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DIAMOND AWARDS

The Diamond Awards is the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce's signature award program for the top companies in the community. The award was established in 1997 to recognize companies that provide quality products and services, while investing time and resources into the improvement of its people and community outreach. The award ceremony takes place each November.

Previous Winners Include:

2025: Stemtree of Coral Gables (Child Care/ Education), Day Pitney LLP (Law Firm), South Florida Holiday Decorators (Diamond-in-the-Rough), Smash Pixel Studio (Family-Owned Business), Albany Homes Construction (Woman-Owned Business), American Legion Post 98 (Small Non-Profit), Carve & Burn Designs (Small Business), Constellation Group/The Boschetti Group (Real Estate), Truluck's Oceans Finest Seafood & Crab (Hospitality Entity/ Restaurant Business), Florida International University Foundation (Large Non-Profit Business), Avante Insurance Group LLC (Large Business), Coral Gables Senior High School (Special Recognition), City of Coral Gables | University of Miami | The Biltmore Hotel (Centennial Honorees), J.P. Faber, Coral Gables Magazine (Business Leader of the Year Award Honoree), Willy A. Bermello, Bermello, Ajamil & Partners (Legacy Award Honoree)

2024: Cici Skincare (Outstanding Retailer Award), Coral Gables Adult Continuing Education Center (Outstanding Child Care/ Education Award), Doctors Hospital Baptist Health (Centennial Honoree), Quintana Law (Outstanding Law Firm Award), Marbella Perfumes (Outstanding Diamond-in-the-Rough Award), Miami Royal Ballet & Dance (Outstanding Family-Owned Business Award), Playa Bowls Coral Gables (Outstanding Woman-Owned Business Award), Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices EWM Realty (Centennial Honoree), Rodney Baretto, Baretto Group (Business Leader of the Year Award Honoree), Van Orsdel Funeral Home (Centennial Honoree), Wendy Kallergis, Greater Miami & the Beaches Hotel Association (Legacy Award Honoree), FCC USA (Futbol Con Corazon) (Outstanding Small Non-Profit Award), Gamechangers Consulting (Outstanding Small Business Award), MG Developer (Outstanding Real Estate Award), Maiz y Agave Cocina Mexicana (Outstanding Hospitality Entity/ Restaurant Business Award), Humane Society of Greater Miami (Outstanding Large Non-Profit Business Award), Banesco USA (Outstanding Large Business Award)

2023: Quest Workspaces (Outstanding Large Business), Rothstar Construction Inc. (Outstanding Small Business), Miami Dade County Fair & Exposition, Inc. (Outstanding Large Non-Profit - more than 25 employees), Miami Center for Architecture & Design, Inc. (Outstanding Small Non-Profit - less than 25 employees), Melinda Van Fleet Coaching & Consulting (Outstanding Woman-Owned Business), Humane Iguana Control (Outstanding Family-Owned Business), GROU Coffee (Diamond in the Rough), The Keyes

Company, Realtors (Outstanding Real Estate Company), J. Muir & Associates, P.A. (Outstanding Law Firm), THesis Hotel Miami (Outstanding Hospitality Entity).

2022: M.E.D. Expeditors (Outstanding Small Business), Global Empowerment Mission (Outstanding Large Non-Profit), Office Edge Coral Gables (Outstanding Woman-Owned Business), WASFO Laundry Services (Outstanding Family-Owned Business), Miami Recovery Project (Outstanding Small Non-Profit), ALGO Law Firm (Outstanding Law Firm), ContactLink, LLC (Diamond-in-the-Rough), Well Groomed Gentleman (Outstanding Retailer), Galen Hope (Outstanding Large Business), Christine Valls, American Airlines (2022 Business Leader of the Year), Shops at Merrick Park (Chairman's Vanguard Award).

2022 (Postponed from 2021)**:** DLE Legal (Outstanding Small Business), Chapman Partnership (Outstanding Large Non-Profit), Sushi Maki (Outstanding Hospitality/Restaurant Entity), Granny NANNIES of South Florida (Outstanding Woman-Owned Business), Choice MD (Outstanding Healthcare Organization), Pita Weber Del Prado (Outstanding Family-Owned Business), Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida (Outstanding Small Non-Profit), Barakat + Bossa (Outstanding Law Firm), Garcia Espinosa Miyares Rodriguez Truega & Company CPA (GEMRT) (Outstanding Large Business), Alirio Torrealba, CEO of MG Developer (2022 Business Leader of the Year).

2020: Camillus House (Outstanding Large Business), Debowsky Design Group (Outstanding Small Business), ComicKids (Diamond-in-the-Rough), Be Strong International, Inc. (Outstanding Non-Profit Organization), Equipaws Pet Services (Outstanding Woman-Owned Business), Intermedia Touch, Inc. (Outstanding Family-Owned Business), ZUCCA Miami (Outstanding Hospitality/Restaurant Entity), Kidz Medical Services (Outstanding Healthcare Organization), Pita Weber Del Prado (Outstanding Law Firm), Avion Auto Spa, Jelly Places, Lovett, University of Miami (Outstanding Green Businesses), Dr. Penny Shaffer, Market President of Florida Blue (2020 Business Leader of the Year), Jae's Jewelers (2020 Chairman's Vanguard Award)

