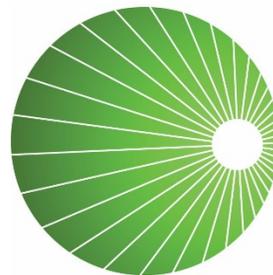


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# TESTIMONIALS



Leadership Miami® is a must for those of us who are interested in understanding Miami-Dade County and how we can make a difference. For me, it was a transformative experience where we are empowered to learn, do, and grow: We learn about the past, present and future of Miami from a wide range of leaders in our community; we were challenged to make a difference by spearheading a project that would create long-lasting impact; and we were given the opportunity to grow as leaders and significantly expand our network. At the end, I came out with a renewed sense of purpose that has impacted my life both at work and in our community.

**- Aleister Avila, Human Resources Manager, Clinical Enterprise Division, Baptist Health South Florida**  
**Leadership Miami® Graduate Class 36**



Leadership Miami Program not only provided an opportunity to learn more about the Miami community but also gave me a chance to explore who I am as both an individual and a leader. Working with a team of esteemed professionals and leaders in the community from different industries and backgrounds can bring its' fair share of challenges, but it only makes the process more rewarding when you overcome those challenges as a team. These obstacles also provide opportunities to learn more about your own priorities and passions as you work towards finding a team solution. This was a great program that showed me all the great things people can do for our community, when we work together.

**- Jeni Bouza, Assistant Vice President, Underwriter, Global Commercial Banking, Bank of America**  
**Leadership Miami® Graduate Class 38**



Leadership Miami was an amazing professional and personal experience. I had a chance to work with Miami's up-and-comers, people who are genuinely committed to excellence in work and in life. Our team's community project (the Urgent Inc. Media Lab) will leave an imprint on Miami for years to come. I would recommend it to anyone who has a true interest in becoming more involved in our community and creating its future.

**- Angeline Evans, Chief Operating Office, Suited for Success / Dress for Success Miami**  
**Leadership Miami® Graduate Class 39**



Leadership Miami was an incredible experience. Originally, I applied for the program to grow professionally; however I walked away with so much knowledge and friendships that will last a lifetime. Throughout the program, I learned the importance of utilizing my team's strengths to exceed our goals. In addition, our group project, a collaboration with Easterseals of South Florida, was truly a rewarding experience that reinforced my desire to remain active in the community. I recommend Leadership Miami for anyone interested in planting roots in the Miami Community.

**- Jasmin Grant, Financial Professional, AXA Advisor, LLC**  
**Leadership Miami® Graduate Class 38**



Miami-Dade County is one of the most diverse markets I've ever worked in. I moved to the area just over a year ago to pursue my career in governmental affairs and Leadership Miami really helped to expose me to industries I would have never discovered without the guidance of this program. It has also created a business and social network that will last a lifetime. I would recommend Leadership Miami to anyone who's serious about taking their professional brand to the next level.

**- Mikhail A. Scott, Florida House of Representatives**  
**Leadership Miami® Graduate Class 39**



I graduated from Leadership Miami twenty years ago and count the experience among my most memorable and valuable. Today, I can trace the root of every professional opportunity I have had in this community back to Leadership Miami – via fellow graduates, Executive Committee members, program friends and participants. To say that Leadership Miami has helped shape me is an understatement and the leadership opportunity as Program Chair opened doors that continue to pay dividends to this day. Thank you Leadership Miami for all you have given to me, personally and professionally, and for the experience of a lifetime!

**- Mark A. Trowbridge, LM Program Chair, 2011; President & CEO, Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce**  
**Leadership Miami® Graduate Class 19**

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One of the key purposes of Leadership Miami® is to prepare the next generation of Miamians to address vital issues affecting Miami-Dade County and meet future challenges. The program's dynamic format stimulates animated and critical discussions among participants and guest speakers.

The program offers participants the opportunity to meet Miami's leaders and to share an intensive learning experience that focuses on community issues and leadership skills through a planned process of lectures, seminars, small group discussions and leadership skills exercises.

Leadership Miami® is an annual program of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the South Florida Progress Foundation, and sponsored by several of Miami-Dade County's premier companies, local agencies and corporations.

## OPENING CONFERENCE

During the two-day Opening Conference, community leaders, government officials and prominent business executives present their individual perspectives on a wide variety of topics. All presentations are followed by question and answer sessions and small group discussions led by recent Leadership Miami® graduates who serve as facilitators. Leadership skills form a basic component of these group workshops.

