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Top Stories

Six Pillars Broward Leaders Announce First Year Successes in Six Pillars

More than 250 community leaders and volunteers attended the recent Broward Six Pillars First Annual Report to the Community event. The event was held at the Broward College North Campus in Coconut Creek. Attendees heard from the five Six Pillars co-chairs, who talked about the successes that had been achieved through the Six Pillars plan, thanked the volunteers who have been working on the plan, discussed areas where Broward County is a leader in the state of Florida among the large urban counties, and how the Six Pillars community plan fits into regional efforts in South Florida. Co-chairs of the Six Pillars project include J. David Armstrong, Jr., President of Broward College; Charles Caulkins, Partner in the law firm Fisher and Phillips and Chairman of The Broward Workshop; Lori Chevy, Broward Market President of Bank of America Merrill Lynch; Broward County Commissioner Chip LaMarca; and James Murley, Executive Director of the South Florida Regional Planning Council. Broward County Mayor Barbara Sharief also spoke to the group, thanking them for their efforts and saying that many of the successes in the Six Pillars plan showcase Broward County's accomplishments over the past year including successes in transportation, the environment, at Port Everglades, the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau and in growing jobs. She also talked about the county's Broward Means Business effort to showcase the importance of businesses in Broward County. To read more, please [click here](#).

CoreNet Global's Southeast FL Conference Headlined by Coca-Cola and Oracle Execs; Hosted by Alliance CEO Council

CoreNet Global's Southeast Florida Chapter announced their Annual Conference "Corporate Real Estate Trends – Past, Present and Future" will be held on Friday, March 7, 2014 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty Six Pier Top located at 2301 SE 17th Street in Fort Lauderdale.

Headlining the day's events will be presentations from Angela Cain, CoreNet Global's Chief Executive Officer; Matt Fanoë, Coca-Cola Refreshments USA Vice President of Real Estate; and Michelle Myer, Oracle's Vice President of Americas Real Estate who will address how CoreNet Global's vision can help address the corporate real estate industry's challenges. CoreNet Global Southeast Florida Chapter President Mario Anicama, Oracle's Director of Real Estate based in Miami, said "In Florida, the economic recovery is moving rapidly. It requires two distinct skill sets – how to profitably manage an ever changing portfolio while continuing to create efficient, high performance workplaces. At our Annual Conference, let's work together to advance our skills and learn from industry leaders so as to keep Florida in the forefront of best practices for managing corporate real estate. We appreciate the willingness of Angela, Matt and Michelle to share their insights." To read more, please [click here](#).

Vote in CNBC's First 25 for H. Wayne Huizenga

Greater Fort Lauderdale's own hometown icon and Alliance CEO Council member is in the running for inclusion in CNBC's First 25 list. It's time to reduce the remaining 100 nominees to the final 25 who will comprise the CNBC First 25: Leaders, Icons and Rebels, CNBC's anniversary list of those who have had the most profound impact on business and finance since 1989, the year CNBC came into existence. Click <http://www.cnbc.com/id/101345394> and submit your vote for Wayne Huizenga.

Broward Physician Staffing Firm Looks to Hire Dozens

This story, by Brian Bandell, appeared in the South Florida Business Journal.

After moving into a larger office in Davie, SBG Healthcare plans to nearly double in headcount by the end of the year. The physician staffing company already has 34 employees 18 months after it was founded as a division of Sanford Barrows Group, said Drew Seder, president and managing partner of the parent company. Seder opened Sanford Barrows Group in 2003 as a diverse staffing firm, with an interest in accounting, finance, information technology and sales. After Paul O'Keefe joined him as a partner a few years ago from physician staffing firm AMN Healthcare, they decided to enter that field. To read more, please [click here](#).

Florida Companies Report More than \$111 Million in Sales from Arab Health Trade Show

Secretary of Commerce and president & CEO of Enterprise Florida (EFI) Gray Swoope recently announced that the EFI-led trip to Arab Health 2014 resulted in more than \$111 million in total projected sales for 24 Florida life science companies. The show, held January 27-30 in Dubai, is the second-largest medical trade show worldwide. Florida has attended the show for nearly a decade and had the largest state pavilion this year. Participating Greater Fort Lauderdale companies included: AOTI, Inc. – Tamarac; Genadyne Biotechnologies, Inc. – Fort Lauderdale and Phoenix Healthcare Solutions, LLC – Fort Lauderdale. To read more, please [click here](#).