2018: The Allen Morris Company (Outstanding Large Business), Violetas (Outstanding Small Business), Coral Gables Magazine (Diamond-in-the-Rough), Chapman Partnership (Outstanding Non-Profit), ulltium consulting, Inc. (Outstanding Family-Owned Business), Clutch Burger (Outstanding Restaurant), FASTSIGNS Coral Gables (Outstanding Woman-Owned Business), No Boundaries (Outstanding Retailer), Dr. Lastra Orthodontics (Outstanding Health & Wellness Entity), Mitchell Kaplan, Books & Books (2018 Business Leader of the Year)

2017: Bill Ussery Motors (Outstanding Large Business), Intermedia Touch, Inc. (Outstanding Small Business), Coral Gables Title + Escrow (Diamond-in-the Rough Business), Junior League of Miami (Outstanding Non-Profit), Miami Heat (Corporate Social Responsibility), Cao Chocolates (Outstanding Family-Owned Business), Hyatt Place Miami Airport – East (Outstanding Hospitality Entity), FrameWorks (Outstanding Woman-Owned Business), The Well Groomed Gentlemen (Retailer of the Year), Michael Miller & Grant Miller, Miami's Community Newspapers (2017 Business Leaders of the Year)

2016: Preemo (Outstanding Large Business), LOI Marketing, Inc. (Outstanding Small Business), Triumph Steps (Diamond-in-the-Rough Business), Ronald McDonald House (Outstanding Large Non-Profit), ReServe South Florida (Outstanding Small Non-Profit), Coral Gables Bridals (Outstanding Woman-Owned Business), Credomatic Merchant Services (Outstanding Minority Owned Business), EWM Realty International (Outstanding Real Estate Firm), Montica Jewelry (Outstanding Retail Business), Miami Airport Marriott (Outstanding Hospitality Entity), Home Instead Senior Care (Outstanding Family-Owned

Business), Grove Networks, Inc. (Tech Business), Donna Abood, Avison Young (2016 Business Leader of the Year Award)

2015: EWM Realty International (Large Business), Iron Tribe Fitness (Diamond-in-the-Rough), eMerge Americas (Large Non-Profit), Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition (Hospitality Entity), Photo Offset, Inc. (Family-Owned Business), SnapHappy Photos (Woman-Owned Business), Coral Gables Community Foundation (Small Non-Profit), La Dorada Coral Gables (Restaurant), Pipeline Workspaces Coral Gables (Small Business), Ascendo Resources (Minority Owned Business), Ron Shuffield, EWM Realty International (Business Leader of the Year)

2014: First National Bank of South Miami (Large Business), Bevinco of Miami (Small Business), LOI Marketing, Inc. (Minority Owned Business), Coral Gables Museum (Non-Profit), Jae's Jewelers (Retailer), Giardino Gourmet Salads (Restaurant), Intermedia Touch, Inc. (Technology), and W. Allen Morris (Business Leader of the Year).

2013: The Palace Coral Gables (Large Business), Robin Rile Fine Art (Small Business), Roc Kat Ice Cream, Co. (Minority Owned Business), Cao Chocolates (Diamond-in-the-Rough), Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden (Non-Profit), Oceanview Shades & Drapery (Retailer), Tarpon Bend Raw Bar & Grill (Restauranteur), Miami Children's Hospital (Health Care), ulltium consulting, Inc. (Technology), VSBrooks Advertising (Ideal Workplace)

2012: City National Bank (Large Business), ProMD Practice Management (Small Business), S.T.A.R.S. School for Autism (Diamond in the Rough Award - New Business), Seraphic Fire & Firebird Chamber Orchestra (Non-Profit Award), Sonshine Communications (Minority-Owned Award), Cibo Wine Bar (Restaurant / Retail Award), Guardianship Program of Dade County (Ideal Workplace Award).

2011: Becker & Poliakoff, P.A. (Large Business), Logistical Outsourcing, Inc. (Small Business), Threefold Studio (Diamond in the Rough Award - New Business), YMCA of Greater Miami (Non-Profit Award), Touché Beauty (Minority-Owned Award), Morton's the Steakhouse (Restaurant / Retail Award), Eliptek Technology Group (Carbon Award), Baptist Health South Florida (Ideal Workplace Award).

2010: The Allen Morris Company (Carbon Award), Law Offices of Alex D. Sirulnik P.A. (Diamond in the Rough), Miami Lighthouse for the Blind (Non-Profit), Home Instead Senior Care (Small Business Award), Family Resource Center (Ideal Workplace), Designer's Specialty Millwork (Minority-Owned Business Award), Angelique Euro Café (Restaurant Award), East Coast Public Adjusters (Medium Business), Original Impressions (Large Business).

2009: American Airlines Arena-HEAT Group (Go Green Business Award), Law Office of Robert L. Parks P.L. (Diamond in the Rough), Hands on Miami (Non-Profit), Kirksey Architecture (Small Business), Original Impressions (Medium Business), US Century Bank (Minority-Owned Business), Rene Ruiz Couture (Restaurant/Retail) and Berenfeld Spritzer Shechter and Sheer (Large Business).

2008: Perkins + Will (Go Green Business Award), Bank of Coral Gables (Diamond in the Rough), Hands-on-Miami (Non-Profit), kabookaboo Marketing (Small Business), Lopez & Partners LLC. (Minority-Owned Business), TotalBank (Multinational Business), Sharff Wittmer Kurtz & Jackson P.A. (Medium Business), and US Century Bank (Large Business).

