

**W**hat makes a powerful person powerful? Many agree with the timeless 17th Century maxim, "Knowledge is power." But someone else observed, "It's not what you know, it's who you know, that makes the difference," and certainly power is often defined by one's networking influence. Of course, there is also the interesting twist on the Golden Rule, "He who has the gold, makes the rules." Undoubtedly, financial resources are a source of power – ask the Chinese or the Saudis.

When considering powerful people, it is how one uses their knowledge, their influence and their resources that makes them truly powerful. We defined a "powerful person" as an individual who, because of his/her influence, character, accomplishments and position is able to shape the opinions, goals and direction of our community in order to stimulate action and cause positive results. *Spacecoast Business* polled a broad spectrum of businesspeople within our community to identify the '100 Most Powerful People on the Space Coast.' So, though we have compiled the list, it is the leaders in our area that have identified who the most powerful truly are.

# 100 MOST POWERFUL PEOPLE

## ON THE SPACE COAST

In alphabetical order.

<b>Kim Agee</b>	<i>Owner</i>	Agee Consulting
<b>Thad Altman</b>	<i>Senator, District 24</i>	Florida Senate
<b>Mark Balmer</b>	<i>Pastor</i>	Cavalry Chapel of Melbourne
<b>Jim Barfield</b>	<i>President</i>	Luke and Associates
<b>Bob Baugher</b>	<i>President</i>	Cocoa Beach Surf Company
<b>Brian Binggeli</b>	<i>Superintendent</i>	Brevard Public Schools
<b>Michael Blake</b>	<i>Mayor</i>	City of Cocoa
<b>Mary Bolin</b>	<i>County Commissioner, District 4</i>	Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
<b>Chris Burton</b>	<i>President</i>	Christopher Burton Homes
<b>David Brock</b>	<i>President/CEO</i>	Community Credit Union
<b>Kim Brown</b>	<i>Chief Financial Officer</i>	Coastal Mechanical Services
<b>Robert Cabana</b>	<i>Director</i>	Kennedy Space Center
<b>Anthony Catanese</b>	<i>President</i>	Florida Institute of Technology
<b>Dr. Silas Charles</b>	<i>Founder</i>	Cancer Care Centers of Brevard
<b>Frank Coles</b>	<i>President/CEO</i>	Globe Wireless
<b>Richard Covey</b>	<i>President/CEO</i>	United Space Alliance
<b>Carol Craig</b>	<i>President/CEO</i>	Craig Technologies
<b>Steve Crisafulli</b>	<i>Representative, District 32</i>	Florida House of Representatives
<b>Bill Cunningham</b>	<i>Senior Partner</i>	Business Advisers International
<b>Rev. Glenn Dames</b>	<i>Pastor</i>	St. James A.M.E. Church
<b>Frank DiBello</b>	<i>President</i>	Space Florida
<b>Roger Dobson</b>	<i>Partner</i>	Ocean Partners
<b>Dr. James Drake</b>	<i>President</i>	Brevard Community College
<b>Tracy Duda Chapman</b>	<i>Chief Executive Officer</i>	The Viera Company
<b>Bill Ellis</b>	<i>Government/Industry Relations</i>	Health First
<b>Scott Ellis</b>	<i>Clerk of the Court</i>	Brevard County
<b>Richard Ennis</b>	<i>Executive Director</i>	Melbourne International Airport
<b>Betsy Farmer</b>	<i>Executive Director</i>	Brevard Business Leadership Network
<b>Phil Farmer</b>	<i>Retired CEO</i>	Harris Corp.
<b>Lee Feldman</b>	<i>City Manager</i>	City of Palm Bay
<b>Bunny Finney</b>	<i>Community Volunteer, Philanthropist</i>	
<b>Robin Fisher</b>	<i>County Commissioner, District 1</i>	Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
<b>Nina Gadodia</b>	<i>Community Volunteer, Philanthropist</i>	
<b>Mitch Garner</b>	<i>President/CEO</i>	Symetrics Industries

## Power in Educating Our Next Generation

**Tim Cool** | *Principal*  
Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High School

**James Dwight** | *President*  
Florida Air Academy

**Mark Elliott** | *Principal*  
Satellite High School

**Ric Fleming** | *Principal*  
West Shore Jr./Sr. High School

**Catherine Ford** | *Headmaster*  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy

**Anthony Hines** | *Principal*  
Rockledge High School

**Terry Humphrey** | *Principal*  
Astronaut High School

**Robin Novelli** | *Principal*  
Bayside High School

**Sue Rauch** | *Principal*  
Melbourne Central Catholic High School

**Thomas Sawyer** | *Principal*  
Eau Gallie High School

**Gary Shiffrin** | *Principal*  
Merritt Island High School

**Dr. Stephanie Soliven** | *Principal*  
Cocoa High School

**Dr. Lori Spinner** | *Principal*  
Titusville High School

**Robert Spinner** | *Principal*  
Space Coast Jr./Sr. High School

**John Thomas** | *Principal*  
Palm Bay High School

**Mark Tormoen** | *Principal*  
Viera High School

**John Tuttl** | *Principal*  
Heritage High School

**James Willcoxon** | *Principal*  
Melbourne High School

**Kenneth Winn** | *Principal*  
Edgewood Jr./Sr. High School

## POWER

**Power** [pou-er]-noun:

ability to do or act;  
the capability of doing  
or accomplishing  
something, strength.