



CLASS OF 2021



Rico Cooper

Rico Cooper received a Bachelor of Science in Human Services from the University of Phoenix and a Master of Science in Education Leadership and Administration from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. Mr. Cooper has also successfully completed Florida State University's Certified Public Manager (CPM) program.

Mr. Cooper currently serves as the Chief Probation Officer (CPO) for the second judicial circuit. As the CPO, he is responsible for ensuring the quality and effectiveness of juvenile probation, day treatment and aftercare services in the circuit. He is the Department's primary liaison with the courts, state attorney's office, public defender's office, law enforcement agencies, and all community stakeholders within the circuit.

Mr. Cooper has dedicated his life to public service. Over the course of the last 15 years, he has served in various positions within the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and the Florida Department of Health. Although he is delighted with his work within the state, he is most proud of the 7 years of his life that was dedicated to his country as a member of the United States Navy. He is truly a public servant that has a passion for turning around the lives of troubled youth.