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Congratulations to all the recipients of the 2025 In the Company of Women Award. I am honored to be among such amazing women and extend my heartfelt gratitude for your invaluable contributions to our community.



MICKY STEINBERG

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4



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In commemoration of Women's History Month and International Women's Day, Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department, in partnership with the Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade and the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women, is proud to host the 36th Annual In the Company of Women Awards Ceremony. The event showcases and celebrates women achievers and leaders from all walks of life, who have helped to make this community better, stronger, and more united.



HONORABLE

DANIELLA LEVINE CAVA

MAYOR, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the *In the Company of Women Awards*. As the first female Mayor of Miami-Dade County, I'm proud to stand with these extraordinary trailblazing women who work every day to empower and inspire women and girls of all ages. Their passion, leadership and commitment serve as a reminder that nothing is out of reach. I thank them for their civic and professional achievements that have helped shape this community. I also thank Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Department, the Miami-Dade Commission for Women, and the Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade for the wonderful opportunity to honor the winners during Women's History Month.



HONORABLE

ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ

CHAIRMAN, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, DISTRICT 10

Welcome to the 2025 *In the Company of Women Awards*. Tonight, we honor the exceptional women whose leadership, determination, and service have made a lasting difference in Miami-Dade County. These honorees exemplify what it means to inspire others, break barriers, and build a stronger future for all.

This event is more than just a celebration—it is a reminder of the vital role women play in shaping our community. Their resilience and accomplishments demonstrate the power of perseverance and the importance of supporting one another to achieve greatness. Thank you for joining us in recognizing these extraordinary individuals. Together, we can continue working toward a brighter future for the generations to come.



MARIA I. NARDI

DIRECTOR, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

For the last 36 years, through the *In the Company of Women Awards*, Miami-Dade Parks has recognized the extraordinary accomplishments of women and their contributions to strengthening our community. Tonight, we celebrate a diverse group of 13 amazing women. Thank you for joining Parks in our shared endeavor to support the next generation of Miami-Dade County's women leaders, and to build a greener, healthier, and more resilient Miami-Dade County. Congratulations to all awardees!



MICHELLE ABREU

CHAIR, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

The Miami-Dade County Commission for Women is honored to once again stand in partnership with the *In the Company of Women Awards*. This celebration shines a powerful light on the visionaries and changemakers shaping the future of Miami-Dade County. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to this year's extraordinary honorees and commend their unwavering dedication to uplifting women and girls across our community. Your leadership and impact inspire us all.



CAROLINE O'CONNOR

VICE PRESIDENT, THE PARKS FOUNDATION OF MIAMI-DADE

On behalf of the Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade, congratulations to this year's honorees! Thank you for all you do to support our community. We would also like to thank this year's event sponsors – thank you for helping us recognize these phenomenal women in our community and thank you for your year-round support of our county's parks and open spaces. Our honorees' contributions and our sponsors' support are what keep our community thriving!

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LAVISH EVENT DESIGN

GUITARS OVER GUNS

Funds raised will benefit recreational programs for kids at Miami-Dade Parks, including the Girls Empowerment and Mentoring (G.E.M.) Summer Arts Camp, Girls Got Game Sports Development, and other programming that cultivates the future leaders of Miami-Dade County.



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EMCEE

KRISTI KRUEGER

Local 10 News Anchor / Medical Specialist

WELCOME REMARKS

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MESSAGE FROM MIAMI-DADE PARKS DIRECTOR

MARIA I. NARDI

MAYOR'S PIONEER AWARD

HONORABLE DANIELLA LEVINE CAVA

Mayor, Miami-Dade County

HONOREES VIDEO AND AWARD PRESENTATION



EMCEE

KRISTI KRUEGER

Kristi Krueger has built a solid reputation as an award-winning medical reporter and effervescent anchor. She joined Local 10 as co-anchor of the 5:30 p.m. newscast and "Eye on Health" reporter in August 1993.