The World® Moves Headquarters to Sunrise

CBRE has arranged a 10,500-square-foot corporate headquarters lease for The World®, the largest privately owned, residential yacht on earth, at 1551 Sawgrass Corporate Parkway in Sunrise. The company is relocating its 38 employees from Miramar and will assume occupancy in July 2014. CBRE represented the tenant. The World® is the only private residential community-at-sea where its residents continually travel the globe without ever leaving home. To read more, please [click here](#).

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Education, Workforce Development and Educational Excellence Builds Business (E²B²) News

Broward College, FIU Celebrate New Miramar Location

Broward College and Florida International University recently hosted a special event to commemorate the construction of the Broward College-FIU Broward Center in Miramar, an 89,000-square-foot joint-use facility. The presidents of both institutions discussed their plans for this new facility. The four-story, state-of-the-art building was designed by Perkins + Will and is being built by Kaufman Lynn Construction. Slated to open this fall, the building will be LEED-certified and will feature classrooms, science labs, meeting spaces and student commons. The student common area and dining facilities on the first floor will be shared by both institutions. To read more, please [click here](#).

Broward County Public Schools Teacher Receives State of Florida 2014 Excellence in Teaching About Agriculture Award

Congratulations to Gustavo Junco, Advanced Placement and Honors Chemistry teacher at West Broward High School in Pembroke Pines, who has been named winner of the State of Florida 2014 Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture Award. The Florida Agriculture in the Classroom Grants Committee selected Junco the high school winner and overall state winner of its 2014 Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture Award for utilizing innovative, hands-on relatable lessons that intrigue students while teaching core curriculum concepts in science and math, agriculture and nutrition. To read more, please [click here](#).

BCPS Partners with Innovations for Learning Focusing on Early Childhood Literacy

In honor of national Digital Learning Day, Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is spotlighting the BCPS collaborative partnership with the non-profit organization Innovations for Learning (IFL). Through this initiative, BCPS is implementing a digital literacy program

for kindergarten and first grade students that integrates classroom instruction and community-based tutors to deliver interactive instruction at 13 BCPS Title I schools (123 classrooms). To read more, please [click here](#).

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Business Briefs and Alliance Member News (Alliance Member Companies in Bold)

BIG CHEF™, the company that specializes in gourmet canapés, appetizers and hors d'oeuvres that are delivered to your door was honored recently with a proclamation naming February 11, 2014 as BIG CHEF Appreciation Day for their involvement and economic impact in building a sustainable business in **Broward County**. Barbara Sharief, Mayor of Broward County requested and presented the proclamation to Mano Calambichis, President and Rosana Santos Calambichis, CEO of BIG CHEF™ during the monthly County Commission meeting. To read more, please [click here](#).

The **Broward County** Board of County Commissioners recently adopted new Complete Streets guidelines for rights-of-ways under County jurisdiction and amended the Land Development Code to accommodate Complete Streets features within rights-of-way designated by municipalities, the County or the state as "Context Sensitive Corridors." To read more, please [click here](#).

Startup Quest, the highly acclaimed training program for aspiring tech entrepreneurs, administered by **CareerSource Broward** (formerly WorkForce One) is now accepting applications for the Spring 2014 program. The 10-week course provides hands-on training to individuals who want to become entrepreneurs by connecting them with successful mentors who have experience in technology-based companies. The mentors guide the individuals through the process of creating business plans to bring new, patentable inventions and technologies to market. This program is the only one of its kind in South Florida. To read more, please [click here](#).

CareerSource Florida (formerly WorkForce Florida) state and regional leaders recently hosted the inaugural CareerSource Florida Day at the Capitol, providing information to legislative leaders and partners in business, education and workforce development about the array of services available to assist Florida job seekers and businesses. To read more, please [click here](#).

Congratulations to **City of Fort Lauderdale** Mayor Jack Seiler, who will be honored by the Saint Anthony Foundation for Education at its twelfth annual Gentlemen's Dinner on April 10 at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66. For more information, including tickets and sponsorship opportunities call 954-467-9009 or [click here](#).

Congratulations to the **City of Sunrise** for becoming the Alliance's 18th Platinum Permitting City. The City Commission voted unanimously to support a resolution adopting permitting measures to make the city more business friendly.