2007: Baptist Health South Florida (Go Green Business Award), Women's Fund of Miami-Dade County (Small Non-Profit), Miami Children's Hospital Foundation (Large Non-Profit), Compass Office Solutions (Diamond in the Rough), Earl M. Foster Associates Inc. (Small Business), Victoria & Associates Career Services Inc. (Medium Business), and Berenfeld Spritzer Shechter & Sheer (Large Business).

2006: Gulliver Schools (Large Business), Switchboard of Miami Inc. (Medium Business), Photo Offset Inc. (Small Business), David & Garcia PR LLC (Diamond in the Rough).

2005: Becker & Poliakoff P.A. (Large Business Award), Home Financing Center (Medium Business), Coral Gables Dry Cleaning (Small Business).

2004: Business Improvement District of Coral Gables (Diamond in the Rough), Actors' Playhouse at Miracle Theatre (Small Business), Botticelli Trattoria (Medium Business), and the University of Miami (Large Business).

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GEORGE E. MERRICK AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

In partnership with The Allen Morris Company

The George E. Merrick Award of Excellence is presented annually by the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with The Allen Morris Company, to recognize the outstanding achievements of an individual who has excelled at perpetuating the ideas of City and Chamber Founder, George E. Merrick. The award is presented to a visionary leader who has made significant contributions and set standards for the cultural celebration, promotion, beautification, preservation and/or economic growth of the City. The award is presented each year at the Chamber's Annual Conference.

Previous Honorees Include:

2026: Armando Codina
2025: Mayor Donald Slesnick II & posthumously his wife, Jeannett Slesnick
2024: Dr. Julio Frenk
2023: Sheldon Anderson
2022: Gene Prescott
2021: Ron Shuffield
2019: James C. Cason
2018: John P. Fullerton
2017: Dona M. Spain
2016: Mayor Dorothy H. Thomson
2015: William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
2014: Barbara Stein
2013: Robert J. Fewell
2012: Charles "Chuck" Cobb
2011: Wayne "Chip" Withers, Jr.
2010: James "Jim" T. Barker
2009: Betsy Adams
2008: Arva Moore Parks

MERRICK-IN-THE-MAKING AWARDS

In partnership with City National Bank of Florida

Previous Winners Include:

2025: Barbara Safina (Outstanding Community Builder), Kat Barrow-Horth (Outstanding Philanthropist), Kris Kimball & Jason Spiegel (Outstanding Innovator)

2024: Ignacio 'Nacho' Borbolla, Delta Air Lines (Outstanding Community Builder), Cecilia Slesnick, Slesnick & Jochem (Outstanding Philanthropist), Tony Guerra, JohnMartin's (Outstanding Innovator)

2023: Violette De Ayala, FEMCITY (Outstanding Community Builder), Giorgio Rapicavoli, Luca Osteria (Outstanding Trailblazer), Tamika Bickham, TB Media Group (Outstanding Influencer)

2022: Monique Lavender Greenberg, Lavender Greenberg (Community Builder), Claire Cochrane, Vault Health (Innovator), Eric Milton, United Property Management (Philanthropist)

2021: Vanessa Liebl, ChoiceMD (Innovator), Adrian Nuñez, University of Miami (Community Builder), Mary Snow, Coral Gables Community Foundation (Unsung Hero)

2019: Nick Sharp, Deco Coffee (Innovator), Steven Bradley, Clutch Burger (Entrepreneur), Deirdre Nero, National Alopecia Areata Foundation (Community Builder)

2018: Bradley L. Barreto, Coral Gables Title + Escrow (Philanthropist), Megan Goicouria, Granny Nannies (Entrepreneur), Evan Benn, INDULGE Magazine (Community Builder)

2017: Philippe Houdard, Pipeline Workspaces (Innovator), Vicki Rueda, Victoria & Associates Career Services (Entrepreneur), Drew Kern, EWM Realty International (Community Builder)

2016: Melissa Medina, eMerge Americas (Innovator), Jeff B. Weiner, MDW Insurance Group (Entrepreneur), Carlos Garcia, Hancock Askew & Co., LLP (Community Builder)

2015: Abe Ng, Sushi Maki (Innovator), Rene Ruiz, Rene Ruiz (Entrepreneur), Christina Mas, Colliers International South Florida (Community Builder).

2014: Eris Thomas. Coral Gables Executive Physicians (Innovator), Gabriel de Armas, Jr., Home Instead Senior Care (Entrepreneur), and Saif Ishoof, City Year (Community Builder).

EQUITABLE ADVISORS BUSINESSWOMEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Equitable Advisors Businesswomen of the Year Awards recognize outstanding women in business, as well as their commitment to being role models for other women. The winners are presented at an annual luncheon each March during Women's History Month.

