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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

WHAT IS LEADERSHIP® MIAMI?

Leadership Miami offers participants the opportunity 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 curriculum developed in partnership with local universities.

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.

OPENING CONFERENCE

During the two-day Opening Conference, community leaders, university leadership experts, government officials and prominent business executives present and teach 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.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Miami® program provides an advanced leadership development curriculum delivered by top experts from South Florida's leading educational institutions: Barry University, Florida International University, Florida Memorial University, Miami Dade College, Nova Southeastern University, St. Thomas University, and the University of Miami. LM graduates will gain leadership credentials through our unique higher ed partnerships.

FOCUS SESSIONS

The goal of the focus sessions is to develop leadership skills needed in today's fast changing business climate and encourage further exploration and action related to specific community issues. 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 fieldwork assignments in order to graduate. The primary purpose of fieldwork assignments is to broaden your awareness of your community, to experience diverse cultures and needs, and learn the importance of philanthropy.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

A critical component and rewarding part of the program is the participation by all members in a volunteer service project of their team's choosing at Opening Conference. The Community Service Project is a fundamental part of the Leadership Miami® curriculum and a requirement for completion of the program. Through the selected nonprofit project, team members will develop team building, leadership skills, and a shared unique experience. 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.

CLOSING CONFERENCE

The program year concludes with a graduation celebration. 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. During this celebration, the Carlos Arboleya Community Service Award is presented to an outstanding current participant, nominated by their peers.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

Participants may continue their support of Leadership Miami® by not only attending various alumni events but also serving on various planning task forces or as team facilitators. The committee is comprised of alumni, with the responsibility of administering the program each year. Graduates are invited to participate in the planning and design of the following year's Leadership Miami® program.

TESTIMONIALS



"I was in one of Leadership Miami's first classes, and the program's value has only grown. Time and again, we've seen rising leaders at Jackson benefit from the networking, philanthropy, and professional development infused throughout the program. It's especially valuable as a space to build relationships and problem-solving skills that cross institutional and industry lines – a place where we come together as Miamians to share the work of uplifting the entire community."

Carlos A. Migoya

CEO, Jackson Health System

Leadership Miami® Graduate, Inaugural Class



"Leadership Miami® made a significant impact on students at CARE Elementary School by providing classroom sets of grade level books and a terrific collection of books for each student to take home. Having access to books is one of the key factors in promoting the love for reading which makes a transformative difference in children's lives. Renovating the teachers' lounge helped our teachers know how special and appreciated they are. We are so grateful and hope to continue the partnership with this program."

Christopher Simmonds

Principal, CARE Elementary School

Leadership Miami® Partner Class 44 Spring



"Based on my experience during Leadership Miami's Spring Class 44, I would define the program as one of the best examples of how an organization can strengthen a community. The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce has formatted a program that gives future leaders a well-defined and integrated program through which I was able to experience community service, networking, learning and exploration of Miami-Dade County. My prior experience with other leadership programs have had benefits but not to the level of Leadership Miami. As I reflect back on the timeline of my participation and the team members I met, I am truly appreciative of the guidance provided by the Chamber executives, staff and team leaders who were fully engaged in making the overall experience truly rewarding."

Deborah (Dia) Finley

Leadership Miami® Graduate, Class 44 Spring



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*"The Leadership Miami® program was one of the most significant professional and personal experiences in my life. Participation in the program taught me what makes Miami.. **Miami**. My continued engagement has brought me friendships for a lifetime. I cannot ever imagine not being involved with Leadership Miami."*

Patrick Morris

Equity and Engagement, Office of Mayor Daniella Levine Cava
Senior Manager Civic & Philanthropic Partnerships

