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**Pender Newkirk & Company Professionals Join  
The Tampa Connection Class of 2010**

TAMPA, Fla. (November 1, 2010) – The public accounting firm of Pender Newkirk & Company, LLP is proud to announce that three staff members, **Michael Messina**, **Will Rodriguez** and **Tom Santomaggio** were selected to participate in the 2010 Class of The Tampa Connection.

The Tampa Connection is an all-volunteer, nonprofit leadership program that prepares mid-level professionals for active volunteerism and leadership in the Tampa Bay community. Since 1984, more than 1,500 individuals representing Tampa businesses have graduated from The Tampa Connection program and assisted local non-profit organizations. Throughout the last 25 years, The Tampa Connection class members have donated more than 76,000 hours of volunteer service to non-profit organizations in the community.

“We are firm believers in the mission of The Tampa Connection and we truly value the leadership skills this program imparts to each of its class members,” said Ralph Garcia, Managing Partner. “We are so proud that our professionals were selected to participate in the 2010 Class.”

**About The Tampa Connection**

The Tampa Connection is a leadership and community outreach development experience for up and coming professionals. The Tampa Connection class runs from August through May annually, and exposes participants to Tampa’s hidden jewels and resources as well as opportunities for volunteerism. Visit [www.tampaconnection.org](http://www.tampaconnection.org) for more information.

**About Pender Newkirk & Company**

Founded in 1976, Pender Newkirk & Company is a full service accounting and business consulting firm based in Tampa, Florida. With eleven partners and more than 60 professionals, the firm provides an array of services including audit and assurance, tax planning and preparation, small business advisory, litigation support and management consulting services to clients across a broad range of industries. For additional information about the firm, the services we offer and our community involvement, please visit [www.pnccpa.com](http://www.pnccpa.com).

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