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##### **Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance and BCPS Partner for Third Annual Claim Your Future Showcase**

The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Broward County's official economic development partnership, collaborated for the third year with Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) on an industry-focused career fair, the Claim Your Future Showcase. Geared toward high school juniors in the Career, Technical, Adult & Community Education (CTACE) program, the event takes a different approach to the traditional career fair. The event was sponsored by Wells Fargo, Bank of America, the BB&T Center/Florida Panthers, MasTec and Delaware North. On Wednesday, February 6, more than 1,100 students gathered at the BB&T Center in Sunrise to meet with representatives from more than 60 Alliance member companies, educational institutions and partner organizations. To read more, please [click here](#).

##### **Ocean Exchange Announces Its 2019 Event in Fort Lauderdale, Florida October 28-30, 2019**

The ninth annual Ocean Exchange, to be hosted in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, will feature twelve innovative, sustainable worldwide solutions that demonstrate the ability to generate economic growth and increase productivity while reducing the use of nature's resources. In its first year in Fort Lauderdale, Ocean Exchange announces its partnership with the Marine Research Hub of South Florida. The event will be held on October 28-30, within the timeframe of the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show. To read more, please [click here](#).

##### **Governor Ron DeSantis Announces His Bold Vision for a Brighter Future Budget for FY 2019-2020**

On February 4, Governor Ron DeSantis released his budget proposal for fiscal year 2019-2020, a Bold Vision for a Brighter Future. "Today I released my budget proposal for fiscal year 2019-2020 which not only satisfies a statutory requirement, it affords an opportunity to share a *Bold Vision for a Brighter Future* with my colleagues in the Legislature," said Governor DeSantis. "My \$91.3 billion budget proposal is aspirational yet attainable and recommends \$335 million in tax cuts for Floridians. How we spend reflects how we serve and the people of Florida should be served by leaders who spend with fiscal restraint while addressing the pressing issues facing our state." To read more, please [click here](#).

#### In the News

*Marina Dock Age:* [Study Shows Strong Growth in Marine Industry Economic Impact](#)  
*The Maritime Executive:* [Ocean Exchange Announces its 2019 Event in Fort Lauderdale, Florida](#)  
*Sun Sentinel:* [E-scooters are here to stay in Fort Lauderdale](#)

#### Education and Workforce Development News

[Broward County Public Schools Welcomes New Chief of Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness](#)  
[BCPS Honors Top Teacher, Principal, Assistant Principal and School-Related/District Employee at Annual Caliber Awards Ceremony](#)  
[BCPS Magnet Programs Honored by Magnet Schools of America](#)  
[Broward Technical Colleges #1 in State for Industry Certifications Earned](#)  
[BCPS Announces Principal of the Year and Assistant Principal of the Year Finalists](#)  
[Broward College North Campus President Dr. Avis Proctor Named President of Harper College Following Nationwide Search](#)  
[Broward College Wins IIE Andrew Heiskell Award for International Partnerships](#)

[Broward College Partners with Florida Children's Theatre to Expand Local Event Offerings](#)  
[Broward College Receives Evinrude Outboard Engine for Hands-On Training](#)  
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[NSU Alumna Among Keynote Speakers at Digital Curriculum in Higher Education Conference](#)  
[FAU Launches Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Fort Lauderdale](#)  
[NSU Scientists complete research - Great White Shark Genome Decoded](#)  
[NSU Shark Genome Research Featured on Today Show](#)  
[NSU Museum: Why Fort Lauderdale Landed Among Top 10 U.S. Cities for Art Lovers](#)

## Business Briefs and Alliance Member News



### Alliance Member Companies in Bold

**Broward County** opened nominations NatureScape Emerald Awards and Climate Action Leader Emerald Awards Recognition for a company or organization taking action to address global climate change here in Broward County. A winner will be chosen for each award category: GHG Reduction and Community Resilience. The NatureScape Emerald Award recognizes businesses, municipalities, schools, government facilities and homeowners that have created and maintained model Florida-friendly landscapes or completed exceptional projects. The Award Winners will receive their awards and trophies at a special ceremony during the 17th Annual Water Matters Day on March 9. To read more, [click here](#).