## FOCUS SESSIONS

To encourage further exploration and action related to specific community issues, and to encourage the development of leadership skills, additional sessions are held one Saturday each month, following the Opening Conference. At these sessions, participants have the opportunity to develop friendships and network with peers in their assigned team for the duration of the program.

## FIELDWORK

As an integral part of your Leadership Miami® experience and curriculum, each participant is required to complete a minimum of five fieldwork assignments in order to complete the program. The primary purpose of fieldwork assignments is to broaden your awareness of your community activities, to experience the diversity in cultures, and to encourage family involvement and networking among participants within a living-learning environment in Miami-Dade County.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

A most important and rewarding part of the program is the participation by all members in a volunteer service project of their team's choosing. The Community Service Project is a fundamental part of the Leadership Miami® curriculum and a requirement for completion of the program.

The purpose of this portion of the program is to broaden participants' awareness of community needs and facilitate their involvement in local volunteer programs, aid in the empowerment and revitalization of Miami-Dade County, and to provide a fun environment where participants can practice/develop team and individual leadership skills. In addition to selecting the charitable organization, each team is responsible for designing a program that will benefit the community.

## GRADUATION

The program year concludes with a Graduation Celebration, held in conjunction with the Chamber's annual meeting. The session is dedicated to the review of skills and issues discussed throughout the year and to participants' presentations of their Team Community Service Projects. The Carlos Arboleya Community Service Award is presented to an outstanding current participant.

## ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

Participants may continue their support of Leadership Miami® by serving on various planning task forces or as team facilitators. An executive board governs Leadership Miami® with the responsibility of administering the program each year. The board is comprised of alumni who are committed to taking an active role in the program.

Upon program completion, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce awards all Leadership Miami® graduates a complimentary one-year individual membership to encourage graduates to continue their involvement and participate in Chamber activities. Graduates are invited to participate in the planning and design of the following year's Leadership Miami® program.

# Leadership Miami® 2017-2018 Team Community Service Projects

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TEAM 1</b> <b>ONEmiami</b></p> <p>In an effort to develop and empower the youth of our next generations, ONE Miami has partnered with The Miami Dade Family Learning Partnership (FLP). Our selected organization is a non-profit dedicated to families and children in our community and concentrates on family and adult literacy, family support, child welfare, literacy training and research.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TEAM 2</b> <b>MiamiBeat</b></p> <p>Team Miami Beat wants to help raise awareness among employees and passengers at Miami International Airport and create advocacy for parents with children on the autism spectrum who are traveling through MIA. Our team will work with the leadership at MIA to create a safe space for parents and children who are traveling by providing them access to a Multi-Sensory Environment (MSE). The benefits of MSEs are clear, the environment subtly adjusts the brain's chemistry through senses, setting the tone for motivation and functional attention, lowering stress and increasing relaxation chemistry.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Team 3</b> <b>Miami Rise</b></p> <p>Irie Foundation has partnered with Carnival Foundation, the Miami Heat Charitable Fund, and Big Brothers Big Sisters to house a technologically elite, state-of-the-art education center for at-risk youth. Serving as a solution to a definitive lack of structured community afterschool programs in South Florida, Irie Rhythms Academy will provide music, arts, and literacy programs at no cost to its participants.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Team 4</b> <b>Miami Roots</b></p> <p>The objective of our project is to improve the media facilities and upgrade the technical equipment at Urgent, Inc. so middle- and high-school students are able to develop industry-specific professional and technical skills. By providing consistent and reliable access to industry standard equipment, the students will be better prepared to enter the workforce and earn competitive wages.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Team 5</b> <b>Transform 305</b></p> <p>Affordable housing was one of three key issues identified during LM#39 Opening Conference where the city of Miami is in dire need of help. While creating more affordable housing is a bit out of reach within the project timeline, TRANSFORM 305 has chosen to help improve the lives of elderly residents of the Robert King High Towers in the area of Little Havana.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Team 6</b> <b>RiseUp305</b></p> <p>The goal for Rise Up 305 is to create awareness around sex trafficking issues in the local community along with fundraising for Glory House Miami's newest initiative 'Restored Masterpiece,' which will be an additional location providing resources to sex trafficking victims and volunteers looking to get involved.</p>