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Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Announces New Jobs, Presents Economic Development Leadership Awards and Installs Ben Wesley as new Chairman of the Board at Annual Meeting

The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Broward County's official public/private partnership for economic development, reported at its 2013 annual meeting on Thursday, October 17 that it helped attract 22 new company relocations and expansions during its 2012-13 fiscal year that ended September 30. This resulted in more than 1,700 new value added jobs, nearly 1,500 retained jobs and more than \$180 million in new capital investment.

Some of the companies that relocated or expanded in Broward County included:

Actavis, a generic pharmaceutical manufacturer that is adding 220 new jobs and retaining 509 jobs in Davie. The company plans to make a \$40.5 million capital investment.

Anthem Education, a headquarters company for post-secondary educational institutions that is adding 70 new jobs and retaining 85 jobs in Fort Lauderdale.

Citrix, the leading software developer of interactive platforms, which has its headquarters in Fort Lauderdale, is adding 200 new jobs and making a \$7.5 million capital investment.

Great Healthworks, a Hollywood company that develops and manufactures nutraceuticals, will be adding 401 jobs and retaining 320 jobs.

Parallon, the headquarters company for healthcare company/workforce solutions in Sunrise, will be adding 125 new jobs and retaining 164 jobs. The company plans to make a \$3.9 million investment.

In addition to the companies indicated above, the Alliance also announced two other new company location/expansions at the meeting:

People's Trust Insurance Company, a Florida-based company that provides affordable homeowner's insurance to more than 65,000 policyholders, will be a new Broward County company providing 500 jobs in the region. The company will be providing 300 jobs immediately, 200 new jobs in the next 24 months and moving into approximately 40,000 square feet of space in the Research Park at Florida Atlantic University Deerfield Beach campus.

Nyrstar, an integrated mining and metals business with market leading positions in zinc and lead and growing positions in other base and precious metals will establish its new corporate headquarters for mining in the Americas in Fort Lauderdale. Nyrstar has its global corporate headquarters in Zurich, Switzerland with metals processing and mining operations in Europe, the Americas and Australia. The company employs over 7,000 people across 5 continents worldwide. The new corporate headquarters will manage mining operations in Canada, the United States, Mexico, Honduras, Chile and Peru, and will lease approximately 7,100 square feet of office space at 350 East Las Olas Avenue in downtown Fort Lauderdale for 25 new jobs at an average salary of \$143,000 and an initial capital investment of \$150,000. Other locations that were considered included Houston, TX; Panama City, Panama; and Lima, Peru.

The Alliance reported that over the last seven years, working with its partners, it helped create or retain 13,591 direct jobs that are estimated to generate through direct, indirect and induced effects total employment of approximately 31,053 jobs in Broward County and 5,623 jobs elsewhere in Florida, \$6.5 billion in annual economic impact in Broward County and \$1.2 billion in annual personal income in Broward County.

All of the companies announced were among a group of over 400 companies that were provided services by the Alliance during its 2012-13 fiscal year.

During the meeting, Gerard Litrento, Senior Executive Vice President for BankUnited, who had served the past year as Chairman of the Board of the Alliance, turned the gavel over to Ben Wesley, External Affairs Manager for Florida Power & Light, who will be the Alliance's 2013-14 Chairman.

The Alliance also announced that Mike Jackson, Chairman and CEO of AutoNation, was the recipient of the Alliance's 2013 Ray Ferrero Jr. Economic Development Leadership Award. "The award is presented annually to the Greater Fort Lauderdale business leader who embodies the qualities, vision and commitment toward the community and economic development that Chancellor Ferrero exhibits every day," said Bob Swindell, President and CEO of the Alliance. "There is no one more deserving than Mike and we are pleased to recognize him for all he has done for our community." Previous recipients include Ferrero, Chancellor of Nova Southeastern University and H. Wayne Huizenga.