**BIG CHEF** is the newest Broward County entrepreneur added to the Florida Virtual Entrepreneur Center (FLVEC)! After acquiring the business in 2003, **Big Chef** owners and award-winning entrepreneurs, Mano and Rosana Calambichis, have built a health-conscious food company, providing food services to hotels, country and golf clubs, banquet halls, To read more, [click here](#).

**Business for the Arts of Broward** is seeking entries from established and emerging artists for our 5th Annual Fundraiser on Thursday, April 11 at CIRC Hotel, 1780 Polk Street, Hollywood, FL (at Hollywood Circle), 6:00 p.m. [Click here for full details](#): To read more, [click here](#)

**Nova Southeastern University (NSU)** proudly bestowed the 2019 President's Award for Excellence in Community Service Award upon automotive magnates and philanthropists Rita and Rick Case at its 21st Annual Celebration of Excellence (COE) gala held February 2. They join an impressive list of honorees that includes The Miniaci Family, Winifred and Joseph C. Amaturio, Mike Jackson, David Horvitz & Francie Bishop Good, Lorraine Thomas and Guy Harvey to name a few. "If you're looking for a great example of what it means to give back to the community, look no further than our backyard," said Dr. George Hanbury, President of NSU. "The impact from Rita and Rick Case can be felt here at NSU, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County, American Heart Association, Cleveland Clinic, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, Habitat for Humanity and many other organizations throughout South Florida." To read more, [click here](#).

**The Research Park at Florida Atlantic University®** released its annual economic report to the community. The report highlights business contributions of Research Park companies to the South Florida economy, as well scientific discoveries and collaborations.: 2018 was an exciting year for the Research Park at FAU as new products were launched and contracts were won by companies with strong links to FAU," said Andrew Duffell, president of the Research Park at FAU. "I am encouraged to see our companies are investing in healthy R&D budgets and am confident the returns on these investments will strengthen our region for many years to come." To read more, [click here](#).

The **South Florida Manufacturers Association (SFMA)** announced its list of candidates for their esteemed Manufacturer-of-the-Year Award. Seventeen companies from Miami-Dade County through the Treasure Coast made the 2019 finalist list. The winners will be unveiled at the SFMA's 40th Recognition of Excellence Ceremony on March 13 at the Signature Grand in Davie. The finalists represent a group of companies that demonstrate excellence in all facets of their business. Companies were judged on Leadership, Strategy, Customers, Measurement, Knowledge Management, Workforce, and Operations. To read more, [click here](#). For event info, please visit [www.sfma.org/roe](http://www.sfma.org/roe).

The **SFTA** held its 2nd Annual Tech Talent Fest at the Fort Lauderdale Convention Center on February 28th. There were over 50 exhibitors – hiring companies, universities, entrepreneur support organizations, area non-profits, recruiting firms – and panels throughout the day. Organizations participating included **Citrix**, Consultis, Sherlock Talent, **City Furniture**, **Career Source Broward**, LaunchCode, The Academy of South Florida, **Broward College** and the **Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance** among others. To read more, [click here](#).

**United Way of Broward County** announced that it has received a \$150,000 donation from **Florida Power & Light Company's (FPL)** charitable arm, NextEra Energy Foundation, to support the nonprofit organization's "United We End Homelessness" campaign. For many years, FPL and its parent company, NextEra Energy, Inc., have partnered and supported United Way across multiple locations. "FPL recognizes that many people benefit from the vast safety net of programs and resources provided by United Way of Broward County," said Juliet Roulhac, FPL external affairs regional manager. "Supporting partners such as the United Way that can work with like-minded community groups and implement strategies to tackle issues such as homelessness and mental health is just one of the ways we contribute to the communities we serve to make them better places to live, work and raise a family." To read more, [click here](#)

Congratulations to the Alliance member companies that were named to Fortune magazine and Great Places to Work's 100 Best Companies to Work For list: #8 **Ultimate Software**, #12 **Publix Supermarkets**, #17 **JM Family Enterprises**, #40 **Baptist Health South Florida** #68 **Crowe** #92 **Bank of America**, and #97 **Delta Airlines**.

