

PSC Chairman Art Graham Tours JEA Plants with Next-Generation Engineers for DiscoverE Week

To “engineer” means to “make things happen,” and that’s exactly what Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) Chairman Art Graham did on Wednesday, February 19 for some University of North Florida engineering students during DiscoverE Engineers Week, February 16-22. An engineer himself, Chairman Graham accompanied the students to two JEA facilities, demonstrating how engineers have conceptualized, designed, and developed the plants that power more than 400,000 Northeast Florida homes.

“Like those who inspired me, I wanted the students to get a real-life snapshot of how engineers influence us daily, particularly related to our role at the PSC concerning the water we drink and the power coming into our homes,” said Chairman Graham. “Thanks to JEA’s tour today, the students can better appreciate engineering’s role in Florida’s \$18.2 billion dollar utility industry, where excellent careers await them.”

Chairman Graham and the students toured JEA’s Buckman Water Reclamation Facility, currently undergoing construction that will upgrade the facility to meet environmentally stringent nutrient removal standards. They also toured the Brandy Branch Generating Station where the heat recovery system allows JEA to produce nearly 50 percent more electricity with no additional fuel costs and virtually no new emissions.

DiscoverE Week’s (formerly National Engineers Week Foundation) mission is to sustain and grow a dynamic engineering profession through outreach, education, celebration, and volunteerism.

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