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**Fortune - 100 Best Companies to Work For**
Over the 23 years *Fortune Magazine* has been publishing the “100 Best Companies to Work For” list with their partners at Great Place to Work, they've found three things to be true: Inclusion has become the gold standard for employee-centric companies. The bar rises every year. And no, workplace happiness is not a myth. Alliance Member companies in the Top 100 include: #2 - Ultimate Software, #26 - JM Family Enterprises, Inc. #45 – Deloitte, #64 - Comcast NBCUniversal, #77 - Bank of America, #81 – Crowe, #99 – Delta Air Lines To read more, click here.

**Port Everglades Construction New Start A Major Milestone**
Federal, state and local elected officials joined local business leaders to welcome the news that Broward County's long-awaited Port Everglades Navigation Improvements Project to deepen and widen the Port’s navigational channels can now begin with $29.1 million in funding under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers FY 2020 Work Plan. The funding will be used to build a new facility for the U.S. Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale so the Intracoastal Waterway can be widened by 250 feet at a chokepoint where large Neo-Panamax cargo ships currently have operating restrictions that affect their ability to transit past docked cruise ships. The Coast Guard Station reconfiguration is the first phase of the larger dredging project. To read more, click here and here.

**Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance and Shiji Group Announce High-Tech Job Growth and Innovation in Hollywood**
Shiji Group, a leading global hospitality technology provider, and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance (GFLA), Broward County's official partnership for economic development, announced the company is contributing to tech-focused job growth in the South Florida region with the addition of 70 new high-value tech jobs. To read more, click here.

**The Alliance and BCPS Partner for the 4th Annual Claim Your Future Showcase**
On Tuesday, February 18, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance collaborated for the fourth year with Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) on an industry-focused career fair, the Claim Your Future Showcase at the BB&T Center in Sunrise. More than 1,300 high school juniors in BCPS Career, Technical, Adult & Community Education (CTACE) programs attended the event, which takes a different approach to the traditional career fair. Wells Fargo is the event's major sponsor for the second year in a row, with the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, the BB&T Center, Delaware North, ICON International and BIG CHEF along with representatives from 60 Alliance member companies, educational institutions and partner organizations. To read more, click here.

**Business Support Needed for Census 2020**
Every ten years the U.S. Census Bureau counts residents across the country. A correct count is critical for Broward County as demographic information from the Census determines how all layers of government allocate their resources and representation. In addition, almost every federally funded program depends on an accurate census count, with $1.5 billion in federal funding distributed annually to sustain vital community programs. Employers are being asked to encourage all employees to complete the Census form when they receive it. Also, for companies who would like to help financially to support the public education campaign may contact Jo Sesodia, director of Planning and Development in the Environmental Planning and Growth Management department for Broward County. For more information, please click here.
BCPS Selected to Join Verizon Innovative Learning Schools Program
Six BCPS Schools Honored with Advanced Placement Computer Science Female Diversity Award
House of Hope and Nova Southeastern University Partner on New Literacy Initiative to Provide Personal and Professional Development to Women in Recovery
Broward College Ranked as One of Florida’s Safest Colleges
NSU Hosting Holocaust Reflection Contest – Winners to be Honored
NSU to Honor James and Cathy Donnelly During Annual Celebration of Excellence
NSU Earns 2020-2021 Military Friendly School Designation
‘Ready or Not, Here Growth Comes’ Second Broward College Village Square Dinner Explores Population Growth in Broward County
FAU’s Online Graduate Nursing Program Soars to No. 7 in National Rankings
“Ready or Not, Here Growth Comes” Second Broward College Village Square Dinner Explores Population Growth in Broward County
FAU Receives Carnegie Foundation Community Engagement Classification

Education and Workforce Development News

Business Briefs and Alliance Member News

Alliance Member Companies in Bold

Since the last Broward County Public Schools’ SMART (Safety, Music & Art, Athletics, Renovation and Technology) Update, seven schools have finished all work planned for their campuses, for a total of nine completed. In addition, 70 schools are actively under construction for their primary renovation projects. To read more, please click here.