After many years co-anchoring the 6 p.m. and 11 p.m., Kristi now co-anchors the noon and multiple early evening newscasts, along with specializing in medical reporting.

As a mother and grandmother, she understands the importance of receiving useful and timely health news. She strives to provide cutting-edge information that allows viewers to make informed choices about their well-being.

Kristi began her broadcast career at WWSB in Sarasota. In September 1988, she was promoted to co-anchor of the weekday 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. newscasts. In 1990, she became the weekend anchor and medical reporter for WDIV-TV in Detroit before heading to WPLG.

Kristi's many awards and honors include the National Television Academy Silver Circle Award, Deborah Natansohn Award for her contributions to women's health and wellness, three Emmy awards for health/science/environment category and a University of Florida "Alumnus of Distinction" of the College of Journalism and Communications.

Kristi was born in Fresno, California but grew up in many places since her father was a football coach. She is married to Todd Templin, vice president of Boardroom Communications, a South Florida public relations firm. Todd and Kristi have two adult children, Troy and Kelsie, as well as a granddaughter named Palmer.

Kristi is very active in the community, serving on the board of the Susan B. Anthony Recovery Center, as Chair of the Pembroke Pines Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society. Kristi also volunteers as a lector at Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Weston.



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DR. MARIE O. ETIENNE
Founder, Global Innovative Foundation

RACHEL JOHNSON
Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Miami-Dade County Mayor

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DR. JILL DEUPI
Beaux Arts Director and Chief Curator, Lowe Art Museum, University of Miami

BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS
CHRISTINE DUFFY
President, Carnival Cruise Line

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MAYOR'S PIONEER AWARD

DR. MARIE O. ETIENNE**FOUNDER, GLOBAL INNOVATIVE FOUNDATION**

Dr. Marie O. Etienne, DNP, APRN, FNP, PNP, D.Min. (h.c.), PLNC, FADNL, is a trailblazing healthcare leader, educator, and humanitarian who has dedicated her life to serving the residents of Miami-Dade County. With more than three decades of service, Dr. Etienne is a force for positive change in public health, education, and community service. As a tenured professor at Miami Dade College's Benjamin León School of Nursing since 1997, she has mentored and educated countless healthcare professionals who now serve communities locally and abroad. Her expertise in pediatrics, geriatrics, family practice, and community health nursing has shaped generations of nurses.

Over the past five years, Dr. Etienne has worked closely with Mayor Daniella Levine Cava on numerous initiatives aimed at improving the well-being of the county's underserved populations. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she oversaw the organization and establishment of testing and vaccination sites in underserved communities. As the founder of Global Innovative Foundation, she provides support and resources to survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and gun violence—causes also prioritized by Mayor Levine Cava. She also coordinates medical missions to underserved areas in Florida, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic.

In 2023, Dr. Etienne is the first Black and minority nurse to serve as President of the Florida Nurses Association (FNA), representing more than 300,000 nurses from all specialties, including public health, pediatrics, and community health in critical healthcare policy decisions. She also serves on the American Nurses Association's National Commission to Address Racism in Nursing, where she advocates for equity and inclusivity in healthcare.

Dr. Etienne's work has earned her prestigious accolades, including the Florence Nightingale Medal from the International Red Cross and Congressional recognition from Congresswoman Frederica Wilson.



MAYOR'S PIONEER AWARD

RACHEL JOHNSON**DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, OFFICE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MAYOR DANIELLA LEVINE CAVA**

Rachel Johnson is a dynamic communications leader currently serving as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Mayor Daniella Levine Cava in Miami-Dade County. With a robust background in strategic communications, Rachel plays a pivotal role in shaping the Mayor's messaging and outreach strategies, ensuring that the voices of Miami-Dade residents are heard and represented. Since joining the Mayor's office in January 2022, she has focused on enhancing public engagement through innovative communication initiatives that emphasize transparency and inclusivity.

