

e-Cast



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Special e-Cast, Summer 2016

NEW PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to the new Leadership Florida Class XXXV, Connect Florida Institute Class VII and Leadership in Education Class II participants!

LF Class XXXV

Glenn Adams	John Gill	Rahul Kothari	Frank Rygiel
Bill Barker	Xavi Gonzalez	Lonnie Maier	Robin Safley
Christine Barney	Karin Grablin	David Maymon	Rosa Schechter
Doug Bartel	Kate Grangard	Rich McEvily	John Schmieding
Diana Bolivar	Virginia Hall	Victoria Mendez	Randy Shoemaker
Brian Butler	Sherod Halliburton	Pam Nabors	Mary Rose Sirianni
Tim Cartwright	Barry Issenberg	Sophia Nelson	Stephanie Spell
David Childs	Kristin Jacobs	David Nicholson	Marc Spoto
David Christian	Joni James	Sean Parks	Michael Stephens
John Classe, Jr.	Jordana Jarjura	Gabriel Quave	Matt Surrency
Jackie Cornelius	Dawn Kernagis	Gary Resnick	Ed Tancer
Henri Crockett	Pat Kilbane, Jr.	Isabelle Rodriguez	Bill Truex
Marie DeSanctis	Stephanie Kissinger	Jose Romano	Steve Vancore
Marilyn Drayton	Derek Koger	Christine Ruiz	Katus Watson

To view LF Class XXXV's roster click [here](#).

Connect Institute Class VII

Crystal Agnew	Ian Cotner, Esq.	Faequa Khan	Adriana Moreno Kostencki
Matt Anderson	Anna Eskamani	Ryan King	G.C. Murray, Esq.
Chris Benvenuto	Kyle Evans	Tony Lee, III	Cara Perry
Glen Bishop	Sandra Fine	Matt Leopold	Alisha Pieraccini
Freddy Branham	Ben Gibson	Frederick Longmire	Yasodha Ratnasekera
Matt Brockelman	Francisco Gonzalez	Cee Cee Marinelli	Meredith Rollo
H. French Brown	Jessica Goodwin Costello	Merritt Martin	Jonathan Schwartz
Beth Bryant	Matt Grosack	Santosh Mathew	Beth Smith
Laura Cantwell	Phillip Hamilton	Kyle Matthews	Mikhaile Solomon
Liz Castro DeWitt	Evelyn Hernandez	Jack Melincoff	Justin Thames
James Chan	Nelson Hernandez	Fran Menes	Nicole Washington
Gretchen Clarke	Kelly Jordan		

To view Connect Institute VII's roster click [here](#).

Leadership in Education Class II

Amy Archer	Cindy Gates	Susan McManus	Keith Simmons
Cathy Beaudoin	Angel Gomez	Andrea Messina	Marianne Simon
Willie Brewster, Jr.	Ben Henry	Larry Miller	David Struhs
Stacy Burdette	Russel Hughes	Kristy Moody	Malcolm Thomas
Paul Burns	Linda Kobert	Sonya Morris	Gina Tovine
Margarita Castellon	Bev Kurak	Rick Myhre	Andy Tuck
Stacy Chambers	Christina Lambert	Jacob Oliva	Michele White, CAE
Mandy Clark	Nancy Logan	Keith Peters	Erica Whitfield
Jose Dotres	Jamie McCalvin	Paul Puletti	Darryl Willie
Debra Faulk	Diane McKee	Nardi Routten	

To view Leadership in Education Class II's roster click [here](#).

REGIONAL WELCOME RECEPTIONS

Please join Leadership Florida members and staff to welcome your newest Regional class members! By now you should have received an invite to your regional event. Please click on your region to RSVP!

[Gulfstream](#) - August 24, bowling at Revolutions from 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Calusa - August 25, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at Northern Trust from 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Northeast - August 30, Sweet Pete's from 5:30pm - 8:00pm

Northwest - September 7, lunch at the Governor's Club from 11:30am - 1:00pm

West Central - September, 7 at The Beck Group's Rooftop from 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Southeast - September 7, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at Sushi Maki from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Southwest - September 8, drinks and hors d'oeuvres at Paradise Wine from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Gold Coast - September 8, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at Boatyard from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

East Central - September 13, drinks and hors d'oeuvres at the Orlando Science Center from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

New members, please email mcorlew@leadershipflorida.org to RSVP for your welcome reception.

Want to know what regional events are happening throughout the state? You can always check our events page on our website: <http://www.leadershipflorida.org/events>

PROGRAM DATES & LOCATIONS

Click [here](#) to view the dates and locations for LF Class XXXV's events

Click [here](#) to view the dates and locations for Connect Institute Class VII's events

Click [here](#) to view the dates and locations for Education Class II's events

CLASS XXXV PROGRAM CHAIR, CARLOS GARCIA



**Miami Office Managing Partner
Hancock Askew & Co., LLP**

Carlos F. Garcia is the Miami Office Managing Partner of Hancock Askew & Co. Since 1910, Hancock Askew has been a full service tax, audit, accounting and consulting firm providing support to an array of clients throughout the Southeast ranging from emerging businesses, large corporations, nonprofit organizations and publicly traded companies. Carlos is a Certified Public Accountant and began his career at Deloitte & Touche, LLP and has since gained significant experience in the areas of auditing, merger and acquisition assistance and consulting as it relates primarily to real estate, healthcare, restaurants and hospitality, manufacturing, not-for-profits, professional services and technology.

