Vote online for most visionary Miamians; deadline is May 16

The Visionary Awards were created to honor locals whose inventive approaches and hard work have resulted in positive change.

You nominated more than 250 for consideration. Our judges narrowed.

Now, you get to add your votes for top honors in the initial Miami Herald Visionary Awards. Voting deadline: Noon on Monday, May 16.

Online votes will be added to scores of our community judges and will account for 25 percent of the total score. The winners will be announced at an event in early June and in Business Monday on June 13.

To read nominations and vote for the finalists, click on each category link.

Before we announce our finalists, a big thank-you to our community judges for their time and participation. They were Christine Barney, chairman of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and CEO of rbb Communications; Jaret Davis, Miami co-managing shareholder of Greenberg Traurig; Wifredo Fernandez, adjunct in Innovation & Economic Development at Florida International University; Saif Ishoof, vice president of engagement at FIU; Stuart Kennedy, director of program strategy and innovation at the Miami Foundation; Bahia Ramos, arts program director for the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation; philanthropist Toni Randolph; Mark Trowbridge, president of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce; and Larry K. Williams, president and CEO of the Beacon Council.

And (drum roll) the finalists, by category, are:

**ARCHITECTURE / DESIGN**

- Alan Faena, developer of Faena Arts District.

- Bernardo Fort-Brescia and Laurinda Spear, founders of Arquitectonica.
• Craig Robins, developer of Miami Design District and co-founder of Design Miami.

ARTS / CULTURE
• Lin Arison, philanthropist and co-founder of New World Symphony and YoungArts.
• Mike Eidson, past chairman of the Adrienne Arsht Center, past chairman of Miami City Ballet.
• Dennis Scholl, collector, arts supporter, former vice president/arts of Knight Foundation.

BUSINESS
• George Feldenkreis, founder and chairman of Perry Ellis International.
• Keith Koenig, co-founder and president of City Furniture.
• Alberto Periman, Beto Pérez and Alberto Aghion, co-founders of Zumba International.

CIVIC LEADERSHIP
• Tony Argiz, past chairman of the United Way, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and Orange Bowl Committee.
• Tere Blanca, civic activist and former chairwoman of the Beacon Council.
• David Lawrence Jr., founding chairman of the Children’s Trust of Miami-Dade.

EDUCATION
• Eduardo Padrón, president of Miami Dade College.
• Jim McKelvey, founder of Launchcode.
• Valerie York-Zimmerman, founder of Mindful Kids Miami.

ENVIRONMENT
• Art Friedrich, president of Urban Oasis Project.
• Rachel Silverstein, executive director of Miami Waterkeeper.
• Eduardo Varona, environmental activist.

GOVERNMENT
• Carlos Martinez, Miami-Dade public defender.
• Alyce Robertson, executive director of Miami Downtown Development Authority.
• Dennis Moss, Miami-Dade county commissioner.

HEALTHCARE
• Carlos Migoya, president and CEO of Jackson Health System.
• Nestor Plana, founder of Independent Living Systems.
• Dr. George M. Suarez, urologist and pioneer in prostate cancer treatment.

NEXT GENERATION (Under 40)
• Vance Aloupis, CEO of The Children’s Movement of Florida.
• Chad Bernstein, founder of Guitars Over Guns Organization.
• Richelle Williams, senior pastor at Jesus People Ministries Church International.

PHILANTHROPY
• Adrienne Arsht, performing arts center benefactor.
• Ruben Campbell, founder and president of Music for Your Heart Foundation.
• The Miller Family (mother Sue and children Stuart, Jeffrey and Leslie), supporters of United Way, University of Miami and education programs for underserved youth.

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT
• Tibor Hollo, founder of Florida East Coast Realty and urban living pioneer.
• Stephen Owens, president of Swire Properties, developers of Brickell CityCentre.
• Stanley Whitman, founder and developer of Bal Harbour Shops.

QUALITY OF LIFE
• Constance Collins, founder and president of Lotus House.
• Cheryl Little, immigration rights advocate.
• Javier Soto, president and CEO of The Miami Foundation.

305 AWARD
• Gloria and Emilo Estefan, music icons.
• Alberto Ibargüen, president and CEO of Knight Foundation.
• Manny Medina, founder of eMerge Americas tech conference.
• Pitbull, rap artist and entrepreneur.

MORE BUSINESS
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