More than 2,300 linear feet of pipe has arrived in the City of Fort Lauderdale for construction of the new sewer main that will replace the line that has broken on several occasions in recent months. The 48-inch pipe will be installed along the 7.5 miles from the George Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant to the lift station located in the Coral Ridge Country Club. The pipe is currently being stored near the entrance to Holiday Park. The first segment of new pipe will be installed in the Rio Vista neighborhood beginning at S.E. 9 Avenue and S.E. 11 Court and proceeding north under the Tarpon River to S.E. 9 Avenue and S.E. 7 Street. Work is being done using underground directional drilling. This is a trenchless technology that allows underground utilities to be installed with minimal impact to streets and neighborhoods. To read more, click here.

Belmont Village is inviting the business community for an exclusive preview of Fort Lauderdale’s newest senior living community. Enjoy live music, crafted cocktails and delicious hors d’oeuvres and meet their team on Friday March 13 at 4:00 p.m. To read more, click here.

Business for the Arts of Broward (BFA) kicked off its 2020 Arts Mean Business Speaker Series with a presentation from South Florida-based visual artist Stephanie Melissa Dorsainvil on February 19 at Pipeline, in Fort Lauderdale. A native of Southern California, Dorsainvil is a first-generation Haitian-American raised in South Florida who has created her own visual language, which is represented in her paintings as primitive symbols that represent diversity and unity. Dorsainvil’s passion for abstract art began when she discovered the computer program Windows Paint. The fascination of transforming a blank canvas into something unique grew with her and, by following her own artistic intuition with physical material, Dorsainvil developed a signature style. To read more, click here.

Delta Air Lines is committing $1 billion over the next 10 years on its journey to mitigate all emissions from its global business going forward. The airline will invest in driving innovation, advancing clean air travel technologies, accelerating the reduction of carbon emissions and waste, and establishing new projects to mitigate the balance of emissions. “There is no substitute for the power that travel has to connect people, which our world needs today more than ever before. As we connect customers around the globe, it is our responsibility to deliver on our promise to bring people together and ensure the utmost care for our environment,” said Ed Bastian, Delta’s CEO. “The time is now to accelerate our investments and establish an ambitious commitment that the entire Delta team will deliver.” To read more, click here.

In early February, two shareholders from Gunster, one of Florida’s oldest and largest business law firms, argued two separate cases before the Florida Supreme Court. George S. LeMieux, chairman of the firm and business litigator in the firm’s Fort Lauderdale office, and Lauren Purdy, a newly promoted shareholder and litigator in Jacksonville, will present arguments in two cases before the state’s highest court. To read more, click here.

The International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF) announced the recipients of the ISHOF Specialty Awards which are presented annually to individuals for outstanding contributions to aquatics. Russell Weaver of NAI Rauch, Weaver, Norfleet, Kurtz & Co. will receive the 2020 ISHOF Service Award. The ISHOF Service Award is given to an individual who has selflessly volunteered their time, energy, and/or resources to advance the interests and work of the International Swimming Hall of Fame. To read more, click here.
Trustbridge Foundation offers a free grievance camp for kids who have lost a loved one in recent years. The camp teaches kids coping skills like how to express grief safely and improve self-esteem and allows them to be with other kids who have also had a similar experience. There is NO cost for this sleep-away camp, held March 27-29. If you know someone in South Florida who could benefit from this camp, please click here. Applications are due March 6.

Ultimate Software recently announced that Fortune and Great Place to Work have ranked Ultimate #2 on the 100 Best Companies to Work For list for 2020, honoring Ultimate’s 30-year history of providing a “People First” workplace culture that respects, values, and cares for all individuals. This marks the company’s highest-ever ranking on the nationwide list and its fourth consecutive year in the top 10, with Ultimate having ranked in the top 25 on Fortune’s 100 Best Companies to Work For list since 2012. To read more, click here.

In a separate statement, Ultimate Software, which employs thousands in Broward County developing services for the workplace, announced that it is merging with Kronos of Boston to form a $22 billion company. Over the next three years, 3,000 employees will be added to the workforce, which will stand at 12,000 once the merger is completed. Employees of both companies will stay where they are. The companies said they would operate out of dual headquarters in Weston and Boston, although a name for the merged companies has not been determined. The company will operate under the direction of Kronos CEO Aron Ain. To read more, click here.

