



The **Freedom** Institute  
of Collier County®

# ANNUAL GIVING REPORT

# 2025



# Thank you, Supporters!

*Message from our CEO/CLO:*



Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you to all who make our mission possible – donors, families, students, and the dedicated team at Freedom. Your belief in our work has fueled the incredible growth we see in our learners every day.

As this report shows, your support is a driving force behind their development in financial literacy, critical thinking, and their passion to succeed as patriotic leaders of our future. And the best part—we're just getting started.

With gratitude for your partnership,

Chris Marker, CEO / CLO

## Vision



Foster economic freedom through learning.

## Mission



*The Freedom Institute of Collier County will develop our students' critical thinking skills, ensuring their financial freedom and patriotic American citizenship upon graduation.*

## Board of Trustees

Tom Grady – Co-Founder, Chairman

Ed Morton – Co-Founder, Trustee

Tad Dekko – Co-Founder, Trustee

William Barker - Trustee

# 2024-25 By The Numbers



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\$1 Million AI Grant from the Dekko Foundation



102 Students



4 Success Coaches



18 graduates



College / Career placement post graduation



Success Coach-to-Student ratio



Students eligible for FL State Scholarship



Average class size



Upperclassmen who spend avg. 15+ hrs/week in employment, internships, varsity sports, volunteering, + other professional activities.



9 Career Speakers



5 Career Field Trips

## 2024-25 Program Highlights

Personalized & Flexible Learning

C5 Curriculum - Core, Civics, Consumerism, Career, Character

Economic Freedom through Financial Literacy



Leadership Speaker Series

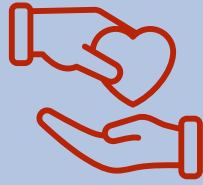
College Dual Enrollment

Internships & Mentorships

Career & College Planning



# The Impact of



# GIVING

**Total Contributions  
2024-25**

**\$853,600**

The Freedom Institute celebrates the generosity of each of our donors and volunteers who supported our students with a philanthropic gift, their talent or their time.

Our donors have invested in the future of Freedom, allowing us to carry out our mission to provide a personalized, innovative, and flexible high school education program that empowers students with the critical thinking skills, knowledge, experiences and values needed for economic independence, workforce success, and patriotic American citizenship.



*The Freedom Institute, Inc. (EIN: 65-0232400), is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.*

# 2024-25 Donors

*We are grateful for the contributions of all of our supporters. With your partnership, we can continue to offer unmatched personalized educational opportunities that launch students into successful futures with confidence, skills, and purpose.*

**Dekko Foundation**

**Yass Prize - Center for Education Reform**

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# Thank you, Freedom PTO!

...for so generously giving your time,  
creativity, dedication, talents and love to our  
students, parents and staff!

## 2024-25 Officers



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## 2024-25 PTO Events

*Friendsgiving | Everglades Hockey Night | Winter Celebration  
FGCU Basketball Game | Game Night | Valentine's Day Celebration  
Teacher Appreciation | Graduation*

# Thank you,

## Freedom Leadership Series

Senator Rick Scott  
Tom Grady

## Educational Partners

Revs Institute | RexAir  
FSW | Elite Jets | NCH



## Career Speakers

William Barker  
Lauren Grady  
Lauren Maxwell  
Kate Tuttle-Owens  
Peter Harris  
Vincenzo Betulia  
Tate Vangellow



# Soaring Into 25-26

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*The Freedom Institute provides a personalized, innovative, and flexible high school education program that empowers students with the skills, knowledge, experiences and values needed for economic freedom, workforce success, and civic leadership. Through a unique blend of traditional structure, hybrid flexibility, and real-world learning, we prepare students to thrive in college, careers, and life.*

## 2025-26 Investment Priorities:

- Scholarship Program Expansion
- Program Enhancements
- AI Offerings & Integration
- Campus Improvements
- Growth & Expansion



**VALUES** 

HARD WORK

RESPECT

PATRIOTISM

KINDNESS

## Fuel the Future - Invest in Freedom

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[freedominstitute.net/ways-to-give/](https://freedominstitute.net/ways-to-give/)

Contact Us to Learn More

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