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#### Top Stories



#### Broward County Created 22,100 jobs (+2.6 percent) Over the Year

Broward County's job report indicated a 3.6 percent unemployment rate in November 2017. This rate was 1.0 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 4.6 percent. Nonagricultural employment increased by 22,100 jobs (+2.6 percent) over the year, with an employment of 858,600 in the Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MSA (Broward County). The region's jobless rate was 0.2 percentage point lower than the state rate (3.8 percent). To read more, please [click here](#).



#### The Alliance and Broward County Public Schools Partner for Student Success: TechGateway Day 2017

The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance collaborated with Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) on TechGateway Day. Held on December 6, this event was part of Computer Science Education Week, which ran from December 4 through December 7. This event is part of a larger, ongoing plan to introduce all BCPS students to career possibilities and pathways. To read more, [click here](#).

#### Wayfair to Create 100 New Jobs at Three New Distributions Centers Across the State

Governor Scott announced that Wayfair Inc., one of the world's largest online retailers for home goods, is opening three new distribution centers in Tampa, Orlando and Pompano Beach. This expansion will create 100 new jobs and allow Wayfair to continue to expand delivery to millions of consumers from these Florida locations. To read more, please [click here](#).

#### Companies Sought for Alliance/Broward County Public Schools' 2nd Annual Claim Your Future Showcase

Help Broward county students discover career pathways at the 2018 Claim Your Future Showcase, February 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the BB&T Center. The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance and BCPS need YOUR COMPANY to show our future workforce the great career opportunities we have right here at home. Help us engage with the students of today, who will become the workforce of tomorrow! The event will highlight your company in front of 1,500 high school juniors. Display tables for Alliance member companies and partners are available free of charge. For more information and to sign up, contact Susan Climan, Manager – Education Programs at [scliman@gflliance.org](mailto:scliman@gflliance.org) or 954-627-0126.

#### Alliance Mid-Year Meeting Date Announced

Please mark **Thursday, May 17, 2018** on your calendar for the Alliance Mid-Year Luncheon at Pier Sixty-Six. This annual event has sold out the last few years. Please register early to learn about the Alliance's mid-year economic development progress. For sponsorship opportunities, contact Gail Bulfin, [gbulfin@gflliance.org](mailto:gbulfin@gflliance.org) or 954-627-1027.

#### Alliance Internship Opening

The Alliance is looking for our next Business Intelligence/research intern! Ideal candidate is an undergraduate or graduate business student. For details, please [click here](#) or contact Carla Maldonado, Director – Business Intelligence at [cmaldonado@gflliance.org](mailto:cmaldonado@gflliance.org).

## In the News



[WLRN: Broward Students Get Some High-Tech Career Advice on TechGateway Day](#)  
[Commercial Property Executive: All Aboard! How South FL's New Rail Line is Driving Development](#)  
[SFBW: The E-Commerce Giant: HQ2](#)  
[Sun Sentinel: Magic Leap introduces its first product: Magic Leap One](#)  
[Rolling Stone: Magic Leap: Founder of Secretive Start-Up Unveils Mixed-Reality Goggles](#)  
[Sun Sentinel: Mindful holiday spending can lead to a happier new year](#)

## Education and Workforce Development News



[Gov. Rick Scott Recognizes Agreement Between Florida Atlantic University and Technion-Israel Institute of Technology](#)  
[Top School Leaders Named Finalists for BCPS Principal of the Year and Assistant Principal of the Year](#)  
[BCPS Awarded \\$45,000 Grant from Community Foundation of Broward County to Provide Students with Technical Employment Skills, Industry Certification and Apprenticeship Opportunities](#)  
[Five BCPS Teacher of the Year Finalists Go 'Above and Beyond'](#)  
[BCPS Students Start the 2018/19 School Year on Wednesday, August 15, 2018](#)  
[The Inaugural Toyota of North Miami "Teacher of the Year" Tour Recognizes Top Educators in Broward County Public Schools](#)  
[NSU's Jennifer O'Flannery Anderson receives prestigious ATHENA Leadership Award](#)  
[NSU: Bailey Corbin Captures All-American Soccer Honor](#)  
[NSU's Dr. Gary S. Margules Named a National Academy of Inventors 2017 NAI Fellow](#)  
[Andrew Duffell, President and CEO of the Research Park at FAU, Recipient of 2017 Ultimate CEO Award for the second time](#)  
[Guy Harvey Scholarship Applications Now Available](#)

## Business Briefs and Alliance Member News



### Alliance Member Companies in **Bold**

The honoree for the 18th Annual Riverwalk Tribute is Mike Jackson - Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of **AutoNation**, Inc. From the corporate headquarters located in Downtown Fort Lauderdale, Mr. Jackson has been singularly responsible for modernizing the automotive retail business while delivering an unprecedented degree of customer service. To read more, please [click here](#).

