCTOBER IS HOMECOMING MONTH**



As part of Florida State University's Homecoming, I had the opportunity to participate in the Florida State University College of Law 2021 FSU Law Alumni Awards. I was honored to receive the Class of '66 Award. I am so excited and grateful to have been named an Honorary Alumnus of the Class of 1966! To see the recording of the event, click <u>HERE</u>

(my remarks are time-stamped at 19:45 - 22:16).



And who doesn't love a parade? I always have so much fun walking in FAMU's Homecoming parade which goes right through the heart of FAMU's beautiful campus to the top of "The Hill". I am always amazed at the thousands of families and kids who get up at the crack of dawn for a good seat for the 8 am parade. Such a great tradition!

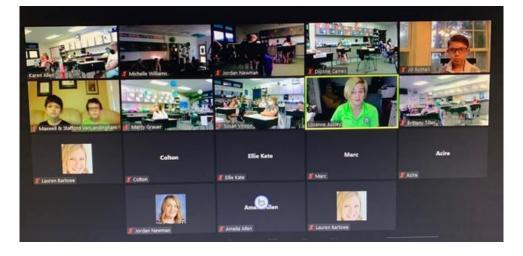
# **AUSLEY'S HIGHLIGHT**

Congratulations are in order for Florida A&M University, Florida SBDC at FAMU and Keith Bowers! As a result of their hard work and dedication, FAMU SBDC has received \$100,000 from Wells Fargo to help grow minority businesses. This



support and funding is such great news for our community and the many entrepreneurs they serve. Click <u>HERE</u> for the full story.

#### **GETTING AROUND THE DISTRICT**



Earlier in the month, I was able to start my morning off with some smiling faces! Thanks to Karen Allen and Killearn Lakes Elementary, I was able to stop in and talk about my job and what I do as a Senator. I got some really good questions and, of course, my favorite - if I liked pizza? As many of you know, it was a resounding YES!





Our healthcare workers continue to lead the way in the fight against covid. I visited some of the healthcare heroes at Weems Memorial Hospital in Apalachicola. From Mr. Stratton in maintenance, who has literally spent the night to make sure the oxygen and vents keep running, to the community-minded CEO, David

Walker, to the long-time employees like Lily and Mary in the cafeteria. It takes every single one of them to run a rural hospital and I am so grateful for their service.









Thank you for the honor to serve you in the Florida Senate, I look forward to continuing to work on your behalf and hope to see you in my travels around the district!

Sincerely,

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