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**ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

With the rise of remote work and the gig economy, especially in response to COVID-19, we will highlight new industry pathways designed to create conduits of economic mobility and independence. What innovative approaches can we take to build business and generate income through traditional and non-traditional methods?

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Chairman Marcellus W. Osceola Jr. is the elected chairman of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, one of the most successful Native American tribes in the United States. The Seminole Tribe of Florida has more than 4,300 enrolled members, and is headquartered in Hollywood, Florida with reservations in many parts of the state.

Osceola was elected Chairman of the Seminole Tribe in 2016 and re-elected to a full four-year term in May of 2019. He is the seventh elected Chairman since the Tribe adopted its constitution in 1957. As Chairman, Marcellus Osceola heads an elected five-person Tribal Council which oversees all government and gaming operations of the Seminole Tribe of Florida.
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Byna Elliott is devoted to caring for communities. Her decades-long career in banking centers around reinvesting to improve the economic plight of the vulnerable. As the Head of Advancing Black Pathways for JPMorgan Chase, Elliott’s mission is to strengthen the economic foundation of the Black community and bring shrinkage to the racial wealth divide.

By focusing on targeted investments and programs under the firm’s diversity and inclusion framework, Elliott leads the Advancing Black Pathways global efforts surrounding Careers & Skills, Financial Health & Wealth Creation, Business Growth & Entrepreneurship and Community Development.

Prior to JPMC, Elliott was the chief architect behind the success of Fifth Third Bank’s landmark five-year $32 billion investment in underserved communities nationwide from 2015 – 2020. As Chief Enterprise Responsibility Officer at Fifth Third, Elliott oversaw the firm’s corporate social responsibility functions which included environmental sustainability, philanthropic giving, ethical business practices and economic responsibility.

A native Detroiter, Elliott openly shares of growing up poor while being raised by her single mother and grandmother. Despite their lack of strong sense of community and concern for others. This foundational lesson and example stuck. Today Elliott intentionally continues her grandmother’s legacy both professionally and personally. Her hard work is heart-work. She has brought hope and real impact to hurting communities in measurable ways for more than two decades.

Elliott and husband Tony reside in Michigan with their two children.

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In 2021, Michael Udine was sworn in as the Mayor of Broward County in addition to his duties as commissioner representing the Northwest Broward cities of Coral Springs, North Lauderdale, Parkland, Sunrise and Tamarac.

Michael Udine was elected to serve as the Broward County Commissioner for District 3 in November 2016 and was re-elected in 2020. From 2003-2016, he proudly served the City of Parkland, first as a City Commissioner and then Mayor. As Mayor, he is focused on expanding opportunities for small businesses, attracting new industries to our community, and public safety to build a bright future for all residents of Broward County. In addition, Michael has been a partner for the past 25 years at the law firm of Udine & Udine, which maintains its office in District 3 in Northwest Broward. The firm focuses on real estate, insurance subrogation and banking law.

Michael and his wife Stacey reside in Parkland, Florida. They have three children who all attended local public schools in District 3. His two sons, David and Matt, and daughter Lexi have all attended the University of Florida. Michael has dedicated himself to his family, professional, and elected life within his community.
Daniella Levine Cava was elected Miami-Dade County’s first-ever woman Mayor in November 2020. She enters the Mayor’s office following a 40-year career as a relentless advocate for South Florida families in public service and elected leadership.

As Miami-Dade County’s Mayor, she oversees a metropolitan government with more than 28,000 employees serving nearly 3 million residents, managing an annual budget of approximately $9 billion.

Mayor Levine Cava’s administration is focused on building a stronger, more inclusive, more resilient Miami-Dade: prioritizing reforms to make our county safer and prevent gun violence through the Peace and Prosperity Plan; restoring and reinvigorating a thriving economy that delivers economic security for Miami-Dade businesses and families and attracts new industries; saving Biscayne Bay and building and protecting our environment; and directly engaging with residents to make local government more responsive, transparent, and accountable.

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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Lenita Jacobs-Simmons is currently the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) at the Department of Labor. Lenita has over 30 years of experience in workforce development programs. Currently, she is responsible for several major agency programs including Apprenticeship and Job Corps and oversees the operations of ETA’s six regional offices. Lenita is a graduate of Temple University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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The Host Committee is a remarkable representation of excellence in ideation and actualization. This is how organizations like OIC of South Florida are supported in our work to develop individuals, undergird communities, and innovate positive change. The actionable solutions, best practices, and leadership that will develop as a result of the Middle Class Summit will determine the health, strength, and prosperity of our South Florida communities and beyond, today and in the future.

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