

2013

State of the State Address



**Guests of Florida Governor
Rick Scott**

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Annette Kirk - Gold Star Family Member



Annette Kirk, of Seffner, is the mother of Pfc. Paul Cuzzupe, who fell in the line of duty in Afghanistan. Annette was honored as part of a Gold Star Family at the Florida State Fair Lunch. The Governor presented the family with a Florida state flag that had flown over the State Capitol.

Pfc. Paul O. Cuzzupe II

Paul O. Cuzzupe, 23, of Plant City, fell in the line of duty on August 8, 2010 in Afghanistan after his unit was attacked by insurgents during an improvised explosive device assault. He was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment in Vilseck, Germany.

At Paul's funeral his family was presented with a Purple Heart as well as other medals for his courageous efforts. Paul's superiors commended him as a soldier who went above and beyond. Just a week before his death Paul was honored with the Army Commendation Medal for his attempts to save an Afghani child's life.

Paul was the oldest of four kids, and was known to be someone that friends could turn to for advice.

Dr. Barbara Jenkins - Superintendent, Orange County Schools



On March 15, 2012, the School Board of Orange County voted unanimously to select Dr. Barbara M. Jenkins as the district's new superintendent. As the former deputy superintendent she served as the superintendent's designee and oversaw five area superintendents and the division of Teaching and Learning.

Previously as Chief of Staff she oversaw Human Resources, Public Relations, Labor Relations, Strategic Planning and served as the chief negotiator for the district. As the superintendent's designee she also coordinated executive functions for the district and provided support to the school board.

From 1998 through 2005 she was the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources for the 120,000 student district, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (Charlotte, North Carolina), where she was responsible for Employee Relations, Licensure, Benefits, Information Systems, Compensation and Employment. During her time in Charlotte, she was recognized for innovative strategies to increase equity among schools, including accelerated staffing strategies, teacher incentives, and use of a balanced scorecard.

She previously served as Senior Director for Elementary Education in Orange County, supervising principals and schools. Dr. Jenkins has been a classroom teacher, staff developer and principal. Her undergraduate and doctor of education degrees were received from the University of Central Florida. She is a fellow of the nationally recognized Broad Urban Superintendents Academy.

Dr. Jenkins is a dedicated leader and is helping to pave the way for future generations of Florida families.

Bernie Machen - President, University of Florida



Bernie is a native of Greenwood, Mississippi, but he grew up in St. Louis. After attending Vanderbilt University for his undergraduate studies, he earned his doctor of dental surgery degree from St. Louis University and his Master of Science degree in pediatric dentistry and doctorate in educational psychology from the University of Iowa.

Machen chaired the Board of Directors of the National Campus Compact from 2002-2004 and served as a member of the board since 1998. Since 2005, he has served as a member of the National Security Higher Education Advisory Board.

Bernie arrived at UF in 2004, after serving for six years as president of the University of Utah. During his time at UF, Bernie has strengthened the university's three core missions of teaching, research and service – while developing a fourth mission of economic development.

During his presidency Bernie has reorganized the UF Health Science Center, created the Bob Graham Center for Public Service and the Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Center, overseen more than 2.8 million square feet in new construction on campus, and more. He and his wife, Chris, a former neonatal intensive care nurse, live in Gainesville. They have two sons: Lee, an engineer at Intel in Portland; Michael, an attorney in Chicago; a daughter, Maggie, a veterinarian and resident in small animal cardiology at the University of Pennsylvania; and four grandchildren.

Betty Kay Clements - APD Advocate



Betty Kay Clements lives in Lady Lake. She is the mother of a daughter, Laura Lynne, a 51 year old individual with an Intellectual Disability receiving services from the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) who works at Target.

Betty Kay has been extremely active in the Family Care Council for many years advocating for people with developmental disabilities.

Betty Kay Clements is a Past Chairperson and current Secretary of both Area 13 Family Care Council and the Statewide Family Care Council Florida.

Bill Johnson - Director, PortMiami
Chairman, Florida Ports Council



As Director of PortMiami, Bill Johnson oversees the top container port in the State of Florida and the 11th largest in the nation. Under his stewardship, PortMiami has maintained its leadership position as the busiest cruise port in the world with more than 4 million passengers traveling through its terminals last year.

Appointed Port Director in 2006, Johnson has presided over a period of significant change and investment in port operations and facilities. In concert with the state and federal governments, PortMiami has embarked on the largest capital improvement program in its history. Projects include: now under construction a tunnel connecting PortMiami and Florida's Interstate System to improve access; the re-introduction of on-port freight rail service linking the Port to the Hialeah Rail Yard and the national rail system; and deepening the port's waters to minus 50 feet to accommodate the world's largest cargo vessels.

Under Mr. Johnson's management, the Port has strengthened its financial position to its highest level in 12 years and, despite, challenging economic conditions worldwide, PortMiami has seen both its cargo and cruise traffic grow over the past two years.