The Alliance also presented its annual economic development leadership awards to six other individuals who have gone above and beyond in their work in the community helping to grow jobs and strengthen the economy. Those honored, with the Alliance Council who presented the awards in parenthesis, were: Scott Verner, Nipro Diagnostics (CEO Council); Mike Moore, Kaufman, Rossin & Co. (Governor Council); Kathy Koch, Ambit Advertising and Public Relations (Leadership Council); Marcel Summermatter, TD Bank (Corporate Council); David Kresge, Regions Bank (Entrepreneurship Council); and Karen Reese, City of Fort Lauderdale (Partner Council). TD Bank was awarded the Alliance's Educational Excellence Builds Business Partnership Award.

The annual meeting, presented by the Signature Grand, was produced by Alliance Vice President Gail Bulfin and Membership Manager Tania Vinaixa. The event broke a new attendance record with more than 650 and focused on important transportation initiatives underway or planned for Broward County. Dave Barger, President and CEO of jetBlue Airways, in his keynote address, announced expansion plans for the airline at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. The event was also a celebration of the Alliance's 50th Anniversary. The Alliance was first founded as the Broward Industrial Board in 1963.

[Nyrstar to Locate its Corporate Headquarters Office for Mining in the Americas in Fort Lauderdale](#)

The Alliance recently announced that Nyrstar www.nyrstar.com, an integrated mining and metals business with market leading positions in zinc and lead and growing positions in other base and precious metals that employs over 7,000 people across 5 continents worldwide, will establish its new corporate headquarters for mining in the Americas in Fort Lauderdale, Florida USA. Nyrstar has its Global Corporate Headquarters in Zurich, Switzerland with Metals Processing and Mining operations in Europe, the Americas and Australia. The new corporate headquarters will manage mining operations in Canada, the United States, Mexico, Honduras, Chile and Peru, and will lease approximately 7,100 square feet of office space at 350 East Las Olas Avenue in downtown Fort Lauderdale for 25 new jobs at an average salary of \$143,000 and an initial capital investment of \$150,000. Other locations that were considered included Houston, TX; Panama City, Panama; and Lima, Peru. To read more, please [click here](#).

New Volunteer Leaders Announced for Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance

Ben Wesley, External Affairs Manager, Florida Power & Light, has been named Chairman of the Board for the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Wesley formally assumed the Chairmanship when the Alliance's gavel was passed from 2012-2013 Chairman Gerard Litrento, Senior Executive Vice President, Retail & Business Banking, BankUnited, N.A. at the Alliance's Annual Meeting and Dinner on October 17 at Signature Grand. Also named as officers for 2013-2014 are Mike Moore, Director of Business Advisory Services at Kaufman, Rossin & Co., who was named Vice Chair; Penny Shaffer, South Florida Market President of Florida Blue, who was named Secretary; and Scott Verner, President & CEO of Nipro Diagnostics, who was named Treasurer.

In addition to the officers, the 2013-2014 Executive Committee of the Alliance Board of Directors is comprised of Litrento, Immediate Past Chair of the Alliance; Bob Swindell, President and CEO of the Alliance; Jennifer O'Flannery Anderson, Nova Southeastern University; Melanie Dickinson, South Florida Business Journal; Ray Ferrero, Jr., Nova Southeastern University; Mason Jackson, WorkForce One; Commissioner Chip LaMarca, Broward County Board of County Commissioners; Sandra Mayor, BankUnited; Peyton Moore, Avison Young; Stefan Pittinger, Peak 10; Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler, City of Fort Lauderdale; Michael Stamm, City of Pembroke Pines; Bill White, Compass Office Solutions; and Of counsel, Barry Somerstein, Greenspoon Marder.

Leaders named as new directors to the Alliance's 2013-2014 Board of Directors are:

John Allan, Hyatt Regency Pier 66; Vasti Amaro, Keolis America; Basil Bernard, Apricot Office Interiors; Mary Blasi, City of Coconut Creek; Kathleen Cannon, United Way of Broward County; Charles Caulkins, Fisher & Phillips, LLP; Alan Cohen, City of Sunrise; Dagoberto Diaz, Suffolk Construction; Brian Johnson, Broward County Minority Builders Coalition, Inc.; Sandy-Michael McDonald, Broward County Office of Economic & Small Business Development; Gary Press, Lifestyle Media Group; Karen Reese, City of Fort Lauderdale; Laurie Salarullo, Leadership Broward Foundation, Inc. and Bill Seefeldt, BlackBerry.