Before her current role, Rachel was the Director of Communications for the Mayor's Office, where she successfully implemented comprehensive communication plans that connected with diverse communities. Her experience as a strategic communications consultant for private and nonprofit sectors further honed her expertise in media relations and digital engagement. Prior to that, Rachel managed community marketing campaigns for Uber, leading efforts in disaster response and community advocacy.

A passionate advocate for women's empowerment, Rachel actively mentors emerging leaders and promotes initiatives that advance diversity within civic engagement. Her commitment to effective communication and community involvement reflects her dedication to fostering an inclusive Miami-Dade County, making her a true trailblazer in local governance.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

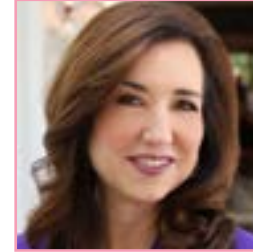
DR. JILL DEUPI

BEAUX ARTS DIRECTOR AND CHIEF CURATOR, LOWE ART MUSEUM, UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

Dr. Jill Deupi is the Beaux Arts Director and Chief Curator of the Lowe Art Museum (University of Miami). Prior to assuming this position in 2014, Deupi was Director and Chief Curator of University Museums at Fairfield University, where she was also an Assistant Professor of Art History.

Her prior professional experience includes work at the Royal Academy of Arts, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Snite Museum of Art, the National Gallery of Art, and the Wallace Collection. The recipient of a two-year “Rome Prize,” Dr. Deupi wrote her doctoral dissertation on art and cultural politics in 18th-century Naples. She is a Fellow of the American Academy in Rome, the Leading Change Institute, and the Getty Leadership Institute. Deupi has served as a Trustee of the Association of Art Museum Directors (AAMD) and chair of this organization’s academic art museum affinity group. Additionally, Deupi serves on the Cornell Museum’s Visiting Committee and is a member of AAM, AAMC, AAMD, AAMG, ICOM, and UMAC. She has been a peer reviewer for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), and AAM’s Reaccreditation Committee.

Dr. Deupi holds a B.A. in French Literature and Political Science (Mount Holyoke College); a J.D. (Washington College of Law, American University); an M.A. in the History of Art (Birkbeck College, University of London); a Ph.D. in Art History (University of Virginia); a graduate certificate in Arts Administration (New York University); and an executive education certificate in Art and Cultural Heritage Law (Georgetown University Law Center).



BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

CHRISTINE DUFFY

PRESIDENT, CARNIVAL CRUISE LINE

Christine Duffy is president of Carnival Cruise Line, certified as a “Great Place to Work™” and the flagship brand of Miami-based global cruise industry leader Carnival Corp., the world’s largest leisure travel company. Christine has served the company since 2015 after a successful tenure as president and CEO of the Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), which represents the \$120 billion global cruise industry.

As president, she leads Carnival Cruise Line’s fleet of 27 ships that homeport in North America, Europe and Australia and P&O Cruises Australia’s three ships that operate in the South Pacific. Together they sail six million guests annually and employ more than 52,000 people hailing from 120 nations. In 2025, P&O Cruises Australia’s operations will integrate into Carnival. Christine also led the introduction of Excel Class ships, cruise vessels that utilize liquefied natural gas (LNG), in North America and feature the first roller coasters at sea. Christine is also overseeing the development of Celebration Key, Carnival’s exclusive destination in The Bahamas, that will debut in summer 2025.

She is serving her second term on the U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce. She also serves on the board of directors of Aimbridge Hospitality and Herschend Family Entertainment and sits on the Professional Advisory Board of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. She received CLIA’s Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award and was named to the Forbes 50 Over 50 List in the Lifestyle category (2024).



COMMUNICATIONS & LITERATURE

GLENNA MILBERG

NEWS ANCHOR/REPORTER, WPLG-CHANNEL 10

Emmy Award-winning journalist Glenna Milberg has been a prominent voice in South Florida's media landscape since joining Local10 News in September 1999. As the host of WPLG's highest-rated public affairs program, This Week in South Florida, she leads in-depth discussions with newsmakers on the most pressing stories and issues of the week.