Previous Winners Include:

2026: Genavieve Paige Villar, Private Label by Genavieve (Retailer), Estefania Peynetti, Let Them Have Cake (Restaurateur/Hospitality Professional), Dr. Leslie Scher, Coral Gables Eye Care (Healthcare Professional), Yvonne Boucugnani, Amerant Bank (Corporate Leader), Adriana Briceno, Cyberella Baby (Entrepreneur - Less than 10 years old), Kadie Black, Voices for Children Foundation (Non-Profit Leader), Liudmila Esquerdo, Get Redd Foundation (Philanthropist), Elizabeth Perez, The Keyes Company - Coral Gables Office (Real Estate Professional), Zoe Torres, ZAG Creates (Communications Professional), Silvia Blanco, COBLAN Italian Kitchen (Global Business Leader), Dorota Lopez, GFD Design Group (Entrepreneur -More than 10 years old)

2025: Marilyn B. Martinez, Bliss Imprints & Gifts (Retailer), Mika Leon, Mikabites (Restaurant/Hospitality Category), Melissa Olen, Nicklaus Children's Health System (Healthcare Professional), Christine Barney, RBB Communications (Corporate Leader), Lili Betancourt Space, FIU CasaCuba (Educator Category), Alice Bravo, Alice Bravo & Associates, LLC (Entrepreneur (Company- less than 10), Karina Pavone, Amigos For Kids (Non-Profit Leader), Norma Jean Abraham, Anthony R. Abraham Foundation (Philanthropist), Hilda Lopez, Title Union LLC (Real Estate Professional), Jane Wooldridge, Miami Herald / El Nuevo Herald (Media Professional), Cristina Miller, Intermedia Touch, Inc. (Global Business Leader), Yaimi Mojena, Sebanda Insurance (Entrepreneur (Company – more than 10)

2024: Lourdes Arteaga, Miami Royal Ballet (Educator), Lee Lennon, Travel by Design, Inc. (Hospitality Leader), Vanessa Bedoya, Choice MD (Entrepreneur), Barbara Safina, GROU Coffee + Cowork (Retailer/Restaurateur), Girl Scouts of Tropical South Florida (Partner), Helen Shaham, The Palace Group (Margaret St. Germain Cornerstone Award), Dr. Michelle Pearlman, Prime Institute LLC (Healthcare Professional), Ivy Patron, Florida Blue (Corporate Leader), Amanda G. Altman, Kristi House, Inc. (Non-Profit Leader), Christina Pappas, The Keyes Company (Real Estate Professional), Lillian A. Ser, Ser & Associates, PLLC (Entrepreneur – More than 5 years).

2023: Dornia Luzardo, Angels Research Foundation & Academy (Educator), Natalie Boden, Boden PR (Public Relations Professional), Michelle Shirley, Be Strong International (Non-Profit Leader), Cinthia Santos, Chalk & Brush Designs (Entrepreneur – Less than 5 years in Business), Laurie Silvers, Founder of the SyFy Channel & Chair of the University of Miami's Board of Trustees (Margaret St. Germain Cornerstone Award), Maria Gorrety Alonso, Consultant & Angel Investor (Global Leader), Elena Dolinski, Ukandoit Global (Philanthropist), Patricia Anton Himmel, Casa Violeta (Retailer), FEMCITY (Special Recognition, Outstanding Partner of the Year), Lauren Dowlen, Lowell International Realty (Real Estate Professiona), Lori Bean, Bean Automotive Group (Entrepreneur – More than 5 years in Business), Nguyen Cabanilla, DLE Legal (Corporate Leader)

2022: Nguyen Cabanilla, DLE Legal (Corporate), Dorinda Luzardo, Angels Research Foundation & Academy (Educator), Lori Bean, Bean Automotive Group (Entrepreneur - More than 5 years), Cinthia Santos, Chalk & Brush Design (Entrepreneur - Less than 5 years), Michelle Shirley, Be Strong International (Non-Profit /

Public Service), Elena Dolinsky, Ukandoit Global (Philanthropy), Natalie Boden, Boden PR (Public Relations), Lauren Dowlen, Lowell International Realty (Real Estate), Patricia Anton, Casa Violeta (Retail), Maria Gorrety Alonso, Consultant & Angel Investor (Global), Laurie Silvers, Esq., Founder of the SyFy Channel & Chair of the University of Miami's Board of Trustees (Margaret St. Germain Cornerstone Award), FemCity (Chamber Partner of the Year)

2021: Barbara Fernandez, Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLC (Corporate Leader), Joyce Fine, Florida International University (Educator), Michelle Arana, Michy's Kitchen (Entrepreneur), Brittany Quintana Marti, Quintana Law (Legal Professional), Chelsea Wilkerson, Girl Scouts of Tropical South Florida (Non-Profit/ Public Sector), Aura Reinhardt, Business Improvement District of Coral Gables (Philanthropist), Arely Ruiz, Arely PR (Public Relations Professional), Maureen Mascaro, The Common Area Factor (Real Estate Professional), Charity Chacon, El Tucan / Marion Miami (Restaurateur), Kim Ng, General Manager, Miami Marlins (Margaret St. Germain Cornerstone Award)

2020: Monica Auslander Moreno, Essence Nutrition (Outstanding Health Care Professional Finalists), Jane Muir, Dade County Bar Association (Outstanding Philanthropist Finalists), Jody Johnson, ActionCOACH Team Sage (Outstanding Seasoned Entrepreneur Finalists), Jeannette Acevedo Isenberg, Downtown Doral Charter Schools (Outstanding Educator Finalists), Maria Alejandra Peralta, Flower Fanatic (Outstanding Entrepreneur Finalists), Danielle Dubuc-Wightman, Be Strong International (Outstanding Public Service/Non-Profit Finalists), Michelle Posada, Michi's (Outstanding Restaurateur Finalists), Dr. Audrey Ross, Compass (Outstanding Real Estate Professional Finalists), Mara Rey Suarez, City National Bank of Florida (Margaret St. Germain Cornerstone Award)