The board, comprised of officers and directors, will serve a one-year term from October, 2013 to September, 2014.

"Our 2013-2014 Board of Directors is comprised of a very strong and diverse group of community leaders from a variety of business and community backgrounds," said Alliance President & CEO Bob Swindell. "We are very appreciative of their involvement and commitment to growing jobs and diversifying the economy in Broward County."

Port Everglades Takes Another Step Toward Deeper, Wider Channels

Port Everglades officials are encouraged after the House of Representatives passed the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) this week by a vote of 417-3, including a Manager's Amendment which would allow Port Everglades to move forward with its critical harbor deepening and widening project prior to formal congressional approval.

Now that both the House and Senate have passed their respective pieces of water resources legislation, they will appoint a conference committee to resolve differences between the two bills.

"House approval of the Manager's Amendment was essential to allow Port Everglades to move forward with deepening and widening our harbor, which is critical to sustaining local jobs that are increasingly dependent upon the larger cargo ships that our customers are already starting to deploy to compete in today's global marketplace," said Steven Cernak, Port Everglades Chief Executive & Port Director, during a press conference at Port Everglades. "I have to credit our Broward County Commissioners, Broward County Congressional Delegation, especially Congresswomen Lois Frankel and Debbie Wasserman Schultz, and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee leadership and their staffs, for

working together to find a bi-partisan solution to finally move this critical project forward. We continue to aim for the finish line, and this is an important step in the right direction.” To read more, please [click here](#).

The Alliance formed a special Action Team (Port Everglades Advocacy Team) to help support the Port in their expansion plans. This unique team, chaired by Alliance member Terry Stiles, partnered with the Broward Workshop and the Port Everglades Association to help educate Broward businesses on the importance of this economic engine.

Join Elected Officials, Federal Agency Representatives, Government Experts, Scientists, Nonprofit and Business Leaders for the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Leadership Summit

The Summit is hosted by Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale in partnership with the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact. Highlights Include:

- Coastal Communities Town Hall featuring members of Congress and local mayors, moderated by WLRN-FM Senior Correspondent Tom Hudson
- Keynote address on Thursday from US EPA Deputy Administrator Bob Perciasepe
- Workshop on innovative tools for local adaptation
- Panel featuring local officials from the Northeast and mid-Atlantic discussing recovery from Hurricane Sandy
- Federal agency panel
- Many other panels and speakers

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Broward College Presents the Fort Lauderdale Speaker Series

The Alliance is pleased to announce that it is a series sponsor of the “Broward College Presents the Fort Lauderdale Speaker Series.”

The series, which is being held at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, features seven highly distinguished speakers who will share their exciting experiences, insights, points of view, and behind the scenes stories on some of the most current topics of the day. Each lecture will be followed by a spirited Q&A session with questions submitted by audience members. The series began on October 23 and featured Steve Forbes, Chairman and Editor in Chief of Forbes Media, and will continue on November 20 with Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

*Alliance members receive a 10% discount on tickets to the various sessions with discount code BUS13.

For more information about this exciting series, visit <http://www.fortlauderdalestalkerseries.com>.

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

Members wishing to serve on the E²B² Action Team may contact the Alliance for further details.

Lauderhill 6-12 STEM-MED Magnet School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

A ribbon cutting ceremony for Lauderhill 6-12 STEM-MED Magnet School was held Thursday, October 24. Principal Dr. Ryan T. Reardon and staff of the new Lauderhill 6-12 STEM-MED (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics – Medical and Engineering Design) Magnet School hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the opening of Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) first 6-12 grade magnet school. Although opened to students on the first day of school, August 19, the ribbon cutting ceremony commemorated the school’s official opening. To read more, [click here](#).

Students With Disabilities Recognized for Exemplary Achievements

One hundred-fourteen Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) pre-school through adult education students with disabilities were honored for their accomplishments at an awards event in their honor on Thursday, October 10, 2013, at Atlantic Technical Center, Fort Lauderdale. The students’ families, school staffs and special guests, including Broward Schools Superintendent Robert W. Runcie and School Board members, attended the special awards ceremony.