Throughout her career, Glenna has covered Florida's most crucial stories from the Everglades to the coast and beyond. She reports comprehensively during election seasons and travels internationally to cover significant stories with a South Florida connection. Before elections, she hosts a special program aimed at explaining the amendments and the often-confusing language on the ballots, empowering viewers with the knowledge to make informed decisions.

Her work has earned her multiple accolades, including Emmy Awards and South Florida's Esserman-Knight Journalism Award. The Miami New Times named her South Florida's Best TV Reporter, highlighting her impact and dedication to journalism. In addition to her professional achievements, Glenna is known for her engagement with community and historical events.

A graduate of the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Bachelor of Science in Broadcast Journalism from Florida International University, Glenna was recognized as an Outstanding Broadcast Journalist by her alma mater. Beyond her professional accomplishments, she is a dedicated mother and wife, raising two daughters with her husband Michael in South Florida.



EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

DR. JILL EHRENREICH-MAY

DIRECTOR OF THE CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MOOD AND ANXIETY TREATMENT, UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

Jill Ehrenreich-May is a Professor and Associate Department Chair of Psychology at the University of Miami, where she directs the Child and Adolescent Mood and Anxiety Treatment (CAMAT) Program.

Dr. Ehrenreich-May is a Miami native that graduated from the University of Mississippi with her Ph.D. in 2002. She has been on the faculty at the University of Miami since 2008. Dr. Ehrenreich-May is best known as the developer of evidence-based psychotherapy manuals for youth emotional concerns, such as the Unified Protocols for Transdiagnostic Treatment of Emotional Disorders in Children and Adolescents. Her research focuses on optimizing and increasing access to youth psychotherapy for anxiety, depression, trauma, OCD and related concerns.

Dr. Ehrenreich-May is a notable mentor, clinical trainer, and collaborator in this domain. She has grants from local community agencies, including the Children's Trust, foundation sources, and federal agencies to support her psychotherapy research and services in CAMAT. Dr. Ehrenreich-May has held prominent service roles in the local community and nationally, most notably as the 2022-2023 President of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies. She resides in Coral Gables with her husband, Dr. Dustin May, two children, Max and Eleanor, two cats, one bearded dragon, and two catfish.



GOVERNMENT AND LAW (ELECTED OFFICIAL)

**HONORABLE
MICKY STEINBERG**
**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSIONER,
DISTRICT 4**

Commissioner Micky Steinberg was elected without opposition in 2022 to serve as the District 4 Commissioner on the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners. District 4 is located in the northeastern corner of Miami-Dade County; which includes 13 cities, Golden Beach, Aventura, North Miami Beach, North Miami, Sunny Isles Beach, Surfside, Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, Biscayne Park, Indian Creek, Miami Beach, Miami Shores, North Bay Village and unincorporated Miami-Dade County.

A respected leader within the community, Micky is dedicated to public service and understands the unique challenges of the County. Prior to being elected to the Board, she was elected to the Miami Beach City Commission in 2013 and was re-elected unopposed in 2017. During her tenure, she brought her passionate teamwork approach to City Hall and championed various initiatives, including strengthening ethics ordinances, sustainability and resiliency efforts, championing human rights legislation, finding solutions to alleviate everyday traffic congestion, and supporting local schools.

Commissioner Steinberg has a long and impressive record of community involvement. She served as a member of the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board on behalf of the City of Miami Beach. She has also served as a member of the Miami Beach Visitor and Convention Authority Committee and the Miami Beach Police Citizens Relations Committee. She has ample involvement with various nonprofit organizations, such as the Greater Miami Jewish Federation and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami. As a result of her efforts to better our community, Steinberg has also been recognized as a Woman of Valor by the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center.

Micky, a licensed real estate agent, is married to Richard Steinberg, an attorney, and they are the proud parents of two amazing children.