2019: Dr. Jacqueline A. Travisano, University of Miami (Outstanding Educator Award), Beatriz Martinez-Peñalver, Triumph Steps (Outstanding Health Care Professional), Marti Bueso, Home Financing Center, Inc. (Outstanding Philanthropist), Natalia Zea, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (Outstanding Public Service/Non-Profit), Letty Alvarez, LA Sweetz (Outstanding Restaurateur / Retailer), Martha de la Peña Rojas, Florida Blue (Outstanding Corporate Leader), Deirdre Nero, NERO Immigration Law (Outstanding Entrepreneur), Danet Linares, Blanca Commercial Real Estate (Outstanding Real Estate Professional), Inmaculada Gutierrez Carrizo, Trade Commissioner of Spain in Miami (Margaret St. Germain Award)

2018: Maria Martinez, International Studies Preparatory Academy at Gables (ISPA) (Outstanding Educator Award), Pilar Baena, Smiles & Sonrisas (Outstanding Healthcare Professional Award), Barbara K. Norland, BKVN Consulting, Inc. (Outstanding Philanthropist Award), Jacqueline Sousa, Florida Small Business Development Center at Florida International University (Outstanding Non-Profit / Public Service Award), Marichi O'Rourke, Montica Jewelry (Outstanding Retailer Award), Rachel A. Camber, Markowitz Ringel Trusty & Hartog, P.A. (Outstanding Corporate Leader Award), C.L. Conroy, The Conroy Martinez Group (Outstanding Entrepreneur Award), Monique Selman, Albany Homes Construction (Outstanding Real Estate Professional Award), Coral Gables Woman's Club (Chamber Partner of the Year Award)

2017: Melissa Sullivan, Gulliver Schools (Outstanding Educator), Eneida O. Roldan, FIU – Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine (Outstanding Health Care Professional), Maria Banda-Rodaz, Area Stage Company (Outstanding Public Service / Non-Profit Professional), Darling Lie-Nielsen, Northwestern Mutual (Outstanding Philanthropist), Martha Mayea, Miami Airport Marriott (Outstanding Hospitality Professional), Jenise Castro, La Vie En Blanc (Outstanding Retailer), Carolina Rendeiro, World Strategic Forum (Outstanding Corporate Leader), Caridad "Carey" Vasallo, VMBG Accounting (Outstanding Entrepreneur), The Women's Fund of Miami-Dade (Chamber Partner of the Year)

2016: Cheli Cerra, Coral Gables Preparatory Academy (Non-Profit/Educator), Suzanna Battle, Azucar Ice Cream (Restaurateur), Maria Freed, Coral Gables Surgery Center (Health Care), Christina Mas, Colliers International South Florida (Philanthropist), Olga Ramudo, Express Travel (Global Business), Sira Camilo, Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition, Inc. (Hospitality), Jennifer Gross, Avatar Real Estate Service (Realtor), Claudine Claus, Home Financing Center, Inc. (Entrepreneur), Mindy McIlroy, Terranova Corporation (Corporate)

2015: Victoria Villalba, Victoria & Associates Career Services (Entrepreneur), Nancy Baretto Hogan (Corporate), Julia Bianchi, American Red Cross (Philanthropist), Catherine Penrod, Switchboard of Miami (Non-Profit), Jill Hornik, Jae's Jewelers (Retailer), Kimberly Juanico, Holtz Children's Hospital (Health Care), Peggy Benua, Dream South Beach (Hospitality), Jennifer Diaz, Becker & Poliakoff, P.A. (Global Business)

2014: Coni Ensor Goudie, Gymboree Play & Music (Entrepreneur), Donna Abood, Colliers International South Florida (Corporate), Kerry Gruson, Shake-A-Leg Miami / Marine Industry Cares Foundation (Philanthropist), Virginia Jacko, Miami Lighthouse for the Blind & Visually Impaired (Non-Profit), Cindy Hutson, Ortanique on the Mile (Restauranteur), Lynn Sampson, Oceanview Shades & Drapery (Retailer), Dr. Yolangel Hernandez-Suarez, FIU – Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine (Health Care), Lina Santiago, American Airlines (Hospitality)

2013: Judith Berger, MDR Associates (Entrepreneur), Mara Rey Suarez, City National Bank (Corporate), Lynn Bauer, Bauer Financial (Philanthropy), Angel Pittman, Touching Miami with Love (Public Service /Non-Profit), Christina Ward, Clevelander Miami (Restaurateur).

2012: Boo Zamek, JustAskBoo, LLC (Entrepreneur), Erbi Blanco-True, Great Florida Bank (Corporate), Gabrielle D' Alembert, Law Offices of Robert L. Parks, P.L. (Philanthropy), Martha Martin, Baptist Health South Florida (Public Service/Non-Profit), Cathy Bartel, Learning Express Toys of Miami (Retailer / Restaurateur).

2011: Joy Wallace, A Joy Wallace Catering (Entrepreneur), Marti Mang, TotalBank (Corporate), Patricia San Pedro, San Pedro Productions (Philanthropy), Lucy Morillo-Agnetti, Miami Children's Hospital Foundation (Public Service/Non-Profit), Misha Kuryla-Gomez, Misha's Cupcakes (Retailer/Restaurateur).