Produce importer Sol Shipping Services is growing its business at **Broward County's Port Everglades** with approval of a five-year lease on a 6.54-acre marine terminal and a guarantee to move to a 7-acre site in June 2018. Sol's operations, primarily shipping melons from Central America to South Florida, are estimated to support 246 direct, induced and indirect jobs in the Broward County area, with a total annual wage and salary income impact of more than \$16.3 million. To read more, please [click here](#).

With the opening of a sleek, new 26,000-square-foot showroom at the District 36 complex in Midtown Miami, top-selling South Florida furniture retailer **City Furniture** marks the first step in its largest-ever expansion. The estimated \$100 million expansion is slated to create four new or renovated showrooms in South and Central Florida by year-end 2019. To read more, please [click here](#).

**Gunster**, one of Florida's oldest and largest full-service business law firms, is pleased to announce that Gunster was again recognized nationally and locally in 2017 as among the biggest and most diverse law firms by notable industry publications such as the National Law Journal, The American Lawyer, Law360, Florida. To read more, please [click here](#).

A new limited-edition 2018 Guy Harvey-branded Ford® F-150 has rolled out to dealerships across Florida through a partnership between Ford Motor Company Component Sales Division, The Parts House, as Exclusive Ford Accessories Distributor in the lower Southeast, and Guy Harvey Enterprises. To read more, please [click here](#).

**Macken Companies**, a full-service real estate development, construction and brokerage firm, has sold out its Parallel 2 Townhome Collection. This new luxury townhome development in the Collee Hammock neighborhood of Downtown Fort Lauderdale follows the successful close out of Parallel One also located in Collee Hammock. To read more, please [click here](#).

**Moss** has been ranked one of 2017's Best Small & Medium Workplaces by Fortune. This designation is based on the results of an anonymous survey that was sent to employees from small and medium sized companies across the US. Based on the results, Moss ranked in the top third out of the 100 that made the list. To read more, please [click here](#).

The **Moss** Foundation raised more than \$200,000 during the organization's 4th annual charitable golf tournament, the Plumb Bob Classic, which took place at the Weston Hills Country Club in Fort Lauderdale. To read more, please [click here](#).

On a high-profile site in Miami Lakes' Town Center, **Miller Construction Company** has launched construction of the 36,700-square-foot Crescent Pointe office, restaurant and retail center for owner and Miami Lakes master developer The Graham Companies. To read more, please [click here](#).

**Miller Construction Company** is underway with a multi-phase renovation and expansion of Kendall Toyota and the adjacent Lexus of Kendall dealership for owner Kendall Imports LLC. To read more, please [click here](#).

**Professional Bank**, a South Florida bank based in Coral Gables, recently expanded its footprint into Broward County with the opening of a loan production office in Fort Lauderdale. The new office, located at 888 E. Las Olas Boulevard, will be led by Senior Vice President and Market Leader for Broward County, Marcel Summermatter. To read more, please [click here](#).

The **South Florida Business Journal** has unveiled its 2018 Best Places to Work list. To view the honorees, please [click here](#).

**Tower Commercial Real Estate** announced Downtown Fort Lauderdale's largest headquarters lease of 2017, with Convey Health Solutions leasing 33,630 sf at One Financial Plaza, following a recent multi-million-dollar renovation of the 28-story tower. To read more, please [click here](#).

**Ultimate Software**, a leading provider of human capital management (HCM) solutions in the cloud, announced the results of a new national study revealing the complex differences in perception and experience between managers and the people they manage. To read more, please [click here](#).

**Ultimate Software** announced that it has been ranked #3 on this year's 50 Best Workplaces for Diversity list by Fortune and Great Place to Work. The ranking considers feedback from more than 440,000 U.S. employees surveyed nationwide at organizations representing a range of industries. To read more, please [click here](#).

**Ultimate Software** announced that it has been honored with a Glassdoor Employees' Choice Award, recognizing the Best Places to Work in 2018. The Employees' Choice Awards program, now in its 10th year, relies solely on the input of employees, who elect to provide feedback on their jobs, work environments, and companies via the jobs marketplace and reviews site Glassdoor. To read more, please [click here](#).