Broward County Public Schools Chief Financial Officer Wins National Award

Benjamin Leong, Chief Financial Officer of Broward County Public Schools (BCPS), is the winner of this year's Bill Wise Award from the Council of Great City Schools for distinguished service to urban education. Leong received the honor at the Council's annual Chief Financial Officers Conference, September 24 – 27, 2013, in Dallas, Texas. To read more, [click here](#).

BCPS Adult and Community Education Wins Three State Awards

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is proud to be the winner of three Adult & Community Education (ACE) of Florida Achievement Awards. The awards are for ACE School Administrator of the Year, ACE Teacher of the Year and ACE Business Supporter of the Year. Dr. Rick Cunningham was named the ACE School Administrator of the Year for his cutting-edge and results-driven leadership in Adult and Community Education. Through his Connecting Voices initiative, Dr. Cunningham joins business leaders with adult students to help the students develop academic and workplace skills. His Reach Higher program provided matriculation opportunities for students into local business placement. His belief that a highly motivated, well-trained and dedicated teacher is the key to an effective learning environment, has lead him to develop and implement successful data-driven professional development programs in the community schools that he serves. He has dramatically increased student enrollment and acquired various grant funds for school technology and instructional materials. To read more, [click here](#).

Superintendent Robert W. Runcie Honored as Superintendent of the Year by Florida Virtual School

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) Superintendent Robert W. Runcie has been recognized by Florida Virtual School as Superintendent of the Year. Superintendent Runcie shares the honor with Mark Rains, Superintendent of Dixie District Schools. According to Florida Virtual School, the Superintendent of the Year co-recipients were selected based on their leadership, hard work, dedication to providing quality education to students and their commitment to improving the lives of students in pursuit of virtual education. To read more, [click here](#).

Business Briefs and Alliance Member News (Alliance members in bold)

Rosana Santos Calambichis, CEO of **BIG CHEF**, the company that specializes in gourmet canapés, appetizers and hors d'oeuvres that are delivered to your door was honored at the Minority Manufacturer of the Year during Minority Enterprise Development Week at its annual awards luncheon on October 18, 2013. The MEDWeek Awards recognize and celebrates the achievements and contributions of minority entrepreneurs, as well as individuals and organizations that actively support minority business development. To read more, [click here](#).

The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has launched a new website for Speak Up Broward. The MPO asks that community members use the new site to speak up about how we get around today - and how we would want to get around tomorrow. Speak Up Broward is a new initiative of the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization to engage the public in building a unified vision of the community's transportation future. This initiative is collaborating with and supporting the Commitment 2040 project team in their assessment of transportation needs and available revenues. To read more, [click here](#).

CBRE has been selected by developer Related Group as the exclusive retail leasing agent for Flagler Village, a mixed-use development comprising 382 apartment units and 22,476 square feet of retail in downtown Fort Lauderdale. The development at 525 North Federal Highway broke ground earlier this year and is scheduled for completion in the third quarter of 2014. CBRE Associates Danny Diaz and Jerry Busbee are the leasing agents. To read more, [click here](#).

CBRE's Private Capital Group arranged the sale of a freestanding single-tenant building occupied by Starbucks. The property is located at 5220 Little Road in New Port Richey, unincorporated Pasco County, Florida, within the Tampa/St. Petersburg MSA. The buyer, Roddimeyer III, LLC, purchased the property for \$2,065,000 from Little Road Café, LLC, who hired CBRE to market the asset for sale and negotiate the transaction. To read more, [click here](#).

Construction is moving swiftly as **Florida East Coast Railway** (FEC) moves forward on a \$53 million, 42.5-acre intermodal container transfer facility (ICTF) at **Port Everglades** that will be used to transfer domestic and international shipping containers between ship and rail beginning in mid-2014. This near-dock facility, located on port property, will replace FEC's existing 12-acre intermodal yard which is currently located 2 miles from the port on Andrews Avenue in Fort Lauderdale. To read more, [click here](#).

