

## OIC of South Florida Middle Class Summit – October 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

### Thought Leaders for Middle Class Summit



**Alcee L. Hastings**  
Congressman  
Florida's 20th District

Congressman Alcee Hastings was first elected in 1992 as the first African-American from Florida since the post-Civil War era. He represents District 20, which includes parts of Broward, Palm Beach, and Hendry Counties. The “Judge”, as he is known, is a distinguished attorney, civil rights activist, judge and currently, a Member of Congress.

Congressman Hastings graduated from Fisk University in 1958. He earned his law degree from Florida A&M University in Tallahassee.



**Ted Deutch**  
Congressman  
Florida's 21<sup>st</sup> District

Congressman Ted Deutch, serves the 21<sup>st</sup> district of Florida. As a member of the House Judiciary Committee, Ted works to defend voting rights and protect election integrity. He also serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, where he plays a leadership role Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa Subcommittee.

Congressman Deutch is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of Michigan Law School.



**Oscar Braynon II**  
State Senator  
Florida's 36<sup>th</sup> District

Oscar Braynon II, one of the youngest politicians ever elected in Miami-Dade County, became a Florida Senator on March 1, 2011. He has served as the Democratic Minority Whip from 2012-2014. Before being elected into the Senate, Mr. Braynon served as a State Representative for 3 years and was a Council member and Vice Mayor for the City of Miami Gardens.

Senator Braynon graduated from Florida State University in 2000, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Political Science.



**J. David Armstrong, Jr.**  
President  
Broward College

Appointed as President of Broward College in 2007, President Armstrong has more than 31 years of experience as a leader in higher education and economic development. As the sixth president of Broward College, he oversees one of the largest and most diverse institutions in America, with more than 63,000 students across three campuses and 12 centers in South Florida.

President Armstrong received his Master in Management from Troy State University and his Bachelor in Social Science from the University of Montevallo in his home state of Alabama.



**Rick Beasley**  
Exec. Director  
CareerSource South Florida

Since August 2005, Mr. Beasley has served as the executive director of CareerSource South Florida. In this position, he oversees workforce programs in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties with an operating budget of \$75 million. Mr. Beasley has provided leadership for a number of important workforce initiatives including the development of an On-line Balance Scorecard, the Miami-Dade County First Source Ordinance and the Employed Worker Training program, to name just a few.

Executive Director Beasley received his Bachelor of Science in Economics from Lincoln University and his Master in Public Administration from University of Missouri-Columbia.



**Robert B. Crawford**  
Director  
Atlantic Tech

Originally from Pennsylvania, Director Crawford has over 48 years of experience in all areas of Career, Technical and Adult Education. A graduate of FAU, he started his educational career as a high school marketing teacher for Broward county. In 1980 he became principal of vocational, technical and adult off-campus education. He was named director of Atlantic Technical College and Technical High School in 1987 and has helped the school become Florida's largest postsecondary technical college in the State of Florida.

Mr. Crawford not only is responsible for the coordination and supervision of all Workforce Education initiatives for the Workforce Technical schools in Broward County, but he is also the Liaison to the Florida Department of Education as well as the State Legislative and Budget Teams.



**Dr. Henry B. Fernandez**  
Chancellor and CEO  
University of Fort Lauderdale  
Bishop  
Faith Center Ministries

In 1988, Dr. Fernandez became an ordained minister and went through the ranks of becoming a Bishop. He founded the Plantation Worship Center in July of 1991 in the cafeteria of a local elementary school in south Florida with only 11 members. Now known as The Faith Center, the church has grown to more than 10,000 members.

Dr. Fernandez also founded The University of Fort Lauderdale, a non-denominational Christian institute that offers degrees on the associate, bachelors, masters and doctoral levels. He is the author of 15 books with his latest release, "Seize Your God Moments."



**James Donnelly**  
Board Chair  
Broward Workshop

Mr. Donnelly is on the Executive Board of Broward Workshop and Founder and CEO of the Castle Group, one of the most successful property services firms in the community association industry - which has locations in Jacksonville, Tampa, Bonita Springs and Plantation, Fla. He has over 25 years of experience serving Community Associations. He is a CPA, investor and currently invested in and advising four start-up companies. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame at Nova Southeastern University's H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship in 2014.



