

Laura Tillinghast Hine

EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration, 2006
Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering, 1997

University of South Florida, St Petersburg
United States Naval Academy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MUSEUM INDUSTRY

The James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art 2019 - current
Executive Director

Asked by the founding chairman, Tom James, to come in and lead the museum to its next fruition. The museum is based on a private collection of 2,500 works and features the place, people and time of the American West, as well as the majesty of Wildlife. A top-designed and built space of 88,000sf with 35,000sf of galleries and placed in downtown St Petersburg, a museum of this quality, capability and size is immediately in the ecosystem of driving visitorship to not just their own, but to all arts & culture attractions in Pinellas County.

MUSEUM / BUILDING INDUSTRY

The James Museum & James RE LLC 2015 - 2019
Project Director. \$65M, 132,000sf, mixed-use urban, radical renovation

Lead the early visioning/programming sessions; city development meetings and negotiations; interviews, selection and contracts with architects and builders; GMP negotiations; and all aspects of design and construction. The full team was about 400 people, the core strategic project team that I directly lead was about 20, including Tom & Mary. The 88,000sf museum opened in March 2018. For the 44,000sf of commercial space, James RE, LLC, I assessed and negotiated potential deals, lead the LOI and lease process, then oversaw design and construction through tenant opening. This included a 7,600sf Datz restaurant, retail spaces and office space.

BUILDING INDUSTRY

THE BECK GROUP: COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURE & CONSTRUCTION MARCH 2003 – AUGUST 2009

Design/build project management, as well as chair of 10-year strategic planning for the \$800M corporation.

Projects included:

Tampa International Airport's Airside C, the Southwest Airlines terminal, a 7-story French-curve-shaped parking garage also at Tampa Airport, retail space, and a pharmaceutical lab. Over \$100M and 600,000sf with Beck. Each project is a new team, new vision, requiring fresh leadership and management.

OTHER: Licensed General Contractor, LEED AP designation by the U.S. Green Building Council, was active in ULI, travelled to Malawi in Africa to develop business for Beck.

MILITARY

OFFICER, UNITED STATES NAVY

MAY 1997 – MARCH 2003

Expeditionary Warfare Training Group, Pacific (EWTGPAC)

Coronado, CA

Instructor and war-game facilitator for amphibious ready groups preparing for deployment.

Assault Craft Unit FIVE

Camp Pendleton, CA

Officer in Charge of six \$23 million hovercraft and a detachment of 80 people. Deployed on USS Boxer and USS Peleliu serving as the lead surface movement officer on the Commodore's at-sea planning staff. Missions of note: Humanitarian assistance work with the UN in East Timor, initial insertion of Marines into Kandahar, Afghanistan, in response to 9/11 (Operation Enduring Freedom).

USS Cowpens (CG-63)

San Diego, CA

Damage Control Assistant (DCA), led 120-person casualty response team for all General Quarters (fire fighting, flooding, etc.). Responsible for training, execution, equipment, passing at-sea certifications, and personnel. Qualified Officer of the Deck, Engineering Officer of the Watch, and Surface Warfare Officer within 9 months of reporting on board. Mission of note: launching tomahawks into Afghanistan in 1999.

OTHER: Completed U.S. Army Airborne school, Fort Benning, GA. Internship at NASA, Kennedy Space Center. Summer training with the Marine Corps at The Basic School in Quantico, VA. NCAA Division I volleyball.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

PUBLIC EDUCATION & NORTH SHORE ELEMENTARY

2015 –2019

In 2015 while our oldest child was still in preschool, I engaged with our neighborhood Title 1, "D" school and our surrounding community to ask the questions and provide the support needed to ensure education was great for all children in my community, not just those who won a lottery or could afford private options. This is an imperative in our state and must be engaged with on the tactical level of one's own school, as well as the strategic state and county levels. North Shore has had a 20% increase in Kindergarten enrollment and is now a "C" school.

Friends of North Shore Elementary, Inc.

Founding President & Director

- In conjunction with school leadership, developed 6 specific tasks for the first year and by building a team of parents accomplished all 6: World Language, Recess, Uniforms, Proud school tour materials, Front office renovation, Classroom Boosts. And we funded gifted testing for all K students, not just those singled out.
- The second year tasks set and accomplished were: 7th Hour After School Program, Field Trip support, Smart Growth infrastructure planning, Food Gardens, Professional Development funds for teachers.
- In our first two years we achieved a 20% increase in Kindergarten enrollment at a school that had experienced significant "white flight" during integration in the late 70s/early 80s and has not always been the top of the list in the age of school choice.

PTA, North Shore Elementary
President Fall 2016 – Spring 2019

Mission driven to Create Community, Ensure Education and Sustain Success, our PTA has done the following things with a remarkable team under my leadership:

- Created an after school program with 16 unique offerings (Spanish, Yoga, Drama, STEM, Soccer, Dance, and more), raised enough money to offer scholarships and advocated at the district level for a bus to be provided so that all students can experience the joy of enrichments.
- Facilitated a minimum of two field trips per grade, one cultural and one with academic ties. Many grades have more with one in the outdoors and one industrial. Raised funds to support field trips for all grades.
- Provide \$300 professional development budget for each teacher, they can pool their resources for a bigger ask as well. Classroom support of \$100 each provided as well. Most importantly, open door for teacher ideas!
- Four annual family socials with food and Hello Bingo, including one off campus in our low-income neighborhood to Create Community and school pride among all parents, teachers, of all backgrounds.
- Increased our budget by more than 6 times from \$18,000 to \$115,000 in order to Sustain Success of these programs with the goal of branching the ideas to all Title I schools in St Petersburg, then Pinellas County.
- Recreating the school grade to include Values in addition to test scores.
- Active in advocacy, met with the Sherriff, legislators and district leaders on the changes post-Marjory Stoneman Douglas. Also serve on the district Healthy School Start Times task force, have participated in architecture and construction selection committees and called school board members or district leaders with a range of questions and ideas over the years.

OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE

Northeast Little League	Head Coach/Manager, recent 2 years
PTA North Shore Elementary	President, 2017-2017
Friends of North Shore Elementary	Founding President
All Children's Hospital	Volunteer, Child Life Services
Edible Peace Patch Project	Board member, Treasurer
The Guild at the Dali Museum	Board member, Chair of governance
Exalted Warrior Foundation	Volunteer yoga / breathwork instructor at veteran hospitals
Girl Scouts of West Central Florida	Board member

PERSONAL

- Have traveled to twenty-five foreign countries, work and personal. Spent a month in China. Travelled to Malawi, Africa.
- Completed U.S. Army Airborne school, Fort Benning, GA. Internship at NASA, Kennedy Space Center. Summer training at The Basic School in Quantico, VA. Recipient of Girl Scout "Gold Award".
- NCAA Division I volleyball. Recovered runner / triathlete. Registered yoga teacher, though primarily home meditation and yoga practitioner.