Colliers International South Florida is pleased to announce a new listing of two waterfront parcels in Pompano Beach totaling 2.8 acres with preliminary approval for up to a 150-room hotel, 10 stories tall. The site will also accommodate development of a signature waterfront restaurant as part of the hotel project. To read more, please [click here](#).

Rail tracks and crane pads are being installed for the new **Florida East Coast Railway (FEC)** Intermodal Container Transfer Facility (ICTF), which is slated to open in the summer of 2014. The \$73 million, 43-acre near-dock rail facility in the Port's Southport containerized cargo area will be used to transfer domestic and international shipping containers between ship and rail, and will replace FEC's existing 12-acre intermodal yard which is currently located several miles from **Port Everglades** on Andrews Avenue in Fort Lauderdale. To read more, please [click here](#).

Air-sea travelers will find **Port Everglades** even more convenient when a second runway at neighboring **Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL)** opens September 2014. The new 8,000-foot runway will help improve flight times and reduce delays at FLL, which is one of the fastest growing airports in the country and a major hub for low-cost domestic carriers. In addition, FLL's Terminal 4 will expand from 10 to 14 gates, with increased concession choices for passengers. To read more, please [click here](#).

GrayRobinson's Fort Lauderdale office has been awarded the "2014 Broward County Crime Stoppers Corporate Supporter Award." The award is given annually to an outstanding corporate supporter whose employees volunteer a significant amount of time to Crime Stoppers and help advance the organization's mission of preventing and solving crimes. To read more, please [click here](#).

The **Leadership Broward Foundation, Inc.** will host its annual Fun Lunch on Wednesday, April 30 from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Seminole Hard Rock Casino. Themed Pirates in Paradise, the annual Fun Lunch will see this year's six honorees "walk the plank" as they are recognized for their contributions to the community. This year's "Treasures of Broward" are: Mary Harris of **BankUnited**; Penelope Blair of U.S. Trust, **Bank of America** Private Wealth Management; Clinton Perkins of **Broward Health**; Marty Shuham of Shuham & Shuham, P.A.; Kenny Stiles of **Stiles Corporation**; and Pablo Urquilla of BB&T Center. For more information, please [click here](#).

Miller Construction Company has begun site work for Flagler Global Logistics' new 252,000-square-foot Building 34 at Flagler Station business park in Miami's Airport West submarket. Miller Construction recently delivered the global logistics company's 171,944-square-foot Building 31 at Flagler Station on time and within budget, as the contractor's preconstruction team ensured a smooth transition for Building 34's launch. To read more, please [click here](#).

Miller Construction Company has broken ground on Holman Automotive, Inc.'s new 209,023-square-foot service center and parking structure at 2601 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale. The design/build project, scheduled to open in first quarter 2015, will include 59 service bays and three alignment bays providing the full range of automotive service for Holman's nearby Lauderdale BMW and Lauderdale MINI dealerships. To read more, please [click here](#).

The **Museum of Discovery and Science** will host its 19th Annual Bank of America Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration on Friday, April 4, 2014. All proceeds benefit the Museum's exhibits, films, education, conservation, and outreach programs. This year's co-chairs include: Mark Talbott, John Ebenger and Vivian Porcelli. Last year's Wine, Spirits, and Culinary Celebration set an attendance record with over 2,000 guests. This year's event will seek to top that record, showcasing a sequence of wine or spirits, and culinary samples each bound to delight, educate and entertain guests and their palates. The highlights of the evening are tastings from over 40 of South Florida's leading restaurants, and a vast array of wines and spirits from around the world, courtesy of beverage sponsor Southern Wine and Spirits. There will also be an assortment of craft beers to taste. To read more, please [click here](#).

Port Everglades will begin the renovation for its sixth cruise terminal in five years this spring as Terminal 4 is modernized through an expansion and reconfiguration effort that will provide the cruise line industry with a modern dual flow facility just in time for the 2014/2015 cruise season. In addition, the adjacent Slip 2 will be extended by 250 feet for a total 1,150 feet of berth length to accommodate larger cruise ships calling at Port Everglades. The Slip 2 extension is slated for completion by the end of 2016. To read more, please [click here](#).

Nova Southeastern University recently announced that one of its own, Tom West, MBA, was named one of America's top 100 CIOs by IDG Enterprise. West, NSU's vice president of Information Technology, joins others from across the country in being recognized in the Premier 100 Awards Program. To read more, please [click here](#).

