



The Chamber's legendary two-day planning retreat attracts more than 1,000 business leaders each year to develop the programming and goals that will drive this Chamber and the vision to move this community forward in the coming year. The **Greater Miami Goals Conference**, taking place **May 31-June 1**, is not just another Chamber event, it is the most important event of the year with opportunities to participate in workshops that focus on community and industry development and the Chamber's role in civic leadership while enabling you to showcase your business and network!

For conference information contact Special Events, 305-577-5421 or [spevents@miamichamber.com](mailto:spevents@miamichamber.com).  
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## MAY TRUSTEE LUNCHEON

### *Focus on Education, Spotlight on Nonprofits*

Make plans to attend the Greater Miami Chamber's premiere monthly luncheon on May 2, recognized among the Top 10 executive speaking forums in America. **Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho** will present "A Legacy of Learning."

The luncheon will also feature the **11<sup>th</sup> annual NOVO Awards** recognizing nonprofit organizations whose programs have made a difference. The finalists are (by category):

- *\$2 million and above budget:* **The Foundation for New Education Initiatives, Inc. - The Success Academy; Miami Jewish Health Systems - Channeling; The Posse Foundation - Posse Miami**
- *Under \$2 million budget:* **Miami Art Museum - Education Program; Strong Women, Strong Girls - South Florida Mentoring Program; URGENT, Inc. - Youth Empowerment Program**
- *Outstanding Board Leader:* **Richard Brilliant, FIU Foundation, Inc.; Henry Jimenez, Kiwanis Club of Little Havana, Inc.; Dennis Edwards, New World School of the Arts**

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## D.C. FLY-IN

Business and community leaders joined the Greater Miami Chamber to bring the "Voice of Business in South Florida" to the congressional delegation in Washington, D.C. Meetings with federal agencies, congressional members and staff addressed issues of importance. Chair **Penny Shaffer**, First Vice Chair **Alberto Dosal**, Chair-Elect **Phillis Oeters** capture a moment in front of the White House.



## UPCOMING "BEST IN CLASS" AWARDS PROGRAMS

### R.E.A.L Awards | May 11

The Chamber recognizes Real Estate Achievers and Leaders who have achieved success in the field while also being leaders in the community. Candidates are professionals in the real estate industry: realtors, brokers, developers, architects, attorneys, lenders, accountants, consultants or anyone involved in the real estate industry that meets the award category criteria, whose projects or transactions are based in South Florida. For information contact: Marina Foglia, 305-577-5464 or [mfoglia@miamichamber.com](mailto:mfoglia@miamichamber.com).

### Health Care Heroes® Awards | May 22

The Health Care Heroes® Awards will recognize the collective actions of the individuals, institutions and programs that have made an extraordinary impact in the South Florida healthcare community and whose acts of heroism represent a display of dedication to excellence in their area of expertise beyond the scope of their profession. For information contact: Tania Valenzuela, 305-577-5491 or [tvalenzuela@miamichamber.com](mailto:tvalenzuela@miamichamber.com).

### South Florida Good to Great Awards® | June 1

The South Florida Good To Great Awards® recognize companies based in South Florida that embody ideas from Jim Collins' best-selling business book, "Good to Great." While the context of the award is based on the book, the award criteria have been localized to reflect the uniqueness of South Florida. The 2012 award recipients will be announced at an awards luncheon during the Greater Miami Chamber's annual Goals Conference at the Hilton Miami Downtown. For information contact Cornelia Pereira, 305-577-5432 or [cpereira@miamichamber.com](mailto:cpereira@miamichamber.com).

