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As a professor of public administration for a local university, I have had the honor and privilege of teaching many employees from the city of Port St. Lucie.

My students come from various departments throughout the city and I can simply say, "We have some exceptional public servants."

I've never attended a Port St. Lucie City Council meeting but watch them on television. I've never met Mayor Joann Faiella, but consider her to be an honorable person. As a former Marine, I appreciate the support she has given our World War II veterans and her efforts to bring them to our nation's capital to see their memorial.

In an effort to provide interactive learning in my classroom, I decided to reach out to the former city manager, Gregory Oravec, to see if he would agree to be a guest speaker. I never met Mr. Oravec and was pleased when he accepted my offer. Gregory's presentation centered on the following question: "How do we attract the best and the brightest people to serve in government?"

As a result of Greg speaking in my public administration class and getting to know him better, I have determined that Mr. Oravec is one of the "best and brightest" and would make a great mayor. After 40 years in education, I have retired — I plan to volunteer my time in helping Port St. Lucie become one of the best cities in the country.

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