RoboVault was recently featured by CNBC. The network received an exclusive look at Florida's premier high-tech, ultra secure automated storage facility for the 2nd season of their hit show "Secret Lives of the Super Rich." The episode premiered on February 5th at 9pm EST. For a promotional video, [click here](#).

Stiles / Miller, the joint venture contracting team handling **Broward Center for the Performing Arts'** major expansion and renovation, marked a key milestone in the multi-phase project recently, topping off the three-story, 27,630-square-foot Rose Miniaci Arts Education Center in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. To read more, please [click here](#).

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Upcoming Alliance Events

Alliance Partner Council Meeting (Members Only)

Thursday, March 13 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Location: City of Miramar

For more information, please contact Helen Kulp at 954-627-0131 or at hkulp@gfalliance.org

Alliance Leadership Council Meeting (Members Only)

Tuesday, March 18 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Location: Becker & Poliakoff

For more information, please contact Tania Vinaixa at 954-627-0133 or at tvinaixa@gfalliance.org

Alliance Corporate Council Meeting (Members Only)

Wednesday, March 19 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Location: GUNSTER, Fort Lauderdale

For more information, please contact Helen Kulp at 954-627-0131 or at hkulp@gfalliance.org

Alliance Governor Council Meeting (Members Only)

Tuesday, March 25 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Location: TBA

For more information, please contact Tania Vinaixa at 954-627-0133 or at tvinaixa@gfalliance.org

Alliance Mid-Year Meeting & Luncheon

Thursday, May 22 11:15 a.m.

Location: Hyatt Regency Pier 66, Fort Lauderdale

For more information, please contact Tania Vinaixa at 954-627-0133 or at tvinaixa@gflalliance.org

Alliance Annual Meeting & Dinner

Thursday, October 23 5:30 p.m.

Location: Signature Grand, Davie

For more information, please contact Tania Vinaixa at 954-627-0133 or at tvinaixa@gflalliance.org

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Enterprise Florida Events

Business Development Mission to South Africa

March 1 - 9, 2014

Location: South Africa

Event Type: International Trade and Investment

Export Sales/Trade Mission

Dubai International Boat Show 2014

March 4 - 8, 2014

Location: Dubai, U.A.E.

International Trade Show

CeBIT 2014

March 10 - 14, 2014

Location: Hannover, Germany

International Trade Show

Enterprise Florida (EFI) conducts or participates in an extensive schedule of export marketing missions and exhibitions worldwide. These trade events are open to all businesses registered in Florida. For more information and to see more event listings, please [click here](#).

Member/Partner Events

Delish Fire & Ice 2014 benefiting ARC Broward

Friday, March 7

Hilton Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort, Fort Lauderdale

For more information, please [click here](#).

CoreNet Global SE Florida Chapter 2014 Annual Conference: Corporate Real Estate Trends - Past, Present and Future

Friday, March 7 10:00 a.m.

Hyatt Regency Pier 66, Fort Lauderdale

For more information, please [click here](#).

Broward College Presents the Fort Lauderdale Speaker Series: Michael Beschloss

Wednesday, March 12 8:00 p.m.

Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale

For more information, please [click here](#).

Alliance member discount code: BUS13

How to Do Business with Broward County

Saturday, March 15 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Northwest Regional Library, Coral Springs

For more information, please [click here](#).

Broward Technical Centers Foundation Scholarship Dining Extravaganza

Wednesday, March 19

Signature Grand, Davie

For more information, please [click here](#).

SFMA's 54th Recognition of Excellence Awards Banquet

Thursday, March 20 5:45 – 7:00 p.m.

IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame Museum, Davie

For more information, please [click here](#).

The Broward Workshop's 6th Annual State of the County Forum

Friday, March 21

Signature Grand, Davie

For more information, please [click here](#).

Business for the Arts Broward Cultural Tour

Friday, March 21 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ArtServe, Fort Lauderdale

For more information, please [click here](#).

Port Everglades Association 6th Annual Economic Engine Performance Report Luncheon

Friday, March 28 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Greater Fort Lauderdale Broward County Convention Center, Fort Lauderdale

For more information, please [click here](#).

Dania Beach Arts & Seafood Celebration

March 29 – 30 10 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Frost Park, Dania Beach

For more information, please [click here](#).

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