## ALUMNI

## **CLASS OF 2018**



## **Allison Tant Richard**

Allison Tant Richard has been described as a problem solver and a change maker who has enhanced life for hundreds of families and individuals with disabilities. She became an advocate upon the birth of her twins Jon and Jeremy. Allison has spent years working closely with the Children's Society as Chair of the Board of Directors, Treasurer, and State Foundation Board member, among others.

Later Allison became involved with TCC and helped create the Eagles Connection program which provides a support structure for cognitively disabled students. When it became apparent there was a need for financial support and scholarships for this group, Allison founded KEYS, Keys to Exceptional Youth Success. Her efforts led to the creation of an endowed scholarship and to date 127 special needs students have been granted scholarships, most of them to attend TCC. This year there are 11 Eagles

Connection students attending TCC on the KEYS scholarship.

Allison's community involvement includes service as President of the Capital Women's Network and as a former Board member of the TCC Foundation. She also served a number of years as Chair of the Florida Democratic party. Allison is a graduate of FSU and prior to her work on behalf of the disabled she was a lobbyist and Legislative Assistant.