GOVERNMENT AND LAW (NON-ELECTED)

NATALIA ZEA
**CHIEF PUBLIC POLICY AND ENGAGEMENT
OFFICER, THE CHILDREN'S TRUST**

Natalia Zea is a mother of two and is Chief Public Policy & Community Engagement Officer for The Children's Trust, an organization whose mission is to nurture the greatness of all children and families in Miami-Dade County. She spent several years leading community engagement and communications efforts at Miami-Dade County Public Schools. She was a journalist for the first 14 years, working for a decade at CBS Miami as a news reporter and anchor. Natalia also served as an adjunct professor of public administration at FIU, where she earned an Executive MPA. She is Co-Chair of the Miami-Dade Mayor's Children's Commission's Community Awareness Committee and on the Junior League of Miami's Community Advisory Board.



HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SYMERIA T. HUDSON**PRESIDENT AND CEO, UNITED WAY MIAMI**

Symeria T. Hudson assumed the role of president and CEO of United Way Miami in August 2022. With close to thirty years of diversified experience, Symeria is a seasoned executive who brings both U.S. and global professional experience.

Prior to joining the organization, Symeria served as president and CEO for Chapman Partnership, a prominent, local nonprofit that provides comprehensive services to empower the homeless population into self-sufficiency. Before moving to Miami, Symeria was based in London, England as President of global franchises and head research and development for ConvaTec, \$1.8 billion medical technology company. Symeria spent 15 years driving new product innovation, product portfolio management and strategy for corporations in the U.S. and Europe such as Baxter International Inc. and Hospira. Prior to this, she spent 13 years in industries such as financial services, insurance brokerage and consumer goods with a focus on strategy, marketing and finance.

Symeria is a board member of MTF Biologics, UFP Technologies, and an Operating Advisor for Revival Healthcare Partners. She also served as a board member for Baxter Foundation and Kohl Children's Museum.



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

DR. JANKI SHARADKUMAR BHIMANI**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF DATA MANAGEMENT RESEARCH LAB (DAMRL), FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

Dr. Janki Bhimani is the Director of the Data Management Research Lab and a faculty member in the Department of Computer Science at Florida International University (FIU). She is also the founding CEO of LegalPro+. She received her Ph.D. and M.S. in Computer Engineering from Northeastern University, Boston. Her research focuses on system design, storage systems, memory management, computer architecture, electronic design automation (EDA), machine learning (ML), and high-performance computing (HPC).

A distinguished scholar, she has received numerous awards, including the NSF CAREER Award and the FIU Top Scholar Award, and has secured over \$6 million in research funding from federal and state agencies, as well as industry partners. Her contributions include 45 publications in leading journals, such as IEEE TCC and ACM TOS, resulting in an h-index of 16 and over 1,000 citations; and at prestigious conferences like DAC and HPCA, along with 10 top-graded patents.

Dr. Bhimani actively engages in university governance, serving on the Faculty Hiring Committee, Awards Committee, CEC Faculty Council, Graduate Committee, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee. Among her international level leadership roles, she has chaired for top research conferences such as ACM HotStorage, CCGRID, and USENIX FAST. Her students have advanced to successful careers in both academia and industry.



SPORTS & ATHLETICS

KENDRA N. BULLUCK-MAJOR

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
ORANGE BLOSSOM CLASSIC

Kendra Bulluck-Major serves as the Executive Director of the Orange Blossom Classic, a collegiate football game played annually in Miami Gardens. She is one of two women in the country to own a football event property. The highly anticipated game was revived in 2021 and airs nationally on ESPN. The game has drawn viewership at close to one million, welcoming almost 40,000 in person fans to Hard Rock Stadium.

In 2022, Kendra launched the Elevate Now brand to equip women with tools to excel in their careers and entrepreneurial endeavors in sports and entertainment. The one-day women's conference, called the Elevation Experience provides resources to help women sharpen their leadership skills. In 2023, she authored the Elevate Now journal, designed to assist with goal tracking, self-reflection and accountability.

