



## VILLAGE OF PINECREST

Press Release

### For Additional Information:

Michelle Hammontree Garcia  
Communications Manager  
305.234.2121, Ext. 180  
mhammontree@pinecrest-fl.gov

Guido H. Inguanzo, Jr., CMC  
Village Clerk  
305.234.2121, Ext. 120  
clerk@pinecrest-fl.gov

Media Contact: Michelle Hammontree Garcia  
Communications Manager  
mhammontree@pinecrest-fl.gov  
786-606-3042

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

*Village of Pinecrest launches app for Pinecrest Gardens developed in collaboration with Florida International University graduate students*

**Pinecrest, Fla.** – The Village of Pinecrest launched an app for Pinecrest Gardens that was developed in collaboration with graduate students from the Florida International University School of Computing and Information Sciences.

To download pictures of the app, go to: <http://ge.tt/5QnzTVo1?c>.

Four seniors in the Computer Science program worked with Village's Information Technology Manager, Gabriela Wilson, who acted as their mentor, to develop an app that provides iPhone and Android users with an interactive app that will guide them through daily activities offered at Pinecrest Gardens' 14 acres of native forested wetland, tropical hardwood hammock and native cypress slough hammock.

The opportunity to work with students was a win-win situation as students gained hands-on experience and Pinecrest Gardens received a professional grade app at no cost. The students also received "Best Presenter" and "Best Project" out of more than 15 projects created by the graduating class.

"I am very happy to have participated in this collaborative effort because we were able to give the students real life, real client experience, which in turn allowed the Village to receive a state-of-the-art app for Pinecrest Gardens," said Wilson, who has been working in the technology industry for over a decade and holds a Master's of Science degree in Information Technology.

12645 Pinecrest Parkway, Pinecrest, Florida 33156

T: 305.234.2121 | F: 305.234.2131

[www.pinecrest-fl.gov](http://www.pinecrest-fl.gov)



The app includes tabs that feature functions that allow users to plan their trip, learn about educational programs, buy tickets for performing arts events and learn about volunteer and rental opportunities.

Because of the positive experience the Village will continue to work with graduating FIU students on other technology endeavors. The project was a multifaceted assignment that served as a culminating academic project.

###