2010: Claudine Claus, Home Financing Center (Entrepreneur), Carmen Gonzalez-Sanfeliu, Intelsat (Corporate), Andrea Steinacker, Morgan Stanley-Smith Barney, LLC (Philanthropy), Divina Grossman, FIU (Public Service/Non-Profit), Jacqueline Heslop McCook, The McCook Group (Retailer/Restaurateur).

2009: Carolina Rendeiro, Business Centers International (Entrepreneur), Remedios Diaz-Oliver, All American International Container (Corporate), Paula Brockway, Mercedes Benz of Coral Gables and Cutler Bay (Philanthropy), Claudia C. Kitchens, Women's Fund of Miami-Dade (Public Service/Non-Profit), Mayda Cisneros, Mayda Cisneros Couture (Retailer/Restaurateur).

2008: Patricia Thorp, Thorp and Company (Entrepreneur), Penny Shaffer, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida (Corporate), Irela Bague, Bague Group (Philanthropy), Virginia Jacko, Miami Lighthouse for the Blind (Public Service/Non-Profit), Dr. Joyce Elam, FIU (International Business).

2007: Ann Machado, Creative Staffing (Entrepreneur), Alexandra Villoch, Miami Herald Media Company (Corporate), Deborah Hoffman, The Funding Arts Network (Philanthropy).

2006: Donna Abood, Colliers Abood Wood-Fay (Entrepreneur), Barbara Stein, Actors Playhouse (Corporate), Thelma Gibson (Philanthropy).

2005: Judith Friedman Nystrom, HSA Enterprises (Outstanding Businesswoman of the Year).

2004: Deborah Reyes, Capital American Mortgage Company/Deborah Reyes Consulting &Training Group (Outstanding Businesswoman of the Year).

2003: Gayle Bainbridge, Global Risk LLC (Outstanding Businesswoman of the Year).

2002: Victoria Villalba, Victoria & Associates Career Services (Outstanding Businesswoman of the Year).

2001: Barbara Jean Raskin, Barbara Jean Raskin CPA (Outstanding Businesswoman of the Year).

2000: Marian Krutulis, Gulliver Schools (Outstanding Businesswoman of the Year).

RISING STAR AWARDS

The Rising Star Awards were established in 2007 by the 20/30 Group to honor outstanding young professionals, under the age of 40, who demonstrate excellence in their profession, as well as the community. The Rising Star Awards are presented in May during an evening reception. Categories of recognition include Shooting Star (entrepreneur), Model Star (philanthropy), Executive Star (corporate employee), Sustainability Star (field of sustainability) and Shooting Star (company).

Previous Winners Include:

2026: Peggy McCloskey, KIDZ Medical Services (Shooting Star Award), Erik Perez, Perez Mayoral (Shining Star Award), Sarah Reilly, Branches (Model Star Award), Hanna Kleinhans, Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Florida(Executive Star Award), Sebastian Rodriguez, Turn Back the Clock Shop(Overall Rising Star Award)

2025: Jessica Crosson, Miami Marlins (Executive Star), Maria Fernanda Mora, Ascendo Resources (Model Star), Veronica Lopez- Calleja, Esq., Law Offices of Veronica-Calleja, PA (Shining Star), EPGD Business Law (Shooting Star), Cristine Hernandez, Chapman Partnership (Overall Rising Star)

2024: Shining Star, Aaron Cardelino, WASFO Laundry Services; Executive Star, Crystal Van Orsdel Marchant, Crystal Van Orsdel Funeral Home & Cremation Services; Model Star, Felicia Shtivelman, Capabee; Shooting Star, Amerant Bank; Overall Rising Star Award, Raymond Duenas, Miami Herald & El Nuevo Herald

2023: Aleksey Shtivelman, Shutts & Bowen (Executive Star), Eric Milton, Jose Milton Foundation (Model Star), Barbara Safina, GROU Coffee + Cowork (Shining Star), Monique Lavender Greenberg, Lavender Greenberg PLLC (Overall Rising Star), The Allen Morris Company (Shooting Star)

2022: Executive Star, Kayla Blake, University of Miami; Model Star, Thomas Guerra, Miami Recovery Project; Shining Star, Melissa Castro, M.E.D. Expeditors; Overall Rising Star Awards Winner, Brittany Quintana, Quintana Law, P.A., Shooting Star, Area Stage Company

2021: Executive Star Award, Evelyn Espinoza, Office Edge, Inc.; Model Star Award, Michael Walsh, Evensky & Katz /Foldes Financial Wealth Management; Shining Star Award, Federico Ambrosini, Canopy Roofing Inc.; Shooting Star Award, EPGD Business Law, P.A.; Overall Rising Star Award, Giovanni Castro, Verizon

2020: Shining Star Award, Phil Stevenson, PS Mortgage Lending; Model Star Award, Neto Almanza, Videoworks, LLC; Executive Star Award, David Pruna, CenterState Bank; Shooting Star Award, Northwestern Mutual - Coral Gables; Overall Rising Star Awards Winner, Mike Ybarra, Northwestern Mutual - Coral Gables

2019: Executive Star Award, Roland Gonzalez, Restaurant Brands International; Model Star Award, Scott Allan Bader, Miami-Dade Gay Lesbian Chamber; Shooting Star Award, PAAST, PL; Overall Rising Star Award, Rosella Papale, FASTSigns Coral Gables

