

## CLASS OF 2021



### **Mark & Maureen Mitchell**

Growing up in Tallahassee, Mark and Maureen shared a love for the beautiful area known as the Forgotten Coast. As a young couple, their favorite pastime was spending time on or near the Gulf of Mexico with their two sons, Mark, Jr. and Matt. Fulfilling a lifelong dream, they built a home on Dickerson Bay in 2005 and have lived there permanently since 2016.

As they became part of small-town life in Panacea, they looked for ways to work toward the betterment of the community. They became members of the Panacea Waterfront Partners, a very active organization that works tirelessly toward making life better for those working and living in the area

Panacea Waterfronts began hosting the annual “Rock the Dock” fishing tournament in 2007 as the sole fundraiser for the organization. As a founder and director of “Rock the Dock”, Mark has seen the tournament become the region’s largest and longest running fishing tournament. If you’ve ever had the pleasure of attending one of the tournaments, you have surely seen Mark and Maureen working at the event which draws over 700 anglers each year.

The financial success of “Rock the Dock” provided an opportunity for the Mitchells and Panacea Waterfronts to be part of a lasting benefit to their small community. They have also created the first scholarship—a full ride to TCC—specifically for residents of Panacea.

Mark and Maureen have found tremendous pleasure in loving where they live, working hard to make a difference, and sharing their many blessings with their family, especially their children and grandchildren. Mark and Maureen Mitchell recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in the small community they now call home, Panacea, Florida.