Kendra's primary and most fulfilling role involves being a mom to Malcolm and Horatio, III (Jojo). Malcolm is a college student-athlete (football) in his junior year at Florida A&M University, while Jojo is a high school sophomore, student-athlete (basketball) at Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory. She resides in South Florida and remains active in her community.



YOUNG PROFESSIONAL

VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ

ELECTED CITY CLERK,
CITY OF NORTH MIAMI

Vanessa Joseph earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science, a Master of Public Administration and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Miami. Before fully launching her legal career, Joseph spent her years as a law student working as an advocate for immigration and human rights. During that period, she served at two legal clinics, where she fought on behalf of South Florida's immigrant community. She also advocated for veterans, people with disabilities, and individuals with HIV and AIDS. Joseph went on to join Catholic Legal Services, providing legal services to vulnerable populations. In addition to representing low-income immigrants, Vanessa conducts information sessions for immigrant detainees to inform them of their rights and court processes. Her work at the detention centers has led to her servicing thousands of men, women and children. Whether it be self-help workshops, group or individual orientations, Vanessa's impact on our immigrant population has been immeasurable.

Joseph also made history as the youngest and first Black female elected as the City of North Miami's City Clerk – a position she still holds. In 2024, the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) certified her as a Master in Municipal Clerk, the highest achievement in her field. In addition, the organization also awarded Joseph the prestigious Robert N. Clark Memorial Award by the Florida Association of City Clerks (FACC) - an award spotlighting a city clerk who has substantially promoted and elevated the profession by actively seeking to constantly improve municipal government. Joseph is also using this platform to teach children about government, having written and published two children's books called Madame Clerk that are distributed locally for free.

In addition, Joseph is a member of numerous community-based and professional organizations and is an active member of the County's Domestic Violence Oversight Board which is at the forefront of combating the pervasive and devastating issue of domestic violence in our community.

In 2017, Joseph was named among the 20 Young Professionals Under 40 by the Haitian American Chamber of Commerce and among the 40 Under 40 by Legacy Magazine.



COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD

MEG DALY

FOUNDER AND CHAIR, FRIENDS OF THE UNDERLINE

Meg Daly is Founder and Chair of the Friends of The Underline Board, a non-profit organization transforming the underutilized land below Miami's Metrorail into a 120-acre linear park, urban trail and public art destination spanning 10-miles in the urban core (www.theunderline.org). The Underline has partnered with Miami-Dade County Transportation and Public Works and Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces departments. They also have endorsements from Miami-Dade County, the cities of Miami, Coral Gables, South Miami, and the Village of Pinecrest, the University of Miami, and numerous organizations.

Meg also chairs The Underline Conservancy, the non-profit organization responsible for the maintenance, management and programming of The Underline as a first-class trail and park. She is a member of the Citizen's Independent Transportation Trust (CITT), Orange Bowl Committee, International Women's Fund, UM Climate Resilience Institute External Advisory Board, MRED+U ((Master of Real Estate Development + Urbanism) Advisory Board and Baptist Health Heat. Help.Cure. Advisory Council.

A 30-year sales and marketing veteran, Meg owned First Media Direct, a breakthrough target marketing company catering to broadcast television. She has also held executive marketing positions in the public relations, advertising, technology, and real estate industries. Meg has a BA in English from Vanderbilt University.



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ABOUT IN THE COMPANY OF WOMEN AWARDS AND THE WOMEN'S PARK

The In the Company of Women Awards Ceremony celebrates women, Women's History Month, and Miami-Dade County Parks, the third largest parks system in the United States. Created in 1989 to promote community during a time when Miami-Dade County was experiencing significant transformations, the award was meant to bring our diverse community together. Local legends, Marjory Stoneman Douglas, Yvonne Santa Maria, Athalie Range, Elizabeth Virrick and Alice Wainwright received the Pioneer Award and were recognized for the role they played in paving new paths for women. During that inaugural event, Ann Bishop, Cheryl Brownstein-Santiago, Gloria Estefan, Gill Freeman, Carrie Meek, Queen Chiku N'gozi, Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, Maria Elvira Salazar and Pam Saulsby became the first set of honorees because of their professional development, contribution to women's progress and service to the community.

