



connect
FLORIDA
DAY @ THE CAPITOL 2017

Thursday, February 9th

3:30 pm – 4:45 pm

*Doubletree Hotel
Lobby*

Arrival and Event Registration

4:45 pm

*Doubletree Hotel
101 S Adams St, Tallahassee, FL*

Depart from Doubletree lobby – Walk to Historic Capitol

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Networking Reception at the Historic Capitol

6:30 pm

Bus to Hotel Duval

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm

*Hotel Duval
8th Floor Horizon Ballroom*

Event Registration Continues

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Welcome Dinner

Welcome to Tallahassee!

*Chester Spellman (Connect IV)
Chair, Connect Florida
Chief Executive Officer, Volunteer Florida*

Connect Day at the Capitol Overview

*Merdochey T. LaFrance (Connect VI)
Statewide Outreach Chair, Connect Florida
Director, Government Relations & Public Affairs, City
Year Miami*

The Leadership Florida Experience

*The Honorable Shevrin Jones (Class XXXII)
State Representative, District 101*

*Jeff Wahlen (Class XXI)
Chair, Leadership Florida
Attorney/Shareholder, Ausley & McMullen, P.A.*

9:00 pm

Bus Returns to Doubletree or Continue
Networking at Level 8!

Friday, February 10th

7:15 am

Doubletree Hotel

Meet in the Hotel Lobby

7:15 am

Walk to the Capitol

7:30 am – 8:00 am

*Cabinet Room Foyer
State Capitol Lower Level*

Breakfast

8:00 am – 8:45 am

*Cabinet Room
State Capitol Lower Level*

Welcome to Tallahassee Breakfast

*The Honorable Andrew Gillum (CLF IV, Class XXX)
Mayor, City of Tallahassee*

8:45 am – 9:05 am

*Senate President Joe Negron
Florida State Senate*

9:05 am – 9:25 am

*The Honorable Jose Felix Diaz (Class XXXIV)
State Representative, District 116*

9:25 am – 10:00 am

Break
Sponsored by Fresh from Florida

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Constitution Revision Commission Panel

Moderator:

*GC Murray (Connect VII)
Deputy General Counsel, Florida Justice Association*

Panelists:

- *Sandy D'Alemberte*
President Emeritus of The Florida State University
- *Dan Nordby (Connect VI)*
Partner, Shutts & Bowen LLP
- *Carol Weissert (Class XXVIII)*
Director, LeRoy Collins Institute, FSU

11:00 am – 11:45 am

Media & Politics Panel

Moderator: *Jon Peck*

Vice President of Public Relations, Sachs Media Group

Panelists:

- *Mary Ellen Klas (Class XXXIII)*
Tallahassee Bureau Chief, Miami Herald
- *Matt Dixon*
Senior Reporter, POLITICO
- *Steve Bousquet*
Capital Bureau Chief, Tampa Bay Times
- *Allison Nielsen*
Reporter, Sunshine State News

11:45 am – 12:30 pm

Florida 2030

Mark Wilson (Class XXVI)

President, Florida Chamber of Commerce

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
22nd Floor

A View from the Top

Lunch on the 22nd Floor of the Capitol

1:45 pm – 2:30 pm
*State Capitol Lower Level
Cabinet Room*

I'm a Real-Life Lobbyist

Moderator: *Andrew Fay (Connect IV)*

Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

Panelists:

- *Gus Corbella (Class XXXIV)*
*Senior Director of Government Law & Policy,
Greenberg Traurig*
- *Ashley Kalifeh*
Consultant, Capital City Consulting
- *Eli Nortelus*
Public Policy Advisor, Akerman

- *Dr. Jeff Sharkey (Class VIII)*
President, Capitol Alliance Group

2:45 pm – 4:15 pm
House Chamber
4th Floor

Private Tour and Mock Session in the Florida House Chamber

- *The Honorable Nick Duran (Connect VI)*
State Representative, District 11

4:15 pm

Next Steps with Connect!

Alex Price (Connect III)
Chair- Elect, Connect Florida

4:30 pm

Final Picture on the Capitol Steps - Adjourn