FGBC Hits Major Milestone with 18,900 'Florida Green' Projects

ORLANDO - Last month the Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC), the leading certifier of green projects in the state, achieved a major milestone. Over 18,900 green certified projects in Florida and the number keeps climbing. One reason is FGBC has created green building standards allowing it to certify that criteria meets and adheres to the industry's best practices.

FGBC's five certifications provide pathways to build green homes, developments, local governments, high rises and commercial buildings. They are the only Florida-specific standards, national or international, developed to address the state's hot-humid environment, unique topography, geology and natural disasters.

"Builders, developers and local governments across Florida have found our criteria to be very effective and easy to implement because they are adaptable to each projects requirements," said FGBC President Barry Faske.

The road to 19K FGBC "Florida Green" projects began in 2001, when Fallman Design & Construction built the first FGBC certified home in Clermont.

Going Green? In Florida you have a choice.

For more information contact the Florida Green Building Coalition at info@floridagreenbuilding.org, visit www.floridagreenbuilding.org call (407) 777-4914.

Florida Green Building Coalition Annual Awards Set for March 6
The Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) has announced finalists for the Annual FGBC Awards.

The program recognizes and highlights the tremendous achievements that took place throughout Florida in 2018.

The awards luncheon will be held on Wed. March 6, noon - 2 p.m. at the Doubletree by Hilton Orlando Downtown, 60 S. Ivanhoe Blvd. in Orlando.

FGBC has a block of rooms at a special group rate of $149 per night for Tuesday, March 5th through Wednesday, March 6th. Group rate deadline is Feb. 15.

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**FGBC Booth Featured at RESNET Building Performance Conference**

For the second year the Florida Green Building Coalition will be participating in the RESNET Building Performance Conference this month in New Orleans.

The 2019 RESNET Building Performance Conference is the premier national forum on home energy ratings, existing home retrofits, building codes and energy policy.

The RESNET Building Performance Conference offers strategic options to the business challenges and provides a venue where you can obtain usable solutions in an evolving industry.

The conference offers an exceptional range of original content and fresh information for the home performance industry.

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**Florida Green Local Government: Tarpon Springs Continues Eco-Friendly Stance**

(Tarpon Springs has been recognized for once again achieving Silver Level certification from the Florida Green Building Coalition's Local Government "Florida Green" Designation Program.)

Maj. Jeffrey Young of the Tarpon Springs Police Department, commissioners Jacob Karr and Rea Sieber, Florida Green Building Coalition Executive Director C.J. Davila, Mayor Chris Alahouzos, Commissioner David Banther and Police Chief Robert Kochen with the Silver Level certificate Davila presented to the city on Dec. 11.

Davila presented city commissioners and other city officials with a giant framed certificate announcing the designation, which is awarded to communities that score high in program categories including energy efficiency, water, economic development, tourism and more.

**FGBC Members on Hand for Launch of Newest U.S. Green Chamber Chapter**

**Certification News**

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**Recent Certifications**

- Miami Square Station
- High-Rise
- Bronze

- Tampa
- ICON Harbour Island
- High-Rise
- Bronze

- Chiefland
- CF Levy Campus
- Commercial
- Bronze

**Recent Registrations**

- Jacksonville
  - 911 Back-up Call Center
  - Commercial

- Stock Island
  - Bernstein Park
  - Commercial

- Miami
  - 17 Allapattah
JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - The North Florida Chapter of the U.S. Green Chamber of Commerce celebrated a very successful launch at the Jacksonville Museum of Science and History (MOSH).

"The Florida Green Building Coalition was happy to be on hand to support the newest chapter of the U.S. Green Chamber of Commerce," noted FGBC Executive Director C.J. Davila.

Over 200 attended the event officially heralding the North Florida Green Chamber of Commerce (NFGCC), a regional networking organization for all sizes of businesses and community organizations including non-profits that emphasize green and sustainable business practices.

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Scholarship Program Helping Shape Future of State's Green-Built Environment

The Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC), the leading certifier of green projects in the state, has announced a statewide scholarship program for deserving students pursuing careers in the green built environment or related sustainability studies.

This year FGBC will be offering five $1,000 scholarships. Applications are due by March 31, 2019 for the 2019-2020 academic year.

*FGBC is proud to offer this opportunity to the prospective next generation of green building and sustainable professionals in Florida. We see it as our role to encourage Florida's youth to pursue careers in sustainability.
C.J. Davila. “The scholarship program is part of our mission to lead and promote sustainability with environmental, economic, and social benefits through community outreach, industry education and certification programs.”

**Members Kachman, Locke Volunteering, Teaching at FBA 2019 Leadership Summit**

The Florida Green Building Coalition is one of the sponsors for the 2019 Future Builders of America (FBA) Leadership Summit to be held March 7-10, 2019 at the FFA Leadership Training Center in Haines City, Fla.

FGBC Board Members Bill Kachman and FGBC Education Committee Chairman Ralph Locke are representing "Florida Green" at the summit. They will be teaching classes and volunteering to help with the event that gets bigger every year.

"FGBC believes in supporting FBA as it is dedicated to introducing construction career opportunities and providing programs throughout the state to develop leadership skills that are critical to the construction industry," noted Kachman.

Started in 2004, the event was renamed to the "Leadership Summit," in 2016.

This year's Summit Chair is Wendy Dittmar of Manning Building Supplies and Jessica Whittington of Carter Engineering is serving as the Summit Vice Chair.

"Through the dedication and hard work the Leadership Summit has grown since its inception in both quantity of students and quality of programs," added Locke.


**Energy Expo 2019 in Miami Hosts Florida Green Building Coalition**
The Florida Green Building Coalition was well represented at the 2019 Energy Expo held in Miami. FGBC Executive Director C.J. Davila (left) with President Barry Faske.

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