2018: Shining Star Award, Amanda Pizzaro, The Salty Donut; Executive Star Award, Erin Sutherland, Bank of America; Shooting Star Award, International Finance Bank; Executive Star Award, Ryan Holtzman,

Cushman & Wakefield, Inc.; Executive Star – Non-Profit Award, Isabelle Pike, Branches; Sustainable Star Award, Virginia Ansaldi, Coral Gables High School; 2018 Rising Star Award, Mey-ling Perez, iBERIANBANK

2017: Shining Star Award, Andres Focil, WMT; Model Star Award, Matthew Anderson, Foundry Commercial; Executive Star Award, Natalia East, The Allen Morris Company; Shooting Star Award, Apollo Bank; Overall Rising Star Award, Eric Gros-Dubois, EPGD Business Law

2016: Shining Star Award, Jorge Guerra, Real Estate Sales Force; Model Star Award, Maria Garcia, Zumpano, Patricios & Winker, P.A.; Shooting Star Award, ulltium consulting, Inc.; Executive Star Award, Jerry Markowitz, Markowitz, Ringel, Trusty & Hartog, P.A.; Rising Star Award, David "Chi Chi" Truong, U.S. Green Building Council South Florida

2015: Shining Star Award, Luis G. Brignoni, Wynwood Brewing Company; Model Star Award, Lana M. Naghshineh, Esq, Bogert and Rembold, PL; Shooting Star Award, Grove Networks; Executive Star Award, Jessi Berrin, Baptist Health South Florida; Rising Star Award, Ricardo Trillos, Cao Chocolates

2014: Shining Star Award, Louis Toledo, T & S Roofing Systems, Inc.; Model Star Award, Gabriel De Armas, Jr., Home Instead Senior Care; Shooting Star Award, Markowitz Ringel Trusty & Hartog, P.A.; Executive Star Award, Dustin Symes, City National Bank; Rising Star Award, Philip Magin, Doctors Hospital / Baptist Health South Florida

2013: Shining Star Award, Carlos Zumpano, Infante Zumpano Attorneys at Law; Model Star Award, Amanda Garcia, Florida International University; Shooting Star Award, Espirito Santo Bank; Rising Star Award, Cristina Mas, University of Miami

2012: Shining Star Award, John Brady, ProServe; Model Star Award, Jennifer Diaz, Becker & Poliakoff, P.A.; Corporate Star Award, Goldstein Schechter Koch; Rising Star Award Saif Ishoof, City Year

2011: Province "Boo" Zamek, Just Ask Boo

2010: Brian Barakat, Esq., Barakat Law

2009: Carlos F. Garcia, Goldstein Schechter Koch

2008: Jean-Pierre Bado, Citibank

2007: Irela M. Bague, Bague Group

CORAL GABLES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | AWARDS PROGRAMS

CITY BEAUTIFUL AWARDS

The City Beautiful Awards presentation takes place during the August Good Morning Coral Gables Breakfast, at the Biltmore Hotel. These awards recognize outstanding commercial properties in the City of Coral Gables in four categories: Interior, Exterior, Historic Preservation and Showroom/Restaurant. These awards honor architectural achievement in our commercial properties, as well as aesthetic charm and beauty that reflect the City Beautiful, Coral Gables. The award is sponsored every year by the City of Coral Gables.

Previous Winners Include:

2026: Ponce Park – 3000 Ponce de Leon Blvd. (Exterior Façade, Commercial Building), Five Iron Golf – 3009 Ponce de Leon Blvd. (Interior Space, Commercial Building), Cantina Leon – 2955 Ponce de Leon Blvd. (Restaurant Dining Room), Maison Mischief – 361 Miracle Mile (Retail Interior Space or Showroom), Minna – Salzedo Street (Art in Public Places)

2025: Sanctuary of the Arts -410 Andalusia Ave (Exterior Façade, Commercial Building), Crema Gourmet at THesis Hotel - 1350 S. Dixie Highway (Outstanding Interior Space, Commercial Building), Sra. Martinez - 2325 Galiano Street (Outstanding Restaurant Dining Room), Let Them Have Cake - 367 Alhambra Circle (Outstanding Retail Interior Space or Showroom), Venetian Pool - 2701 DeSoto Boulevard (Outstanding Renovation Project), Alhambra Parc - 33 Alhambra Circle (Outstanding Yet Unbuilt Project), Lady Sculpture - 1280 Stanford Drive (Art in Public Places)

2024: Loews Coral Gables Hotel - 2950 Coconut Grove Dr. (Exterior Façade, Commercial Building), Arcadis - 2811 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Suite 200 (Interior/Space, Commercial Building), Bouchon - 2101 Galiano Street (Outstanding Renovation Project), CVI.CHE 105 - 111 Palermo Ave #108 (Restaurant Dining Room), Camilla - 320 San Lorenzo Ave., Suite 1223 (Retail Interior Space/Showroom), The Plaza Coral Gables - 2811 Ponce de Leon Blvd. (Art in Public Places Installation)

2023: The Plaza Coral Gables - 2811 Ponce de Leon Boulevard (Exterior Commercial Building), The Loews Coral Gables - 2950 Coconut Grove Drive (Interior Commercial Space), Vinya Table - 266 Miracle Mile (Restaurant Dining Room), Bliss Imprints & Gifts - 293 Miracle Mile (Retail Interior Space), Afrooz MD Offices - 211 South Dixie Highway, Suite 110 (Unbuilt Project)

2022: The BAC Colonnade – 2333 Ponce de Leon Boulevard (Exterior Commercial Building), Gentera Center for Precision Medicine - 550 Biltmore Way (Interior Commercial Space), Décor House - 425 South Dixie Highway (Renovation/Restoration Project), Orno - THesis - 1350 South Dixie Highway (Restaurant Dining Room), STEM - 102 Giralda Avenue (Retail Interior Space).