**Featured Property**

Riverbend Corporate Park, Suite 250  
2307 W. Broward Blvd, Fort Lauderdale 33312  
Type of space: Office  
Listed by Greg Martin, Avison Young  
Additional details at www.GreaterFortLauderdaleProperties.com

**Upcoming Events**

**Alliance Events**

Alliance Entrepreneurship Council Meeting  
Tuesday, March 10, 8:30 a.m.  
Location: General Provision Downtown, Fort Lauderdale  
For more information, please contact Liza Bongiovi at 954-627-0132 or lbongiovi@gflalliance.org

Alliance Partner Council Meeting  
Thursday, March 12, 8:30 a.m.  
Location: Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance  
For more information, please contact Helen Kulp at 954-627-0131 or hkulp@gflalliance.org

Alliance Leadership Council Meeting  
Tuesday, March 17, 8:30 a.m.  
Location: TBD  
For more information, please contact Tania Vinaixa at 954-627-0133 or tvinaixa@gflalliance.org
**Alliance Corporate Council Meeting**
Wednesday, March 18, 8:30 a.m.
Location: TBD
For more information, please contact Helen Kulp at 954-627-0131 or hkulp@gflalliance.org

**Member/Partner Events**

**SFMA - Cybersecurity Seminar**
Wednesday, March 4, 8:00 a.m.
Location: JC White, Miramar
For more information, please click here.

**Alliance of Hispanic Serving Institution Educators (AHSIE) 12th Annual Best Practices Conference**
Sunday, March 8 to Wednesday, March 11
Location: Florida Atlantic University
For more information, please click here.

**ULI SE Florida/Caribbean - Fort Lauderdale Evolves: Curating the Future**
Monday, March 9, 1:00 pm
Location: Ritz Carlton- Fort Lauderdale
For more information, please click here.

**Junior Achievement of South Florida Light Up the Night**
Wednesday, March 11, 6:00 p.m.
The Addison Boca Raton
For more information, please click here.

**Broward College Speaker Series Featuring Jimmy Wales**
Thursday: March 12, 7:30 p.m.
Location: Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale
For more information, please click here.

**JA INSPIRE - March 12-13, Junior Achievement World**
Thursday, March 12 – Friday, March 13
Location: JA World, Coconut Creek
For more information, please click here.

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**Sneak Peek - Belmont Village**
Friday: March 13, 4:00 p.m.
Location: Belmont Village Senior Living, Fort Lauderdale
For more information, please click here.

**GA Telesis Golf Tournament to benefit Extra Yards for Teachers**
Thursday, April 9, 7:30 am
Location: Fort Lauderdale Country Club, Fort Lauderdale
For more information, please click here.

**My Next Move 2020 College/Career Readiness Event**
Thursday, April 16, 8:00 a.m.
Location: Plantation High School
For more information, please click here.

**National Association of Branch Campus Administrators**
Wednesday, April 22 – Friday, April 24
Location: Florida Atlantic University Broward Campuses
For more information, please click here.

**Broward College Speaker Series Featuring Amy Wamback**
Wednesday, April 29, 7:30 p.m.
Location: Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale
For more information, please click here.

Calendar items are subject to change without notice. Please visit www.gflalliance.org for the most current calendar of events and meetings and for more information regarding the Alliance.
Enterprise Florida Events

Executive Healthcare & Technology Investment Mission
Friday, March 6 - Tuesday, March 17, 2020
Location: Orlando, Florida
For more information, please click here.

Dubai International Boat Show
Tuesday, March 10 - Saturday, March 14
Location: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
For more information, please click here.

Intermodal South America 2020
Tuesday, March 17- Thursday, March 19
Location: São Paulo, Brazil
For more information, please click here.

2020 Smart City Summit & Expo
Tuesday, March 24 - Friday, March 27
Location: Taipei, Taiwan
For more information, please click here.

100 Successful Women in Business Annual Global Conference & Expo
Saturday, Mar 28, 2020 - All Day
Location: Miami Airport Convention Center
For more information, please click here.

USA Fair 2020 Exhibition and Conference
Tuesday, Mar 31 - Thursday, Apr 2
Location: Lagos, Nigeria
For more information, please click here.

FIDAE 2020
Tuesday, March 31 - Sunday, April 5, 2020
Santiago, Chile
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.

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Why are so many companies locating to Greater Fort Lauderdale? Click here to find out!

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