Seafarers' House Board of Directors announced the selection of Ray Jones, Director of Industrial/ Business Development at **Florida East Coast Railway** as their 2013 South Florida Business Leader of the Year. He will be honored at the 18th Annual South Florida Business Leaders' Luncheon hosted by Holland America Line to benefit Seafarers' House. To read more, [click here](#).

Norwegian Air Shuttle has announced it will offer nonstop service from **Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport** to London (LGW) beginning on July 4, 2014. Norwegian will operate flights on Mondays and Fridays with an introductory fare of \$289 one way. The Broward County Aviation Department in partnership with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau has worked together for many years to attract nonstop London service. Norwegian will fly the Boeing 787 "Dreamliner" on this route. To read more, [click here](#).

The **Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport** (FLL) and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau (GFLCVB) are proud to announce the winning of this years' World Destination Marketing Award. On Monday, October 7, 2013, the award was presented at the World Route Development Conference held in Las Vegas. Airlines from around the world voted and selected FLL and the GFLCVB for excellence in destination marketing. To read more, [click here](#).

The **Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau** (GFLCVB) and **Starmark** received a record number of Flagler Awards, including Best of Show, as part of the 46th Annual Florida Governor's Conference on Tourism, held Sept. 11-13. For the second straight year, GFLCVB and Starmark won the highest honor, Best of Show, this year for the "Hello Sunny" integrated marketing campaign. To read more, [click here](#).

IBERIABANK, a 126-year-old subsidiary of iBERIABANK Corporation, is pleased to announce Kathaleen Parks has joined the company as senior vice president, treasury management officer for Southeast Florida and the Keys. Parks, who has over 21 years of banking experience, will assist corporations, businesses and non-profits to bring efficiency, optimization and security to their cash management process. She is experienced in purchasing card programs, risk mitigation and liquidity management. To read more, [click here](#).

Now in its 22nd year, **JM Family Enterprises** will once again donate \$40,000 to local nonprofits to celebrate the 2014 African-American Achievers. For each adult Achiever, \$10,000 will be awarded to the charity or charities of his / her choice. Additionally, the person(s) who nominated the selected Achiever in each category will have a total of \$500 donated to a charity or charities of his/her choice. Since 1992, JM Family Enterprises has donated more than \$327,000 to local organizations in recognition of the contributions of our 132 Achievers. [Click here for a Community Letter](#) from JM Family Enterprises' President and CEO, Colin Brown. Nominations can be completed at www.AfricanAmericanAchievers.com through December 6.

Construction of two innovative streetscape projects are well underway at Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. The Town's plan to revitalize the business district and attract more visitors and residents to its shops and restaurants on Commercial Boulevard includes widening sidewalks and adding lush foliage. The goal is to make strolling through the Town more enjoyable, create beautiful public plazas and provide for additional open-air dining. To read more, [click here](#).

Miller Construction Company has completed a new, environmentally friendly 35,000-square-foot Ashley Furniture HomeStore showroom at 2101 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., West Palm Beach. The showroom located along the resurgent Palm Beach Lakes retail corridor is Miller's fourteenth project for owner City Furniture, which operates 25 showrooms throughout southeast and southwest Florida and is that region's Ashley Furniture HomeStore licensee. To read more, please [click here](#).

Port Everglades is launching its newly redesigned website, porteverglades.net, offering visitors an exciting user experience through a wide range of multimedia content, intuitive navigation and powerful visual appeal. "Port Everglades is South Florida's powerhouse port, so we decided to revamp our website to better reflect our position in the global market," said Steven Cernak, Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director. "We based many features on user feedback and changing trends in the industry. Visitors to the new porteverglades.net site will find enhanced content that is more tailored and easier to find, and all aimed at improving the overall experience for users." To read more, [click here](#).

Port Everglades received two Awards of Excellence in Communications from the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) during the trade association's annual meeting this week. The awards were for the Port Everglades Cruise Guide and for a social media campaign publicizing the Port's expansion program and its economic benefits. Port Everglades also received an Award of Distinction for its Annual Commerce Report. "This is a well-deserved honor. Our Cruise Guide is a popular tool for travel agents, and our social media campaign on YouTube had a great impact among residents, port stakeholders and our elected officials to get the word out about our expansion efforts," said Port Everglades Chief

Executive & Port Director Steven Cernak. To read more, [click here](#).

The Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development (FSTED) Council approved \$16.5 million in allocations to **Port Everglades** to lengthen a cruise berth and to extend the port's Southport Turning Notch to allow for more cargo berths. These allocations, which were approved under two different state funding sources, will become part of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) 2014/15 Work Program that comes before the Florida Legislature for approval this next legislative session. To read more, [click here](#).

The Research Park at Florida Atlantic University received a Silver Excellence in Economic Development Award for its 2012 project in the category of Partnerships with Educational Institutions for communities with populations greater than 500,000 from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC). The honor was presented at an awards ceremony on Tuesday, October 8, during the IEDC Annual Conference. To read more, [click here](#).

Congratulations to **South Florida Business Journal** Broward Ultimate CEO honorees - Alliance board members Scott Verner of **Nipro Diagnostics** and Kelley Shanley of the **Broward Center for the Performing Arts**. The Alliance was pleased to be a partner for this event. For a complete list of honorees, please [click here](#).

Starmark, a full service integrated marketing agency, recently announced the publication of the third volume of its compendium of research and recommendations for today's marketer. This eTips edition, "50 eTIPS TO KEEP YOU AHEAD OF THE CURVE," focuses on the technologies that are revolutionizing business, and how companies and organizations can grab a critical edge in areas such as mobile and SEO. The book provides clear explanations of advanced social media concepts such as measuring influence and interpreting analytics. To read more, [click here](#).

Stiles, a full-service real estate company based in Fort Lauderdale, has announced the opening of a new office in Charlotte, NC along with its core team who is executing all development operations in the region. This is the company's first office in the Carolinas and will help to facilitate its expansion plans in the Southeast. The Charlotte office operates as a hub for all business within North Carolina and surrounding states, and offers a range of commercial real estate development services for the office, residential, retail and mixed-use market segments. To read more, [click here](#).

Transwestern's Fort Lauderdale, Fla. office announced the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) International has designated **110 Tower** a BOMA 360 Performance Building. The BOMA 360 Performance Program® validates and recognizes commercial properties that demonstrate best practices in building operations and management. Transwestern serves as the property management team for the LEED® Gold certified, Class A office building located at 110 SE 6th Street in downtown Fort Lauderdale's Central Business District (CBD). To read more, [click here](#).

[Upcoming Economic Development Meetings, Missions & Events](#) [Alliance Calendar of Events](#)

Alliance Partner Council Meeting (Members only)

Tuesday, November 5 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Nova Southeastern University, Davie

Cities Powering Business Training Session

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

Join the Alliance's E² B² Action Team for a special meeting at McArthur High School to learn about the innovative LEEO program – linking employment and education outcomes

Wednesday, November 6 8:00 a.m.

Location: McArthur High School, 6501 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood

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

Alliance Entrepreneurship Council Meeting (Members only)

Wednesday, November 13 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Location: TBA

For more information, please contact Lisa Evancho at 954-627-0132 or at levancho@gflliance.org

Alliance Leadership Council Meeting (Members Only)

Tuesday, November 19 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Location: TBA

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

Alliance Corporate Council Meeting (Members only)

Wednesday, November 20 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Location: Resolve Marine

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

Alliance Council Connect (Members Only. Limited Space. Please RSVP early)

Thursday, November 21 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Riverside Hotel, Fort Lauderdale

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

Alliance Business Connect Breakfast (Members Only. Very Limited Seating. Please RSVP early)

Friday, November 22 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Location: The Tower Club, One Financial Plaza (Region's Bank Building), 100 Southeast Third Avenue, Fort Lauderdale
Alliance Business Connect breakfast featuring post-boat show wrap, Skip Zimbalist, Show Management & Kristina Hebert, President of the MIA SF.

Cost: Complimentary. Alliance members only.

Parking: Complimentary for One Financial Plaza parking garage only. Stamp provided at breakfast.

