

## **Who was Jay Malina**

Jay Malina was a highly successful South Florida entrepreneur who made his personal fortune through Anilam Electronics, a company he founded to manufacture computer measuring devices for the machine tool industry.

His mission was to develop a long-range community plan enabling economic growth and enhanced employment opportunities in Miami-Dade County. He referred to the initiative as the “engine for shaping the destiny of Greater Miami.”

A popular consensus builder, Malina was known for his vision, keen intelligence and wit. Malina was also responsible for the creation of the “One Community One Goal” initiative. The initiative was a proactive economic development master plan and process to implement job creation in Miami-Dade County in key growth industries. These key industries include film and entertainment, biomedical, financial services, visitor, information technology/telecommunications, international commerce and aviation.

Malina was actively involved in organizations that included Enterprise Florida, the World Trade Center Miami, the Dade Manufacturers Council, the Beacon Council, Florida International University and the Orange Bowl.

In the year 2000, he became the first chairman of the Trade Mission Center of the Americas, which was later renamed by Miami-Dade County Commissioners the Jay Malina International Trade Consortium, upgrading the mission center to a county agency from a division of the mayor’s office.