Mr. Johnson is actively engaged in a number of maritime, business and economic development organizations at the national and international level, holding such leadership positions as: Vice President, International Association of Ports and Harbors; Member, Let's Rebuild America Leadership Council, US Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors, Florida Chamber of Commerce; Chair, Legislative Affairs Committee, Florida Ports Council; Chairman, World Trade Center Miami Board; Board of Trustees, The Beacon Council; Board of Governors, Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau; Chairman's Circle, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce; and Past Chair, Miami Beach Latin Chamber of Commerce.

With more than 30 years of experience in Miami-Dade County government, including oversight of the County's airports and seaport and several of the County's major infrastructure projects, Mr. Johnson has built a reputation as a key trouble-shooter problem-solver and proponent of economic development. The Port of Miami is the second largest economic engine in Miami-Dade County and supports more than 180,000 jobs in South Florida.

Mr. Johnson is a native of Akron, Ohio and holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of Tennessee.

David Armstrong – President, Broward College



J. David Armstrong, Jr. brings more than 25 years of experience as a leader in higher education and economic development to his presidency at Broward College.

He leads one of the largest and most diverse colleges in America, enrolling more than 66,000 students from more than 150 different nations of origin. Under President Armstrong's leadership, the College has moved from a traditional community college to an institution that also offers baccalaureate programs in targeted workforce areas, providing career opportunities for students and a trained workforce for business and industry. Under his leadership, the College has been ranked among the top 10 percent of community colleges nationwide for the past two years based on student success indicators by the Washington D.C. based Aspen Institute and continues to be consistently ranked in the top 10 producers of degrees nationally. His focus on expanding access and global competitiveness has resulted in new locations, both locally and abroad, with 10 campuses and centers in Greater Fort Lauderdale and 10 international partnerships from Shanghai, Singapore and Sri Lanka to Peru, Ecuador and Columbia.

President Armstrong has managed to balance the budget through efficiencies while adding new programs such as manufacturing and new workforce bachelor's degrees in Science, Math, Engineering and Technology (STEM) areas to serve student and community needs. Broward College this year kept tuition flat for the first time in more than a decade, resulting in the lowest cost college and university tuition in South Florida for students and their families.

Under President Armstrong's leadership, Broward College has developed a new strategic plan focused on "Transforming Students' Lives by Connecting, Challenging and Completing." The plan emphasizes online learning, math redesign, a summer program for developmental students, student educational plans and other initiatives to lead Broward College to "best in class" status among its peers as measured by student learning gains and success.

President Armstrong is an alumnus of the Leadership Florida Class of 1999-2000 and a graduate of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government, President Armstrong served the state as the former chancellor of the Community College System.



Dave Brown – President, Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc.

Dave Brown brings professional and consumer marketing experience in OTC, Medical Device and pharmaceutical products to his President role at J&J Vision Care, Inc.

Recruited by J&J in 1990 from Columbia Business School, Dave's first charge was as a product marketer at McNeil Consumer Healthcare where he was responsible for the consumer launch of Children's Motrin, followed by increasing roles of responsibility. He was then recruited by J&J corporate to lead sales and marketing efforts for Independence technology, an entrepreneurial start-up company where he built the sales and marketing departments, helped secure FDA approvals and designed national public relations programs.

In 2003, he joined OrthoNeutrogena as General Manager. In 2006, Dave joined Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc. as Vice President, Worldwide Franchise, where he lead the launch of the world's first daily disposable silicone hydrogel lens, 1-DAY ACUVUE® TruEye™ Brand Contact Lenses and lead the Strategic Planning process. In this role Dave also traveled extensively around the globe in support of Regional marketing efforts. In his current role at JJVC, Inc., Dave is President of the Americas Region that delivers close to \$1 billion in contact lens sales. Brown lives in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL with his wife and two daughters. He also serves as a Board of Trustee of United Way of Northeast Florida.

Elizabeth Heli – Engineering Teacher, Greco Middle School



Elizabeth Heli teaches at Greco Middle School in Temple Terrace where she is an engineering teacher. She has been in the classroom for seven years now.

Teaching is Ms. Heli's second career. She was an engineer who decided she wanted to be a math or science teacher and is the lead teacher of Greco's Engineering STEM Academy, where she spends a lot of time promoting STEM at her school.

Ms. Heli has a love of science and engineering and works with many at-risk students. With STEM Academy, she spends countless hours getting the kids excited about STEM. She considers herself a role model for girls who might not think engineering is fun or interesting. Seeing kids realize the real-life applications of science, and develop a love of all things STEM is what keeps her motivated.

Frank Unanue - President, Goya Foods of Florida



Frank was born in New Jersey and raised in Puerto Rico. He attended Bradley University in 1980 and later the Universidad del Sagrado Corazon, Puerto Rico until 1985.

He began his career at Goya Foods of Florida in 1985. He then served as Product Manager at CPR, LTD in 1987 and later becoming General Manager. In 2003, CPR, LTD became Sazon, Inc.