2021: 116 Giralda Avenue (Outstanding Exterior Commercial Building), FORUM Miami (Outstanding Interior Commercial Space), Merrick House (Most Coral Gables-esque by Nature), 120 Giralda Avenue (Outstanding Renovation/Restoration Project), Bay 13 Brewery & Kitchen & Mamey – THesis Hotel Miami (Outstanding Restaurant Dining Room), ZUCCA Miami (Outstanding Restaurant Sidewalk Café), Galiano Cigar Room (Outstanding Retail Interior Space), 2700 Ponce de Leon Boulevard (Outstanding Unbuilt Project)

2020: Fabric Innovations (Outstanding Exterior Commercial Building), Aloft Coral Gables (Outstanding Interior Commercial Space), Paseo de la Riviera (Most Coral Gables-esque by Nature), Coral Gables Dentistry (Outstanding Renovation/Restoration Project), Bachour Bakery & Restaurant (Outstanding Restaurant Dining Room, Imago Art (Outstanding Retail Interior Space), AJP Ventures (Outstanding Unbuilt Project)

2019: WOW MKTG (Outstanding Interior Commercial Space), Books & Books (Outstanding Interior Retail Space), Crema Gourmet Espresso Bar (Restaurant Dining Room), Ivette Arango Interiors (Outstanding Renovation/Restoration Project), Giralda Place (Outstanding Exterior Commercial Building), Paseo de la Riviera (Outstanding Unbuilt Project), R & R Studios, Roberto Behar & Rosario Marquardt - A Midsummer Night's Dream, 2018 Balboa Plaza (Outstanding Art in Public Places)

2018: INFINITI of Coral Gables (Outstanding Interior Commercial Space), Copper29 Bar (Outstanding Interior Restaurant Dining Room), Well Groomed Gentleman (Outstanding Interior Retail Space), The Kislak Center University of Miami (Outstanding Restoration), Douglas Centre (Outstanding Renovation Project), Induction Chromatique Coral Gables (Art in Public Places – Temporary Installation), Old Shoes (Los Zapatos Viejos, 1976) (Art in Public Places – Permanent Installation)

2017: The Lennar Foundation Medical Center (Interior Commercial Space), Zucca Miami (Interior Restaurant Dining Room), University of Miami Hillel – Braman Miller Center (Outstanding Restoration), 18|8 Fine Men's Salon (Visual Merchandising Award)

2016: Pipeline Coral Gables (Interior Commercial Space), 396 Alhambra Circle (Exterior Commercial Building), Bellmónt Spanish Restaurant (Interior Restaurant Dining Room), Montica Jewelry (Interior Retail Showroom), Colombian Consulate (Restoration Project), Firemen and Who They Serve, 1939 (Art in Public Places)

2015: C1 Bank (Commercial Space-Interior), Adam R. Rose and Peter R. McQuillan Arts Center (Commercial Building- Exterior), Bulla Gastrobar (Restaurant Interior), Oceanview Shades & Drapery (Retail Showroom- Interior), University of Miami, The Art Building (Restoration Project)

2014: EoA, Inc. (Outstanding Interior Awards), University of Miami Student Activities Center (Outstanding Exterior Award), THE COLLECTION (Outstanding Retail Showroom), University of Miami Toppel Career Center (Outstanding Restoration)

2013: The Palace Coral Gables (Outstanding Interior Award), Northern Trust (Outstanding Exterior Award), Swine (Outstanding Restaurant Dining Room Award), 133 Sevilla Avenue (Historic Preservation Honoree)

2012: The Alhambra Lobby (Outstanding Interior Award), "The Building on Ponce" (Outstanding Exterior Award), Cibo Wine Bar (Outstanding Restaurant Dining Room Award), Actors' Playhouse at the Miracle Theatre (Historic Preservation Honoree)

2011: Rockefeller Group Business Centers, Inc. (Outstanding Interior Award), University of Miami – Newman Alumni Center (Outstanding Exterior Award), Coral Gables Country Club (Outstanding Historic Preservation Award), Seasons 52 (Outstanding Restaurant Dining Room Award).

2010: Silvia Architects and Fraga Engineers (Outstanding Interior Design), Miracle Mile Plaza Inc. (Outstanding Exterior Design), The Old Police & Fire Station-Coral Gables Museum (Outstanding Historic Preservation), Angelique Euro Cafe (Outstanding Restaurant Dining Room).

2009: Kirksey Architecture (Outstanding Interior Design), Por Fin Restaurant (Outstanding Exterior Design), Junior League of Miami Headquarters (Outstanding Historic Preservation), Rene Ruiz Couture (Outstanding Retail Showroom).

2008: Millares & Company (Outstanding Interior Space), 55 Merrick Way (Outstanding Exterior Space), City of Coral Gables City Hall (Outstanding Historic Preservation), Montica Jewelry (Outstanding Retail Showroom).

2007: The Collection (Interior Space), Alhambra Towers (Exterior), Old Spanish Village (Historic Preservation).