**Dr. Penny Shaffer**  
Market President  
Florida Blue  
Board Chair  
Greater Fort Lauderdale  
Alliance

Before serving as the Market President at Florida Blue, Ms. Shaffer served as Vice President of Global Services for the Americas with AT&T. Not only is she active in the community through memberships she holds with United Way of Miami-Dade and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, but she has also served as past chair and board member of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Shaffer, in addition, is an adjunct professor with the University of Miami School of Business.

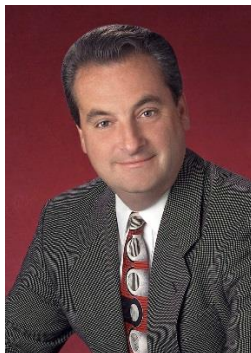
President Shaffer received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Frostburg University and an International Executive Master of Business Administration from Fordham University. She also holds a Ph.D. in International Business Administration from Kennedy-Western University.



**Larry K. Williams**  
President and CEO  
The Beacon Council

Larry K. Williams began working with The Beacon Council in 2013 after a nationwide search. He is a recognized leader in economic development, with more than 20 years of experience in international trade and finance, global branding and management. He is responsible for the creation and implementation of the public-private partnership strategy back in 1985, which attracted companies to Miami-Dade County.

Mr. Williams is a graduate of North Carolina State University and the Darlington School. He has also studied in Costa Rica and speaks Spanish.



**James F. Allen**  
CEO  
Seminole Gaming

Mr. James Allen led the development team for Seminole Hard Rock Hotels & Casinos in Tampa and Hollywood. He has more than 34 years of experience in the gaming industry. As Chairman of Hard Rock International, he oversees all operations, including Hard Rock's cafes, hotels, casinos, memorabilia and live concerts all around the world.

Mr. Allen has previously held executive positions with Trump Organization, Hilton Hotels & Resorts and Sun International.



**Beatrice Louissaint**  
President & CEO  
Florida State Minority Supplier  
Development Council

Ms. Louissaint is the President & CEO of the Florida State Minority Supplier Development Council (FSMSDC). The mission of the FSMSDC is to foster the growth of minority businesses. The Council acts as a liaison between Corporate Members and Minority Business Enterprises. Ms. Louissaint has helped shape state-wide policy for minority business advancement. She was hand-picked by Governor Bush as Vice Chair of the One Florida Accountability Commission.

Ms. Louissaint has received many awards and recognitions for community service. She is a member of the Orange Bowl Committee, International Women's Forum and the Miami Biscayne Bay Chapter of the Links, Incorporated and serves on the boards of Miami-Dade College Foundation, Little Haiti Optimist Club and the Miami Bayside Foundation.



**Jean Monestime**  
Chairman  
Miami-Dade County  
Commissioner

Chairman Jean Monestime is the first Haitian-American to serve on the Board of County Commissioners, first being elected to District 2 in 2010. As representative of portions of Miami, North Miami, North Miami Beach, Opa-Locka, and various unincorporated areas of Miami-Dade County, he serves more than 2.5 million people.

Chairman Monestime has an MBA from the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship at Nova Southeastern University and a Bachelor in Finance from Florida International University.



**Leroy Jones**  
President  
Neighbors and Neighbors  
Association

Mr. Jones, originally from Savannah, Georgia, moved to Miami with his family when he was 9 years old. He spent some time in prison, and as a returning citizen, started Neighbors and Neighbors Association (NANA) in 1995 in his family's grocery store. NANA assists businesses and startup businesses in underserved communities throughout Miami-Dade County.

Mr. Jones has received several awards including the 1998 Medal of Merit Award from Miami-Dade County and the 2010 African-American Achievers Award from JM Family for his entrepreneurship.



**Jose Felix Diaz**  
State Representative  
Florida's District 116

Representative Diaz has served in the House since 2010. He is the Vice-Chair of the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation which headed legislation to create \$500 million of tax relief for middle-class families. He is a government law attorney for Akerman LLP, which has been ranked one of the top 100 law firms in the United States.