Today, 36 years after its inception, *In the Company of Women* continues the legacy of honoring Miami-Dade County's most amazing women. While we celebrate these leaders during the awards ceremony, we also highlight the work and contributions of The Women's Park – a Miami-Dade Park which was

created to recognize and celebrate the contributions of women who helped to improve our community's quality of life. It is the first park in the nation of its kind. In the early 1990s, pioneer feminist Roxcy Bolton created a coalition of women leaders including former Superintendent of Miami-Dade Parks, Silvia M. Unzueta, to lead the charge. The park was created in June 1992 with the help of the late Stephen Clark, former Miami-Dade Mayor, and with the support of the Board of County Commissioners and former Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen. The Women's Park stands as a result of the dynamic interaction of diverse community leaders. Special thanks to the Park's District Commissioner, the Honorable Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman, Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, District 10.

PARKS FOUNDATION OF MIAMI-DADE

A 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization with a mission to advance and sustain the community's recreational, educational, environmental, and cultural life by mobilizing financial support and popular commitment to Miami-Dade County's parks system.

36 YEARS *of* AMAZING WOMEN

2024

PIONEER Rebecca Fishman Lipsey, Johanna Cervone

HONOREES Sandy Dorsainvil, Carolyn D. Donaldson, Teri Arvesu Gonzalez, Zinzi Bailey, Honorable Raquel A. Regalado, Stephanie V. Daniels, Joanne Ruggiero, Nikki Traylor-Knowles, Jennifer Alvarez, Marry Vuong, Honorable Marleine Bastien

POSTHUMOUS Jeannett Slesnick, Georgia Tasker

2023

PIONEER Retha Boone-Fye

HONOREES Alexandra Lioutikoff, Pilar Guzman Zavala, Gayle R. Love, Dr. Jennifer S. Durocher, Honorable Danielle Cohen Higgins, Aileen Bouclé, AICP, Hydi Webb, Alexandra Villoch, Melissa Medina, Kim Ng, Angelica Santibañez, Honorable Denise Lane

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Silvia Unzueta

2022

PIONEER Penny S. Shaffer , PhD

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2021

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2019

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2014

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2007

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2005

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2001

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2000

PIONEER Marilyn Hoder-Salmon, PhD, Enid Pinkney, Leah A. Simms, Nilsa Velazquez

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1999

PIONEERS Castell V. Bryant, Janet M. Canterbury, Elvira Dopico

HONOREES Anita M. Bock, Lilia García, Sandra E. Gibson, Kathleen Gordon, Janet F. Launcelott, Nadine C. Patrice, Jacqueline Redondo, Sister B. Edita Rojo, Aubrey W. Simms

POSTHUMOUS Hildegard Herbster

1998

PIONEERS Ruth Wolkowsky Greenfield, Mary Stanley-Low Machado, Sheba Major Martin

HONOREES Marleine Bastien, Laura Bethel, Kathy Gómez, Mona Bethel Jackson, Daniella S. Levine Cava, Diana Montes de Oca López, Mary K. Lynch, Maria Márquez, Robin Reiter- Faragalli

POSTHUMOUS Meredith Pleasant Sparks

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1997

PIONEERS Betsy Kaplan, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Marie Wiggins Washington

HONOREES Dorothy R. Baker, Ileana M. Cruz, Ernestine Smith Davis, Ellen C. Freidin, Ileana Fuentes, Bernadette Pardo Phillips, Maria E. Roberts, Dorothy M. Wallace, Shirley Merlin West