Leadership Miami® Graduate

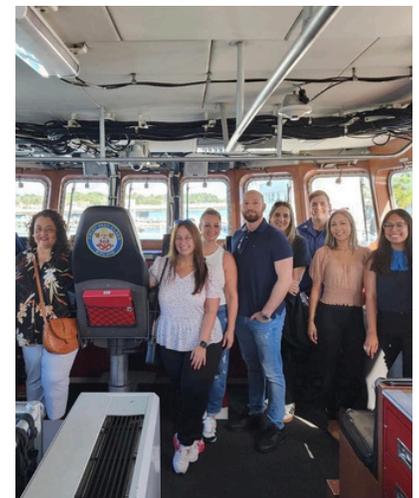


"There is no better program to welcome professionals to Miami than GMCC's Leadership Miami. I have witnessed the impact that this program has had on the NextEra Energy & Florida Power & Light employees that have been able to go through this experience. LM is the Unofficial Miami Onboarding session. While our professionals are in the midst of the program, they bring back the energy of Greater Miami into our company. More importantly, aside from expanding their professional networks immediately, LM participants are immersed in our Community in a way no other program offers."

Franco Cantero

Sr. Business Development Consultant
FPL Energy Services/ A NextEra Energy, Inc.

Leadership Miami Employer Participant



WHY JOIN?

INDIVIDUAL BENEFIT

- Professional development to advance in your career
- Build self-confidence within yourself and with your leadership skills
- Gain deeper understanding and appreciation of local business and government through behind-the-scenes experiences
- Connect with like-minded future leaders
- Build personal and professional relationships that last a lifetime
- Make an immediate positive impact on your community



BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION BENEFIT

- Nurture future leaders by providing them with relevant resources and training
- Recognition of your organization in our community as a business who cares about the development of our future leaders
- Retain your employees by investing in them and increase employee engagement

TIME COMMITMENT

- Leadership Miami runs from February to June
- In-person sessions (1 Saturday a month) focused on professional development and discussion of community related issues
- Additional time will be needed for the Community Service Project which is to be Completed within a 90-100 day timeframe

EXAMPLES OF PAST PROJECTS

Un1ted Miami partnered with The WOW Center to empower individuals with developmental disabilities. Together, we created a sensory garden, a transformative therapy space, to facilitate immersive encounters with nature, fostering the personal growth and well-being of those with developmental disabilities. Original goals included creating a multi-use sensory garden for The WOW Center, an adult learning center that services individuals ages 22 and up. Not only did the multi-use sensory garden stimulate the senses of the center's individuals who are elderly or with limited abilities, but it also gave them a sense of purpose through their work and efforts in maintaining it. The multi-use sensory garden was utilized for art classes, outdoor physical and occupational therapy sessions, meditation, mental health breaks, and workforce development. It stimulated the sense of touch through various textured plants and decorative pieces, the senses of sight and smell through colorful and fragrant flowers, the sense of hearing through the sound of water fountains and wind chimes, and the sense of taste through herbs that were utilized and incorporated into their cooking classes. Through our established partnership with Amazon Park, a landscaping services business, individuals received the knowledge needed to maintain the garden themselves.



Change 4 Dade worked alongside Chapman Partnership to create a safe space for homeless unaccompanied youth in Miami-Dade County. Together, they renovated and refurbished a dorm space to provide safe and supportive accommodations for young adults. This project recognized the critical need to address challenges faced by vulnerable young individuals who lack stable housing and are at risk of exploitation, substance abuse, and various forms of harm. By transforming the dorm into a welcoming and nurturing environment, Change 4 Dade sought to empower these youth, offering them renewed sense of hope, stability, and opportunities for a brighter future. The team transformed an empty room into an inviting space that will provide shelter for over a dozen young men per year. While designing the space, they focused on youth and brotherhood, providing a shared entertainment station equipped with a smart TV, game console (PlayStation), Amazon Firestick, and books to begin a dorm library. To honor their individuality, iPads, daily motivational calendars, charging stations, shower caddies, hygienic supplies, bedding kits, shower sandals, starter packs of clothing, and more were provided. To better prepare the future residents for their future goals, they sourced and installed space-saving desks and chair sets to motivate residents to view their space not only for rest and comfort but also for growth. Change 4 Dade achieved their main goal to help young adults transition into self-sufficiency while addressing a critical need for shelter as the number of unsheltered homeless youth continues to rise



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