Frank Unanue is responsible for all of the Goya distribution centers under Goya Foods of Florida. He became President of Goya Foods of Florida in 2004 and as of 2009 he also serves as President of Sazon Inc. after Jose “Pepe” Ortega’s passing.

Michelle Robinson – Region President for Verizon



Michelle Robinson is the Region President for Verizon and among the highest ranking women at Verizon Communications. She is responsible for shaping and advancing public policy strategies for its wireline, wireless, and enterprise business segments. She also directs Verizon's philanthropic activities toward the critical needs of the communities in the region, notably enhancing literacy and education through Thinkfinity.org, domestic violence prevention, tackling health care accessibility issues and keeping Internet users safe online.

Her service territory includes the following states in the southeast region: Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana and Kentucky.

Verizon's southeast region includes approximately 30,000 employees providing the highest quality customer service for millions of customers ranging from the individual consumer purchasing wireline, cable and wireless service to the largest enterprise customer purchasing data and IP solutions.

As Verizon's senior leader in the southeast, Robinson currently serves on the boards of the Tampa Bay Partnership and the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. She is listed by Atlanta Woman Magazine as one of the top 25 women to watch in 2008 and one of Atlanta Tribune Magazine's super women. She is also called on to speak at various conferences and events around the region. Robinson has an extensive background in policy development, public affairs and corporate communications. Prior to becoming the southeast region president, Robinson was senior vice president for Verizon's southern region in Atlanta and managed all public policy and public affairs for six states.

Robinson began her Verizon career ten years ago and has held a variety of management positions in the area of public policy and government relations including vice president of regulatory affairs in Florida. Prior to beginning her career with Verizon, Robinson held a number of positions in the areas of diversity management and compliance. Most notably, she served as community liaison on behalf of U.S. Congressman Bob Filner (D-San Diego, CA).

Robinson was raised in San Diego, California and holds a Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of California at Los Angeles, and a master's degree in public policy analysis from the University of Southern California School of Public Administration.

Randy Hanna - Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges



Randy Hanna was named chancellor for the Florida College System in November 2011. Most recently, he held the role of Managing Shareholder of Bryant Miller Olive since 1997, where he served as special counsel to numerous governmental units and represented clients before state agencies.

With a tremendous higher education background, Mr. Hanna previously served as Chair of the Florida State Board of Community Colleges and the Florida College System Foundation and member of Tallahassee Community College's governing board.

Mr. Hanna is a current member of the Board of Trustees for the University of West Florida and has served as a trustee for Florida A & M University. His civic involvement also includes serving as Chairman of the Florida Board of Bar Examiners and is the current Chairman of the Chamber of the Tallahassee Area Chamber of Commerce. Chancellor Hanna received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Florida and a M.B.A. from the Goizueta Business School at Emory University.

Wes Bush- Chief Executive Officer and President of Northrop Grumman Corporation



Wes Bush is chairman, chief executive officer and president of Northrop Grumman Corporation, a leader in global security.

Bush was named chief executive officer and president in January 2010, and elected to the company's Board of Directors in 2009. He assumed the role of chairman in July 2011.

Bush previously served as the president and chief operating officer of the company. Before that, he served as the corporate vice president and chief financial officer, and, earlier, as the president of the company's Space Technology sector. Prior to the acquisition of TRW by Northrop Grumman, he had served since 2001 as president and chief executive officer for TRW's UK-based global Aeronautical Systems. Bush joined TRW in 1987 as a systems engineer, and served in engineering, program management and business development roles in TRW's Space & Electronics business. Prior to joining TRW, he held engineering positions with both the Aerospace Corporation and Comsat Labs.

Bush earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He also completed the University of California, Los Angeles' Executive Management Program. Bush serves on the board of directors of Norfolk Southern Corporation, as well as the boards of several nonprofit organizations, including Conservation International and the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation. He is chairman of the Aerospace Industries Association board of governors and chair of the Business-Higher Education Forum.

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Allison Good - Human Trafficking Survivor

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Originally from Queens New York, Allison was trafficked at age 5. From that experience, came years of abuse and addiction, until eight years ago with the help of a close friend, Allison was brought to a local church in Boca Raton where she began to understand what it means to be loved, wanted and valued by God.

Today, Allison is the Director of Women's Ministry at The Avenue Church of Delray Beach where she reaches out to other young girls who might be dealing with similar issues. She also works with organizations like Redeem the Shadows which advocate for the end to modern day slavery.

Her passion for pointing women and their families to Jesus Christ for authentic beauty, identity and worth emerged to her own surprise from her greatest adversities.

In addition to her love for community, reading, writing, traveling, and the beach, Allison loves to spend her time encouraging and challenging others with the gospel of Jesus and witnessing the God stories that follow. Through her diverse experiences and responsibilities with Spanish River Church and multiple church plants from Croatia to Haiti to Deerfield and now Delray Beach - Allison discovered her ministry calling and had her gifting confirmed by others.

Through her own battles, Allison loves nothing more than to watch the transformation God works in people's lives.