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

Alliance Governor Council Meeting (Members Only)

Tuesday, November 26 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 Partner Council Meeting (Members only)

Thursday, December 12 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Location: TBA

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

Alliance Entrepreneurship Council Meeting (Members only)

Wednesday, January 8 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Location: TBA

For more information, please contact Lisa Evancho at 954-627-0132 or at levancho@gfalliance.org

Alliance Corporate Council Meeting (Members only)

Wednesday, January 15 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Location: TBA

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

Enterprise Florida Events:

Trade Mission to Pereira and Cali, Colombia

November 17-23, 2013

Location: Colombia

Event Type: International Trade and Investment

Industry Sector: Various

Region: Latin America & the Caribbean

Team Florida Mission to Dominican Republic

February 23-26, 2014

Location: Dominican Republic

Event Type: International Trade and Investment

Industry Sector: Various

Region: Latin America & the Caribbean

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](#).

Other Events:

Building Florida's Future: A Vision on Transportation, Infrastructure & Economic Development

Date: Monday, November 4

Location: Cruise Terminal 3, Tampa

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

Florida Export Opportunities: Dominican Republic

Date: Monday, November 4, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Broward College, Fort Lauderdale

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

FTZ 241 Foreign-Trade Zone 241 Workshop

Date: Tuesday, November 5, 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Location: Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport

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

SFBJ Business Growth Expo 2013

Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Location: Signature Grand, Davie

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

5th Annual Southeast Florida Regional Climate Summit

Date: November 7 - 8

Location: Greater Fort Lauderdale Broward County Convention Center

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

Business for the Arts Broward's Arts Mean Business Breakfast

Date: November 7, 8:00 a.m.

Location: Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale

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

Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Salute to Business Awards Program

Date: November 7, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Hyatt Regency Pier 66, Fort Lauderdale

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

International Business Woman of the Year 12th Annual Awards

Date: November 12, 8:00 a.m.

Location: Rusty Pelican, Key Biscayne

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

Democracy in the Americas Symposium

Date: November 14 – 15

Location: Nova Southeastern University, Davie

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

BIOFLORIDA - BioBasics: Biotech for the Non-Scientist

Date: November 14 – 15

Location: BIOFLORIDA Headquarters, West Palm Beach

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

16th Annual Emerging Technology Business Showcase

Date: Thursday, November 14, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: DoubleTree Hilton Hotel Deerfield Beach

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

South Florida Business Journal: Crystal Ball for 2014

Date: Thursday, November 14, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Location: Tower Club, Fort Lauderdale

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

Downtown Higher Education Block Party

Date: Thursday, November 14, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Location: FAU/Broward College Plaza, Fort Lauderdale
For more information, please [click here](#).

Broward College Lingua Center Open House

Date: Thursday, November 14, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
in conjunction with the Downtown Higher Education Block Party
Location: FAU/Broward College Plaza, Fort Lauderdale
For more information, please [click here](#).

FEDC Southeast Regional Gathering

Date: Friday, November 15, 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Location: FPL, Juno Beach
For more information, please [click here](#).

Annual Joint Meeting of SEUS/Japan and Japan U.S. / Southeast Associations

Date: November 17 – 19
Location: Biloxi, Mississippi
For more information, please [click here](#).

Broward College Presents the Fort Lauderdale Speaker Series: Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

Date: Wednesday, November 20, 8:00 p.m.
Location: Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale
For more information, please [click here](#).
10% Ticket Discount for Alliance Members with code: BUS13

South Florida Business Journal MedUTech IV

Date: Friday, November 22, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Location: Nova Southeastern University, Davie
For more information, please [click here](#).

ITPalooza South Florida

Date: Thursday, December 12, 8:30 a.m.
Location: Nova Southeastern University, Graduate School of Computer and Information Sciences, 3301 College Avenue
Davie
For more information, please [click here](#).

Lifestyle Media Group Leaders in Law Awards

Date: Tuesday, January 21, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
Location: Nova Southeastern University Miniaci Theater, Davie
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Broward College Presents the Fort Lauderdale Speaker Series: Bob Woodward

Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2014, 8:00 p.m.
Location: Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale
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Broward College Presents the Fort Lauderdale Speaker Series: Jeanette Walls

Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 8:00 p.m.
Location: Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale
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