

MCC Grads are going places!

CLASS OF 2016

142 GRADUATES

330 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

32 STATES AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Auburn University • Barry University • Baylor University • Becker College
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 Binghamton University • *Boston College • Boston University
 California College of the Arts • California State University, Sacramento
 Catholic University of America • Champlain College • *College of Central Florida
 Cornell University • *Daytona State College • Drexel University • *Eastern Florida State College
 Eckerd College • *Fashion Institute of Technology • *Flagler College
 *Florida Atlantic University • *Florida Gulf Coast University
 *Florida Institute of Technology • Florida International University
 *Florida Southern College • *Florida State University • *Fordham University
 *Full Sail University • Furman University • George Washington University
 *Georgia Institute of Technology • Georgia State University • High Point University
 *Indian River State College • *Jacksonville University • Kent State University
 *King's College, London, England • Lagrange College • Louisiana Tech University
 Louisiana State University • *Loyola Marymount University • Lynn University
 Manhattanville College • *Miami University, Oxford • Michigan State University
 New York Institute of Technology • New York University • North Carolina State University
 Nova Southeastern University • *Ohio State University • Otis College of Art & Design
 Our Lady of the Lake College • *Pace University • *Palm Beach State College
 *Pennsylvania State University • *Point University
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute • *Ringling College of Art & Design
 Rochester Institute of Technology • *Rutgers University • *Santa Fe College
 Savannah College of Art & Design • Seattle University • Siena College
 St. Leo University • St. Mary's College of Maryland • St. Michael's College
 State University of New York • *Stetson University • Stony Brook University
 Syracuse University • *Tallahassee Community College • Temple University
 *Texas Christian University • The Art Institute • *The Citadel
 *University of Alabama • *University of Arizona • University of Buffalo
 University of California, Davis • *University of California, Irvine
 University of California, San Diego • University of California, Santa Barbara
 University of California, Santa Cruz • *University of Central Florida
 University of Colorado • University of Connecticut • University of Denver
 *University of Florida • *University of Georgia • *University of Iowa • University of Kansas
 *University of Massachusetts, Amherst • University of Miami • University of North Florida
 University of Oklahoma • University of Pittsburgh • *University of Rochester
 *University of San Francisco • *University of Sao Paulo, Brazil • University of Scranton
 *University of South Florida • *University of Tampa • University of Tennessee
 University of Texas, Dallas • University of Vermont • University of Virginia
 University of Washington • University of West Florida • *University of Wisconsin, Madison
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JM Real Estate brokers sale of Suntree Office Tower for \$9.8 million; managed and leased five-story facility

Area firm JM Real Estate Inc. has announced the sale of Suntree Office Tower located at 6905 North Wickham Road in Melbourne. The facility was formerly known as "The Mercedes Homes Building."

Suntree Office Tower is a class "A" five-story building totaling 74,790 square feet. The property was 93 percent leased at the time of the sale. The sale price was \$9.8 million.

Suntree Office Tower was originally developed by Mercedes Homes as a single-tenant building to house its corporate headquarters. It was built during the peak of the market in 2006 and when the credit crisis and recession hit, Mercedes got caught in the downturn and the property became mostly vacant. In 2013, the building was purchased by Real Capital Solutions, headquartered in Colorado.

JM Real Estate was hired to manage and lease the asset shortly thereafter. JM Real Estate transitioned the property from a single-tenant to a multi-tenant facility and leased the vacant units. The process of leasing roughly 34,000 square feet of vacant space took a little over two years, said broker Jewel McDonald, the president and founder of JM Real Estate in Melbourne.

Today, the building is "flourishing" with deals pending to achieve 100 percent occupancy, she said. Upon stabilization, the goal was to sell the building. JM Real Estate worked with a current client, an investor, to purchase the asset.

"We were able to put the buyer and the seller together without ever taking it to the open market," said McDonald, who acted as a transaction broker.

JM Real Estate's office had three similar deals in the last year putting buyers and sellers together when the owner did not want to openly market their properties for sale. "We have been very successful working with existing clients who own other commercial real-estate assets in the area that we manage or lease on their behalf. Our clients have a vested interest in Brevard, and many of those investors look for additional investment opportunities in the same market," she said.

This particular transaction is a "career-high as a commercial real-estate broker," said McDonald, adding, "To be able to take a property that is underperforming, lease it up, have it become a stabilized income-producing property, and then sell it as a valuable real-estate asset, well, that's what our job is all about and that's what we strive to do. It's very rewarding to see such a beautiful property making money, fully occupied, and thriving."

JM Real Estate is a full-service commercial property management, leasing, sales, and investment acquisition company specializing in multi-tenant office, medical office, retail, and industrial properties located in Brevard County, from Titusville to Palm Bay.

For more information about JM Real Estate, contact McDonald at 242-2882, extension 205. To view a listing of commercial properties it is marketing, visit www.JMRealEstate.com. "We welcome new business opportunities," she said.

League of Women Voters of the Space Coast announces Recycling Awards Program winners

On May 20, the recipients of the 2015-2016 League of Women Voters of the Space Coast (LWVSC) Recycling Awards Program received their plaques to be displayed next year at their schools. This year's winners are students from Southwest Middle School and Tropical Elementary School. The judges were: Doreen Archer, League of Women Voters; Robyn Emison, Brevard Public Schools; Erin LeClair, Brevard County Solid Waste Management Department; Wanda Scanes, Brevard County Solid Waste Management Department; and Lucia Watson, League of Women Voters.

The program, in cooperation with Brevard Public Schools, challenges students to create and innovate ways to further implement recycling and to educate students as to why recycling is important to the environment. Attending the event LWVSC Awards Project coordinator Marcia Booth and Brevard Public Schools Resource Conservation specialist Laura Kandiko. The League also recognized "teacher representatives" Dina Casabianca from Southwest Middle School and Barbara Wilcox from Tropical Elementary School for their leadership roles. Stone Magnet Middle School and Roy Allen Elementary School earned honorable mention status in the 2015-2016 LWVSC Recycling Awards Program for their project and demonstrated commitment to recycling and the environment.

For more information on this program, contact Booth at Marcia@RecycleBrevard.org.