**Ultimate Software** announced that it has entered into a definitive merger agreement to be acquired by an investor group led by Hellman & Friedman ("H&F"), a leading private equity investment firm, in an all-cash transaction for \$331.50 per share in cash — representing an aggregate value of approximately \$11 billion — after which Ultimate Software ("Ultimate") will operate as a privately held company.. To read more, [click here](#). And Ultimate also released the financial results for the year ended and fourth quarter ended December 31, 2018. To read more, [click here](#).

## Featured Property



### [Sabadell Financial Center](#)

150 S. Pine Island Road, Plantation 33324

Type of space: Class A Office Space

Listed by [Greg Martin](#), or [Peyton Moore](#), Avison Young

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

## Upcoming Events



### [Alliance Events](#)

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

Tuesday, March 14, 2019, 8:30 a.m.

Location: Art Park at Young Circle, Hollywood

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

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

Tuesday, March 19, 8:30 a.m.

Location: Art/Culture Tour, City of Pompano Beach

For more information, please contact Tania Vinaixa at 954-627-01333, or [tvinaixa@gfalliance.org](mailto:tvinaixa@gfalliance.org)

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

Wednesday, March 20, 8:30 a.m.

Location: Brown & Brown Insurance, Fort Lauderdale

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

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

Tuesday: March 26, 2019, 8:30 a.m.

Location: Magic Leap, Sunrise

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

### [Member/Partner Events](#)

**13th Street Craft Beer and Car Show**

Saturday, March 2, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Location: NE 13th Street, Fort Lauderdale  
For more information, please [click here](#).

**Sun Sentinel Solutions Summit**

Monday, March 4 - 8  
Location: Fort Lauderdale Marriott North  
For more information, please [click here](#).

**Broward College Speaker Series: Terry Bradshaw**

Monday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale  
For more information, [click here](#).

**Osher Lifelong Learning Series: Music is my Time Machine**

Tuesday, March 12, 2:00 p.m.  
Location: Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale  
For more information, please [click here](#).

**South Florida Symphony presents Masterworks III - featuring Svetana Smolina**

Tuesday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Broward Center for the Performing Arts - Amaturio Theater, Fort Lauderdale  
For more information, please [click here](#).

**Henderson Behavioral Health Holland America Lunch**

Wednesday, March 20, 11:15 a.m.  
Location: Holland America "ms Zuiderdam", Port Everglades  
For more information, please [click here](#).

**Osher Lifelong Learning Series: Making a Wetter Florida a Better Florida**

Tuesday, March 26, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Location: Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale  
For more information, please [click here](#).

**Business for the Arts of Broward (BFA) 5th Annual Art & Soul**

Thursday, April 11, 6:00 p.m.  
Location: Circ Hotel, Hollywood  
For more information, please [click here](#).

**Osher Lifelong Learning Series: The State of American Foreign Policy**

Tuesday, April 23, 2:00 p.m.  
Location: Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
For more information, please [click here](#).

**Broward College Speaker Series: Hill Harper**

Wednesday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
For more information, please [click here](#).

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

**Enterprise Florida Events****Dubai International Boat Show**

Tuesday, February 26, 2019 - Saturday, March 2, 2019  
Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
Categorized in: International Trade Show  
For information, [click here](#).

**MRO Americas 2019**

Tue, April 9, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. - Thursday, April 11, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.  
Location: Georgia World Congress Center  
Categorized in: Trade Conferences  
For information, [click here](#).

### **Export Sales Mission to Morocco**

Sunday, April 14, 2019 - Thursday, April 18, 2019

Location: Casablanca, Morocco

Categorized in: Export Sales/Trade Mission

For information, [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](#).

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*Why have so many companies relocated to Greater Fort Lauderdale?* [Click here](#) to find out (90 second video).