

**GOOD EVENING EVERYONE!**

**IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH YOU  
TONIGHT!**

**ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, I WANT TO  
CONGRATULATE ALL OF TONIGHT'S HONOREES.**

**I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE MIAMI-DADE  
COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES  
DEPARTMENT, THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN,  
AND THE PARKS FOUNDATION OF MIAMI-DADE  
FOR HOSTING THIS EVENT.**

**THE 2015 MAYOR'S PIONEER AWARD RECIPIENT IS  
SHEILA DUFFY-LEHRMAN.**

**SHEILA IS AN AWARD-WINNING WRITER,  
PRODUCER AND DIRECTOR, AND IS THE  
RECIPIENT OF NUMEROUS AWARDS INCLUDING  
EMMY, ADDY AND TELLY AWARDS.**

**A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, SHEILA BEGAN HER CAREER IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BEFORE MOVING INTO BROADCAST JOURNALISM, WORKING FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC NEWS BUREAUS OF CNN AND NBC.**

**IN 1995, SHEILA CO-FOUNDED “TROPIC SURVIVAL ADVERTISING AND MARKETING” WHERE SHE RECENTLY CO-CREATED AND LAUNCHED “COMET ADS” – A CLOUD-BASED, ONLINE VIDEO AD PLATFORM.**

**SHE SITS ON NUMEROUS BOARDS INCLUDING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FILM AND ENTERTAINMENT ADVISORY BOARD, AND THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE MIAMI BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.**

**SHE HAS A LONG HISTORY OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, INCLUDING SERVICE AS A BOARD MEMBER OF *CASA VALENTINA* -- A HOME AND SUPPORT SERVICE PROVIDER FOR YOUNG WOMEN WHO AGE OUT OF FLORIDA'S FOSTER CARE SYSTEM; SHE IS ALSO AN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER OF THE *GIRLS ADVOCACY PROJECT* - AN INTERVENTION PROGRAM HELPING TO STOP RECIDIVISM FOR GIRLS IN THE JUVENILE DETENTION SYSTEM.  
LET'S HEAR FROM HER NOW.**

**VIDEO PLAYS**

**IT IS MY PLEASURE TO HONOR SHEILA DUFFY-LEHRMAN WITH THE 2015 MAYOR'S PIONEER AWARD.**

**SHEILA LEHRMAN RECEIVES AWARD....**