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**GREATER NAPLES LEADERSHIP NAMES GARY PERSONETTE 2019 DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP
AWARD RECIPIENT**

(Naples, FL) – Greater Naples Leadership (GNL) has named Gary Personette as the 2019 recipient of its annual Distinguished Leadership Award in acknowledgment of his efforts to enrich the education of Collier County Public Schools (CCPS) students. A graduate of GNL Class XVII, Gary was instrumental in bringing the successful Incubator EDU entrepreneurship program to public schools throughout Collier County. Mr. Personette received his award at a banquet held Thursday, March 14th at Naples Sailing and Yacht Club.

“I’ve always had a passion for education,” he says, “It led me to keep pushing to get the school district to start the Incubator EDU program. I saw how important the life skills of this course were for the kids. Once we had Dr. Patton’s ear, she put this thing together in two and a half months. It’s now in 150 schools throughout the U.S., and seven high schools and 10 middle schools in Collier County.”

CCPS Superintendent Dr. Kamela Patton enthused, “Gary’s assistance with our innovative program for entrepreneurship to Collier County Public Schools has led to countless opportunities for middle school and high school students in Collier County. Courses in entrepreneurship are now offered across the district in all middle and high schools. In addition to helping bring the Incubator curriculum to Collier, Gary continues to support the program and recruit talented volunteers to assist students through mentorship, coaches, and school champions. We are #CCPSproud to have Gary as a member of our #CCPSFamily!”

Gary is the Managing Director for The Personette Group of Wells Fargo Advisors. Besides being one of the firm’s top producers, he is a recipient of the “Wachovia Way Award”, which is given to a tenured

advisor who exemplifies excellence in both the professional and community sectors. Prior moving to Naples, Gary was Assistant Professor at Chicago City College, teaching both Management and Accounting courses. He and his wife Lauree have three children.

For more information about Gary Personette, GNL or the annual Award, please email Jeanne Bolds, call 239.300.7055 or visit www.gnlwebsite.org.

ABOUT GREATER NAPLES LEADERSHIP

Greater Naples Leadership (GNL) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing proven leaders with a unique opportunity to learn firsthand about Collier County's challenges and to encourage the use of their skills individually and collectively in addressing these needs and bettering the community. Now in its third decade, Greater Naples Leadership continues to provide exceptional opportunities for its members to improve the community and enrich their lives through first-hand learning experiences, rewarding relationships with accomplished, like-minded individuals and unparalleled access to meaningful board and volunteer roles.

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