POSTHUMOUS Lillie P. Dorsett, Margery Hemsing Rankin

1996

PIONEERS Elizabeth Metcalf, Olimpia Rosado, Francena Thomas

HONOREES Frances Bohnsack, Larcenia Bullard, Linda Dakis, Margarita Rohaidy Delgado, Tananarive Due, Vickie Jackson, Betty Kaynor, Ivette Arteaga Morgan, Janice O'Rourke, Deborah Reyes

POSTHUMOUS Meg O'Brien, Belen Saborido

1995

CELEBRATION DEDICATED TO Katy Sorenson

PIONEERS Josefina Carbonell, Cynthia Williams Curry, Ruth Owens Krusé

HONOREES Alina Becker, Angela Bellamy, Annie Betancourt, Cheryl Little, Consuelo de Armas Otero, Suzette Pope, Frankie Shannon Rolle, Marian Harris Shannon, Dorothy Thomson

1994

CELEBRATION DEDICATED TO Janet Reno

PIONEERS Ann-Marie Adker, Mattie Belle Davis, Mercy Diaz Miranda

HONOREES Bonnie Askowitz, Betty T. Ferguson, Bea Hines, Barbara Ibarra, Bonnie Lano Rippingille, Marie Rodríguez, Kathleen Ruggiero, Miriam Singer, Frederica Wilson

1993

CELEBRATION DEDICATED TO Kate Hale

PIONEERS Jean Jones Perdue, Verneka Sturup Silva, Teresa Zubizarreta

HONOREES Liz Balmaseda, Hazel Crawford, Cornelia "Corky" Dozier, Audrey Finkelstein, Thelma Gibson, Karen Gievers, Monna Lighte, Natacha Seijas, Mercedes Cros Sandoval

POSTHUMOUS Jane Wood Reno, Irene Elizabeth Williams, Rayna Youngerman, Anonymous Rafter/Boatwoman

1992

PIONEERS Leona H. Cooper, Cristina Saralegui, Molly Turner

HONOREES Nikki Beare, Ronni Bermont, Conchy Bretos, Luisa García-Toledo, Antonia Williams Gary, Marilyn Holifield, Alice W. Johnson, Katherine Fernández Rundle, Roberta Boyce Stokes

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1991

PIONEERS Lourdes Aguila, Yvonne Burkholz, Helen Miller

HONOREES Regina Jollivette Frazier, Penny Gardner, Sally Heyman, Elena de Jongh, Cindy Lederman, Beverly Nixon, Mercedes Rodriguez, Amanda Ros, Eugenia Thomas

POSTHUMOUS Edith Carroll, Janet Chusmir

1990

CELEBRATION DEDICATED TO Gwen Margolis

PIONEERS Alicia Baró, Roxcy Bolton, Barbara M. Carey-Shuler, Celia Cruz, Dorothy Jenkins Fields, Eunice Watson Liberty, Helen Muir, Beverly Phillips

HONOREES Leticia Callava, Tanya Dawkins, Judith Nelson Drucker, Lynn Leight, Janet R. McAliley, Dianne S. Gaines, María Elena Torano, Jessie Trice, Marisela Verena

1989

PIONEERS Marjory Stoneman Douglas, Yvonne Santa Maria, Athalie Range, Elizabeth Virrick, Alice Wainwright

HONOREES Ann Bishop, Cheryl Brownstein-Santiago, Gloria Estefan, Gill Freeman, Carrie Meek, Queen Chiku N'gozi, Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, Maria Elvira Salazar, Pam Saulsby



PANGEA KALI VIRGA

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Virga has been featured in over 60 publications, exhibited in over a dozen exhibitions, and has been awarded over a dozen grants and residencies. She is currently an Artist In Residence with Oolite Arts.



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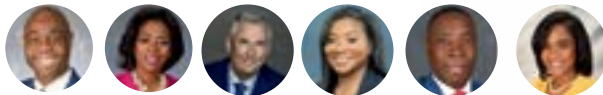
Congratulations to the 2025 recipients of the In the Company of Women Awards. Your dedication to our community is deeply appreciated, and your commitment continues to inspire us all.



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