Carlos was born and raised in Miami, Florida, attended Belen Jesuit Preparatory School, performed undergraduate studies at the University of Miami and his MBA studies from Florida International University. Carlos is heavily involved in the community, in various civic and charitable organizations. He recently completed his 3 year term as Chair of the Coral Gables Community Foundation and is a current Board Member. He's a Member of the Board of Directors of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Executive Committee, Member of the Board of the Directors of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors of the Coral Gables Art Cinema and member of the Orange Bowl Committee. Carlos lives in Miami with his wife, Debbie Garcia La Rocca, and five children, Nicolas, Dannielle, Victoria, Alexandra, and Amelia.

"I hold the position of Program Chair in the highest regard. It is a position that carries much responsibility and I am proud to say that this year we will have a fantastic representation of people from all over the 9 regions of the state, all kinds of professions, and of various backgrounds and races. We will not only be celebrating a milestone for Leadership Florida (35th annual class) but also celebrating the many, many years of service of our President, Wendy Walker, who will be retiring at the end of our fiscal year.

This year we will be focusing on the examination of the obstacles and opportunities facing Florida now and in the future. We will look to our past and examine some of the key items that helped Florida transition and persevere to become one of the top 5 states in the union. We will tie in many of these different obstacles and opportunities to each of the class sessions in the 5 different cities/regions we visit throughout the class year. We want to make sure that with the active participation of our class members, the program will continuously evolve to bring the most value to all involved.

Like any great organization, teamwork is of the utmost importance. We will be successful because of the contributions of our presenters, the support of our Leadership Florida alumni and leadership team, guidance of our past Program Chair, Jeff Johnson, and of course all of the hard work and leadership of our Director of Programs, Rachel Massey, and all of her Leadership Florida colleagues." - Carlos Garcia

CONNECT CLASS VII PROGRAM CHAIR, KEITH FLETCHER



**Executive Director & Vice President
City Year Miami**

Keith "Fletch" Fletcher currently serves as the Executive Director and Vice President at City Year Miami. Beyond a personal connection to the issue, Keith knows that educational access has never been more important- for the vitality of our community, for the preparedness of the workforce, for the strength of our economy and for the future of our nation. Prior to joining City Year he served as the Executive Director at uAspire and Assistant Vice President for Engagement at Florida International University. He worked closely on the creation of The Education Effect, an initiative to create a university-assisted community school and drive educational achievement in Liberty City. Fletch also held numerous roles at the University of Miami, including serving as the Director of the William R. Butler Center for Volunteer Service and Leadership Development from 2005 to 2011.

Fletch's additional past involvements include the Leadership Miami Program Chair (2012 & 2013) with the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. He currently serves as the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Education Chair and Co-Chair of the CONNECT Florida Institute. Fletch received his B.A. in Speech Communication/Public Relations from James Madison University and his M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Georgia.

"I am honored by the opportunity to serve as institute chair for CONNECT Class VII - an impressive group of diverse leaders across industries with remarkable talent, experience and, more importantly, passion for the future of Florida. Our aim is to build upon the program's tremendous legacy of educating participants on the biggest opportunities and obstacles on Florida's horizon, actively engaging them with the leadership and "treasures" of each of our host cities and finally inspiring collaboration, connection and commitment to helping our great state realize its potential in the years to come." - Keith Fletcher

2016-2017 REGIONAL CHAIRS

- **Calusa** - Ashley Brown (Class XXXI)
- **East Central** - Cathy Brown-Butler (Class XXXIII)
- **Gold Coast** - Ray Monteleone (Class IV)
- **Gulfstream** - Cour Curatolo (Class XXVII)
- **Northeast** - Mike Freed (Class XXXIII)
- **Northwest** - Jennifer Grove (Class XXXIII)
- **Southeast** - Danielle Price (Class XXXII)
- **Southwest** - Charles Chapman (Class XXXIII)
- **West Central** - David Capece (Class XXXIII)

Connect Institute Regional Chairs

- **Calusa** - Randal Vosburg (Connect Institute VI)
- **East Central** - Vinnie Taranto (Connect Institute V)
- **Gold Coast** - Tim Hogans (Connect Institute VI)
- **Gulfstream** - Andrew Comiter (Connect Institute VI)
- **Northeast** - April Patterson (Connect Institute V)
- **Northwest** - Samantha Sexton (Connect Institute V)
- **Southeast** - Alex Dominguez (Connect Institute VI)
- **Southwest** - Tina Ekblad (Connect Institute V)
- **West Central** - Ned Pope (Connect Institute V)

Mark your calendar for September 20th - 21st!

In a few weeks, you will have the opportunity to double (or even triple!) the impact of your giving to Leadership Florida! On **September 20-21st** Leadership Florida is participating in a 24 Hour Giving Challenge, and **every gift will be matched up to \$100 per donor and new gifts will be matched 2:1, up to \$200 per donor!** Watch your inbox for a special link to use for the Challenge.

The 2016 Giving Challenge is made possible by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County (Roxie Jerde, Executive VII & John Annis XXXII) and The Patterson Foundation (Debra Jacob, X) with support from the William G. and Marie Selby Foundation, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Manatee Community Foundation, and the Herald-Tribune Media Group.

