

**Agenda Item:** 1.a

**Meeting Date:** April 16, 2026

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** City Commission

**Through:** Jennifer K. Bramley, City Manager

**From:** Michelle Wells

**Date:** 2026-03-05

**Subject:** Academies of Distinction with Honors Proclamation

**Presenter(s):** ARC Academy and Executive Board

**Staff Recommendation:** Read/present proclamation and share recognition of Academies of Distinction Certification with Honors to the Architecture, Robotics, and Construction Academy (ARC Academy) at Dunedin High School.

**Strategic Themes:** Good Governance

**Boards & Committees:** N/A

**Budget Impact:** N/A

**Past Action:** N/A

**Next Action:** N/A

**Attachments:** [A. Academies of Distinction with Honors Proclamation.pdf](#)

**Background:** On February 10, 2026, the Pinellas County School Board awarded the Academies of Distinction Certification with Honors to the Architecture, Robotics, and Construction Academy (ARC Academy) at Dunedin High School, recognizing the Academy as one of the highest-performing career academies in Pinellas County Schools.  
(ARC Academy) at Dunedin High School: Principal James Kiblinger, Assistant Principal Christopher Settle, Laura Badraam (Architecture Instructor), Dr. Judith Deeley (Robotics Instructor), Brandon Szymanski (Construction Instructor)  
ARC Academy Executive Board: Larry Franklin, Board President, Ginia Zanni, Vice President of Architecture - Davis Bews Design Group, Jim Donze, Vice President of Construction - Blue Cord