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# CELEBRATING SOUTH FLORIDA'S TOP 100 MINORITY BUSINESSES



*The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce 2012 Top 100 Minority Business Awards® winners*

The Greater Miami Chamber honored the winners of its Top 100 Minority Business Awards® at Jungle Island. Emceed by CBS Miami's **Shannon Hori**, the awards luncheon showcased South Florida's minority business community and their steadfast spirit of entrepreneurship in spite of today's sometimes turbulent marketplace. The recipients included businesses from a variety of industries, showcasing the region's rich diversity: *Community Involvement - Lemartec Engineering & Construction Corp. (small company) and Britto Central, Inc. (large company)*; *Emerging Business of the Year - Hudson & Calleja, LLC*; *On The Map -- Miami and Beyond - Brightstar Corp.*; *Outstanding CEO of the Year - Jose L. Prendes of PureFormulas.com*; *Outstanding Minority Business of the Year - Avila Rodriguez Hernandez Mena & Ferri LLP (small company) and MasTec, Inc. (large company)*; and *Business Corporate Champion - Arise Virtual Solutions, Inc.*

**The Chamber also recognized the following finalists:** A&P Consulting Transportation Engineers, Corp.; Acevedo & Associates LLP; Adonel Concrete; All Florida Paper, Inc.; American Care, Inc./American Care of South Florida; Ascendant Commercial Insurance; Avery Glass and Mirror; Beacon Hill Property Group; Bel Incorporated; CareerXChange; Cherokee Enterprises, Inc. (CEI); Chispa Marketing, Inc.; Circle of One Marketing; The Closing Company Inc.; Colonial Press International, Inc.; Commercial Interior Contractors, Corp.; Compuquip Technologies, Inc.; Concepcion Martinez & Bellido; Cube Care Company; Data Services Corp. (DATACORP); Delancyhill, P.A.; Design Management Services; Designer's Specialty Millwork; DG Design Studios; DLG Engineering, Inc.; Don Camaron Seafood, Grill & Market; Dosal Tobacco Corporation; Efficient Laboratories, Inc.; Elder Alternatives, Inc.; The Executive Hunters Group; Express Travel; EyMaq, Inc.; Franyie Engineers, Inc.; Future Force Personnel; Global Cargo Alliance; Gossett Marketing; Greater Miami Investments, Inc.; Gutiérrez & Franco LLP; Headquarter Toyota; Imagery Creative; Infante Zumpano; Insurance Marketers, Inc.; Interactive Blue LLC; International Consulting Group, Inc.; International Restaurant Management Group; Invizio, LLC; Landry & Kling, Cruise Events; Law Office of Alexis Gonzalez; LEASA Industries Co., Inc.; Link Construction Group; Logistical Outsourcing, Inc.; Lopez & Partners, LLC; M. Gill & Associates, Inc.; Marmol Export, U.S.A.; Mars Contractors Inc.; MCM; Medica HealthCare Plans; Mercadagro International Corporation (MIC Food Division); Metro Ford; Millenium Natural Health Products, Inc.; National Concrete Preservation, Inc.; Navarro Discount Pharmacy; Nova Consulting, Inc.; NQuery Telecom Solutions; Original Impressions, LLC; The Pepsom Group, Inc.; Perez-Abreu, Aguerrebere, Sueiro, & Torres P.L.; Perry Ellis International; Peter's Luxury Designs, LLC; Picasso Embroidery Systems; Plaza Glass; Precision Trading Corp.; Preferred Care Partners; Premiere Design Solutions, Inc.; rbb Public Relations; República; Revo Payments; Rojas Law Firm, LLP; Safari Ltd.; Sanson, Kline, Jacomino, Tandoc & Gamarra, LLP; Skintique Miami; Skyline Equities Realty; Solo Printing, Inc.; South Florida Boxing; SRS Engineering, Inc.; Sushi Maki Restaurants; T&S Roofing Systems, Inc.; Tamayo Engineering, LLC; Thornton Construction Company, Inc.; United Data Technologies (UDT); Verdeja & De Armas, LLP; Victoria & Associates Career Services, Inc.; VSBrooks ADVERTISING; VSI Nearshore Outsourcing; Link Construction Group; Miami-Dade Expressway Authority; United Data Technologies (UDT)

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