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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Intersection of Business & Government

Thursday, August 21, 2025

The Biltmore Hotel | Coral Gables

5:30 PM

George E. Merrick Awards of Excellence Dinner & Auction

Presented By: The Allen Morris Company

Merrick-in-the-Making Presented By: City National
Bank of Florida

Friday, August 22, 2025

The Biltmore Hotel | Coral Gables

7:30 AM

Good Morning Coral Gables Kickoff Breakfast

Sponsor: Amerant Bank

Featuring:



Raymond Rodriguez-Torres
Chair of the Board, Live Like Bella

9:30 AM

Breakout Session I

Preserving the Florida Environment

Featuring:

- Charles Henrick, Amazon
- Ron Magill, Zoo Miami
- Angelica Santibanez, Amazon, Florida & LATAM
- Bradley Watson, The Everglades Foundation

Moderated By:

- Kellie Ralston, Bonefish & Tarpon Trust

10:20 AM

Breakout Session II

State of Florida Legislative Round-Up

Featuring:

- Representative Omar Blanco
- Representative Demi Busatta
- Senator Shervin Jones
- Representative Mike Redondo
- Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez

Moderated By:

- Adrian Nuñez, University of Miami

11 AM

Breakout Session III

The Future of Transportation

Featuring:

- Javier Betancourt, Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust
- Eulois Cleckley, Underline
- Lizzie Pittinger, Uber

Moderated By:

- Jose Fuentes, Becker & Poliakoff

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Annual Conference Luncheon

Sponsor: Nicklaus Children's Hospital

Featuring:



Jay Collins

Lieutenant Governor | State of Florida

1:50 PM

Breakout Session IV

Doing Business With the County & City

Featuring:

- Mayor Vince Lago, City of Coral Gables
- Commissioner Natalie Orbis, Miami-Dade County, District 6
- Brian Van Hook, Small Business Development Center at Florida International University

Moderated By:

- Alyn Fernandez, U.S. Small Business Administration

2:35 PM

Breakout Session V

Fireside Chat

Featuring:

- President Jeanette Nunez, Florida International University

In Conversation With:

- Maria D. Garcia, Chair-Elect, CGCC
Partner, Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton

3:20 PM

Closing Session

GOOOAAALLL! 2026 World Cup

Featuring:

- Alina Hudak, FIFA World Cup 2026
- Raymond Martinez, FIFA World Cup 2026

Moderated By:

- Andrés Cantor, Telemundo

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