

FEATURED SPEAKERS: THURSDAY



Nicole Martin-Bynum

"Who? Me? Biased?"

I love all children!"

9:30 am Thursday

Coronado/Serra Ballroom

Nicole Martin-Bynum is the Chief Vision Keeper of Seek Higher Ground, a coaching and consulting firm dedicated to increasing the racial consciousness of individuals and companies dedicated to healing the harm of systemic racism. She is a results-driven social justice advocate with over 20 years of experience developing and managing innovative programs, strengthening systems of care to support marginalized populations, and surfacing/challenging institutional racism in agencies committed to increasing the wellbeing of vulnerable populations. Nicole also spends time volunteering as a mentor to teenage girls in her community and serves on community boards in Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties.



Robin Safley

"Pinpointing the Impact
of Hunger on Children"

11:00 am Thursday

Coronado/Serra Ballroom

Robin Safley is Executive Director of Feeding Florida. She has been with the Feeding Florida team for five years, but her passion for helping children and families with nutrition extends much further. Prior to her role with Feeding Florida, Robin was the Director for the Division of Food, Nutrition and Wellness, integrating Child Nutrition Programs from the Florida Department of Education into the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Her mission shows every day as she connects with our state network of food banks to help them end hunger.



Curtis Campogni

"How to Influence and Motivate
with Passion and Purpose"

1:30 pm Thursday

Coronado/Serra Ballroom

Curtis Campogni is the Transition Director for Central Florida Project Bridge, which serves 165 at-risk youth daily across six circuits. He also provides training and consultation on Motivational Interviewing (MI) principles and strategies for professionals who serve court-involved youth and adults. He has taught MI to workforce professionals that serve participants in Central and South Florida, North and South Carolina, New York, Louisiana, Georgia and Maryland. He has emceed large-scale fundraisers, hosted podcasts focused on workplace change, and spoken at workforce conferences across the country.

FEATURED SPEAKERS: FRIDAY



Brandy Carlson

"Helping the Helpers:
Honoring the Hero Within"
11:00 am Friday
Coronado/Serra Ballroom

Brandy Carlson, President of Strategic Empowerment Consulting, holds a Master of Social Work degree from Florida State University with a specific focus in organizational administration and policy. She has a deep and diverse skillset in working with organizational leadership teams to best serve their clients, overcome adversity, plan for the future, and thrive. Brandy is an advocate for justice and social change, an experienced leader and trainer, and an accomplished grant writer. Brandy has worked on the local, state, and national levels providing training, support to nonprofit and governmental agencies, and technical assistance to agency boards of directors and chief executive officers.



Melanie Pelc

"Helping the Helpers:
Honoring the Hero Within"
11:00 am Friday
Coronado/Serra Ballroom

Melanie Pelc is the Founder and President of The Living Room, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. After experiencing the death of her mother in 2006, Melanie changed her career path to focus on helping others with the intense grief that we experience in life yet no one talks about. This led her to complete a master's degree in Social Work from Florida State University and into a career at a local hospice, where she spent five years helping patients and families at the end of life. In 2018, Melanie started The Living Room. She began working with local organizations and individuals providing grief, loss and burnout education and support. Melanie also teaches at Florida State University as an Adjunct Professor for the College of Social Work.