## Featured Property



### [University Place at City Center](#)

3111 North University Drive, Coral Springs 330654

Type of space: Office

Listed by Lisa Capozzi of Cushman & Wakefield

Additional details at [www.GreaterFortLauderdaleProperties.com](http://www.GreaterFortLauderdaleProperties.com)

## Upcoming Events



### [Alliance Events](#)

#### **Alliance Leadership Council Meeting (Invitation Only)**

Tuesday, January 16, 11:30 a.m.

Location: Atlantic Technical College and Atlantic High School

For more information, please contact Tania Vinaixa at 954-627-0133, [tvinaixa@gflalliance.org](mailto:tvinaixa@gflalliance.org)

#### **Joint Alliance Corporate and Entrepreneurship Council Meeting (Invitation Only)**

Wednesday, January 17, 8:30 a.m.

Location: Marine Industries Association of South Florida, Fort Lauderdale

For more information, please contact Helen Kulp at 954-627-0131, [hkulp@gflalliance.org](mailto:hkulp@gflalliance.org)

#### **Alliance Governor Council Meeting - (Invitation Only)**

Tuesday, January 23, 8:00 a.m.

Location: TBD

For more information, please contact Peggy Doty at 954-627-0134, [pdoty@gflalliance.org](mailto:pdoty@gflalliance.org)

#### **Alliance Ambassador Cabinet Meeting – (Invitation Only)**

Thursday, February 1, 12:00 p.m.

Location: Broward College, 111 E. Las Olas Blvd, Fort Lauderdale

For more information, please contact Tania Vinaixa at 954-627-0133, [tvinaixa@gflalliance.org](mailto:tvinaixa@gflalliance.org)

#### **Alliance Council Connect**

Tuesday, February 6

Location: Sonesta Fort Lauderdale Beach

For more information, please contact Tania Vinaixa at 954-627-0133, [tvinaixa@gflalliance.org](mailto:tvinaixa@gflalliance.org)

#### **Alliance Mid-Year Meeting**

Thursday, May 17

Location: Pier Sixty-Six

For sponsorship opportunities, contact Gail Bulfin at 954-627-1027 or [gbulfin@gflalliance.org](mailto:gbulfin@gflalliance.org).

### **Enterprise Florida Events**

#### **Arab Health 2018**

Jan. 29 – Feb. 1

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

International Trade Show

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

#### **Singapore Air Show 2018**

Feb. 6 - 11

Changi Exhibition Centre, Singapore

International Trade Show

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

#### **Medical Japan 2018**

Feb. 21- 23

Osaka, Japan

Trade Conference

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

#### **Export Sales Mission to San Jose, Costa Rica**

Feb 26 - Mar. 1

San Jose, Costa Rica

Export Sales/Trade Mission

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

**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 more event listings, please [click here](#).

### **Member/Partner Events**

#### **Broward Leaders Water & Climate Academy, Day 4 - Legislative Workshop**

Friday, Jan. 5, 8:30 a.m.

Location: Broward County Government Center, Room 302, Fort Lauderdale

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

#### **2018 Marcum Florida Construction Summit**

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 11:30 a.m.

Location: The Westin Fort Lauderdale

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

**20th Season South Florida Symphony Gala**

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 5:00 p.m.

Location: Broward Center for the Performing Arts

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

**Business for the Arts Cultural Tour**

Friday, Jan. 19, 8:15 a.m.

Locations: Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood, Pembroke Pines

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

**Aviation Week's Aero-Engines Americas**

Jan. 31 – Feb. 1

Location: Pier Sixty-Six Hotel & Marina

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

**2018 Safe Streets Summit**

Thursday, February 1 - 2, 2018

Location: Hilton West Palm Beach

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

**Broward Public Library Foundation: LitLUNCH! 2018**

Friday, Feb. 2, 11:15 a.m.

Location: Broward Center for the Performing Arts - Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom, Fort Lauderdale

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

**SFBJ: Meet Your Mentor at BIZWOMEN Mentoring Monday**

Monday, Feb. 12, 7:30 a.m.

Location: Signature Grand, Davie

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

**2018 Claim Your Future Showcase**

Monday, Feb. 12, 8:00 a.m.

Location: BB&T Center, Sunrise

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

Calendar items are subject to change without notice. Please visit [www.gfalliance.org](http://www.gfalliance.org) for the most current calendar of events and meetings and for more information regarding the Alliance.

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