



### Deborah Leonard

In 1973 when Debie Leonard realized that a large university was not a good fit for her, she came to TCC from South Florida and received her AA degree before starting FSU. After a stint as a Nutritionist, Debie went back to FSU and received her degree in accounting in 1983.

Debie now has more than thirty-five years of experience providing tax and consulting services to a variety of individuals, estates, not-for-profit associations, and charitable organizations.

Debie entered the workforce at a time when few women were working in the accounting profession. She broke through the ceiling while paving a path for other women in accounting. Debie became the first female Shareholder at Thomas Howell Ferguson P.A. CPAs.

With Debie's knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm, she became involved in many local organizations holding board positions including Leadership Tallahassee, American Lung Association, Mary Brogan Museum, North Florida Community Foundation, and Independence Landing.

After serving on the TCCF Planned Giving committee and the Audit committee, Debie joined the TCC Foundation Board in 2018. She is now an active board member participating in fundraising and serving on the scholarship committee.

Debie is passionate about THF, TCC, and Tallahassee, showcasing that Tallahassee is a great place to work and live. Debie's husband, Irvine is a past instructor with the Workforce Development Program, and her two sons received welding certificates as part of TCC2Work.

Watch the video presented at the 2019 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony of Winston Howell speaking on behalf of Deborah Leonard [HERE](#).