Representative Diaz received his Bachelor of Arts in English and Political Science from the University of Miami and his Juris Doctorate from Columbia University School of Law.



**Jacqueline Freeman**  
Unit Chief  
Reintegration of Ex-Offenders,  
U.S. Dept. of Labor

Jacqueline R. Freeman serves as Unit Chief for Reentry Employment Services (REO) at the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). Prior to accepting her position at the Department of Labor, Jacqui served as Operations Manager for the District of Columbia's Welfare to Work program and was instrumental in the development of Project Empowerment II, which provides training and employment opportunities to formerly incarcerated individuals.

Ms. Freeman is an alumna of the University of Maryland, where she received her B.S. in Political Science and Public Administration. She also studied at Troy State University in the Masters of Public Policy program.



**Cindy Arenberg-Seltzer**  
President and CEO  
Children's Services Council of  
Broward

Cindy Arenberg-Seltzer is the first President and CEO of the Children's Services Council of Broward County. In this position she works to transform the lives of young people through a focus on supporting proven programs delivered by more than 100 "provider" agencies. Before taking on her role at the Children's Services Council, she served as the Director of the Children's Services Administration Division for Broward County.

Mrs. Arenberg-Seltzer holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of California at Irvine, a Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center, and an MPA from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.



**Nan Rich**  
Chair  
Coordinating Council of  
Broward (CCB)

Nan Rich is recognized as one of the most passionate and dedicated members of the Florida Legislature. She was first elected to the State Senate in 2004 after serving 2 terms in the House of Representatives. She was the first woman to be elected Senate Democratic Leader, a position she has held from 2010 until November 2012.

Mrs. Rich's community involvement includes years of advocacy and activism on behalf of women, children and families. She served as the National President of the National Council of Jewish Women and a Member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Council in Washington, D.C. A long-time Florida resident, Ms. Rich attended the University of Florida.



**Pastor Wayne Lomax**  
Lead Pastor  
The Fountain of New Life  
Ministries

Pastor Wayne Lomax serves as the Senior Pastor of The Fountain of New Life in Miami Gardens. Formerly the pastor and founder of The Fountain of Pembroke Pines, Pastor Lomax spearheaded the union of two local congregations into one church.

Pastor Lomax graduated from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served as pastor of the York Street Baptist Church in Louisville, KY and Assistant Pastor of the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Fort Lauderdale.



**Richard Berman**  
Vice-Chair  
Board of Directors, OIC  
Dean of the Patel College of  
Global Sustainability

Mr. Berman is a global leader in health care education and management. He has worked both with the federal government as well the State of New York in numerous capacities to improve the areas of healthcare and education. In 1995 he was selected as the tenth president of Manhattanville College in Purchase, New York. During his time there he was able to turn the struggling college into a top ranked liberal arts college. He has also served as New York State Commissioner of Housing and Economic Development.

He is currently a member of the Institute of Medicine at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, DC, as well as various committees and centers all over the world.

Mr. Berman attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, receiving a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1966, a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Public Health in 1968.





**Katherine J. Sosa**  
Senior Associate of  
Neil Katz and Associates

Ms. Sosa serves as an adjunct professor for Syracuse University. She is committed to mainstreaming conflict management skills and increasing emotional intelligence competency in the workplace. She has recently been published in the Conflict Resolution Quarterly academic journal on the positive impact of Experiential Learning for professionals in Group Relations.

Ms. Sosa graduated from Nova Southeastern University with bachelor degrees in International Affairs and Political Science, a Master in Conflict Analysis and Resolution and is completing a Ph.D. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution.



**Donovan Lee-Sin**  
Community and Neighborhood  
Services Officer  
The Children's Trust

Mr. Lee-Sin's team at The Children's Trust manages investments that serve children/youth and their families. These investments include programs in youth development, family and neighborhood supports, the 211 helpline, community engagement, funder collaboration and special projects. Previously, Mr. Lee-Sin worked with the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation in Atlanta, Georgia, as senior program officer where he oversaw grant initiatives.

Mr. Lee-Sin received a Bachelor in Psychology and a Bachelor in Business Administration from Belhaven University in Mississippi and a Master in Public Administration, specializing in urban development and management from Florida International University.