

ENVISION ALACHUA

Education Forum

**PREPARING OUR YOUTH FOR FUTURE
OPPORTUNITIES: OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY**

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Program

A community discussion on
the future of East County



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Program

Opening Performance

PK Yonge Concert Chorus and Vocal Ensemble (Grades 9-12)
Directed by Mr. Michael Kirk Cundari

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Dr. Daniel Iacofano, CEO and Founding Principal, MIG, Inc.
and Envision Alachua Process Facilitator

Speaker Introductions

Tim Giuliani, President and Chief Executive Officer,
Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Jackson Sasser, President, Santa Fe College

Alachua County Public Schools

Dr. Owen Roberts, Superintendent, Alachua County Public Schools

The Innovation Economy & the County's Economic Future

Dr. Daniel Iacofano
Adrian Taylor, Vice President of Regional Initiatives,
Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce/Innovation Gainesville
Susan Davenport, Vice President of Economic Development,
Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce/Council for Economic
Outreach

Best Practices in Education and Workforce Preparedness: Preparing Our Alachua County Youth for Future Careers

Dr. Daniel Iacofano
Judy Boles, Executive Director, Education Foundation

Call to Action – Group Discussion Group Reports and Summary

All Participants

Closing Remarks and Next Steps

Dr. Daniel Iacofano
Tim Giuliani

Lunch and Networking



Speaker Bios

Dr. Jackson N. Sasser

Dr. Jackson N. Sasser has been an innovator at Santa Fe College since becoming president in January 2002. He is one of the first in the United States to define community colleges as essential to national economic security because they educate workers with the knowledge necessary for American business and industry to succeed globally.

He has been a leader of Innovation Gainesville, which leverages regional assets, including Santa Fe College instructional programs, to educate employees for high-end industry. Dr. Sasser's International Initiative wove internationalism into all academic and support programs at the college. He insists that community colleges are no longer strictly local institutions because their communities require graduates to thrive in a global economy.

He installed bachelor's degree programs to fill unmet needs locally and statewide while remaining faithful to proven missions of access and opportunity for all students and improving the quality of life of the community. He continues to enhance service to local communities by increasing and improving outreach education and supporting the disadvantaged. His East Gainesville Initiative has a continuing five-year plan to provide educational and cultural programs for all age groups in the community.

Before arriving at Santa Fe, Dr. Sasser was president of Lee College in Baytown, Texas and interim president at Calhoun Community College in Decatur, Alabama. He has been Chair of the Board of Directors of the League for Innovation in the Community College, the Florida Community College Council of Presidents, and the American Association of Community Colleges Presidents Academy, and President of the Florida Association of Colleges and Universities. He is a past member of the board of the Institute for Community College Development at Cornell University and participated in a University of Oxford Round Table on higher education.

Dr. Owen Roberts

Dr. Owen Roberts' educational experience spans nearly forty years. Prior to his current position as Superintendent of Alachua County Public Schools, Dr. Roberts was the Senior Executive Vice President for Learning, Research and Sciences for Beanstalk Innovation, a multinational learning technology organization; Executive Director of Accountability and Assessment and Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Accountability for St. Lucie Public Schools in Fort Pierce; and Executive Director of Curriculum, Accountability and Assessment for Monroe County Public Schools in Key West. Dr. Roberts has also served on a variety of state and national committees and in leadership roles with professional organizations, including the Florida Educational Research Council and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

During his tenure with St. Lucie Public Schools, Dr. Roberts oversaw the development of district-wide literacy, math, science, social science and arts initiatives, a teacher leadership program, a district-wide monitoring system, a Parent Academy and other initiatives to promote rigor, equity, parent involvement and alignment of standards, curriculum and assessment. He also worked with businesses and community partners to establish initiatives aimed at promoting STEM education and reducing the digital divide; and forged a community-wide partnership of elected officials, public and private providers, local agencies and other organizations to develop a comprehensive early childhood education program.

Dr. Roberts has written and presented extensively on educational issues. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry and Religion (Northern Caribbean University, Jamaica), a Master of Arts degree in Educational and Psychological Research, Evaluation and Statistical Methodology (Andrews University, Michigan) and a Master of Science degree in Computer Studies (Nova University, Florida). He earned his Ph.D. in Educational Research and Evaluation from the University of Miami.



Speaker Bios

Tim Giuliani

As President and CEO of the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Giuliani leads the Chamber, its economic development arm, the Council for Economic Outreach, and Innovation Gainesville, the community-wide initiative to grow an environment to foster innovation and success. Mr. Giuliani also serves on the Florida Research Consortium Board and is on the Executive Committee for the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. Prior to joining the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Giuliani was the Vice President of Corporate Outreach and Engagement for the Florida Chamber of Commerce and the Director of the Florida Chamber Small Business Council.

Mr. Giuliani received his undergraduate degree from Florida State University in economics and communication, and then earned his Masters in Business Administration from the University of Florida.

Adrian Taylor

As Vice-President of Regional Initiatives, Adrian Taylor is responsible for coordinating the efforts of Innovation Gainesville (iG) and other regional initiatives of the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce. He is tasked to transition iG from its grassroots beginnings into an integrated model that is displayed in all Chamber operations and advance the vision of iG to build an innovation economy that fosters the growth of all business in all industries and creates a wide variety of jobs in the Gainesville region. Mr. Taylor previously sat on the Gainesville Chamber Board of Directors.

Born and raised in Tampa, FL., Mr. Taylor holds an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Santa Fe College and Bachelor's in Business Administration from Saint Leo University. His professional career began at IBM Corporation, before moving on to other corporations as a corporate trainer and manager. Mr. Taylor also serves as pastor of the Springhill Missionary Baptist Church.

Susan Davenport

As Vice President of Economic Development for the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Davenport is responsible for developing and managing a comprehensive economic development program for the area.

Ms. Davenport came to Gainesville in 2013 after 13 years with the Austin, Texas Chamber, most recently as Senior VP of Global Tech Strategies. She was a key team member for Opportunity Austin (174,000+ new jobs, \$8.7 billion added to regional payrolls from 2004-2012); developed and executed regional business retention/expansion program, Portfolio Austin; developed and managed the Central Texas Regional Center for Innovation and Commercialization (\$90 million in funding for local businesses, research and university projects); and developed the Greater Austin Technology Partnership and Austin TechLive.

Ms. Davenport received a Master of Public Affairs from the University of Texas Austin and a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from the University of Texas Medical Branch. She is a graduate of the the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute and is associated with the International Economic Development Institute.

Judy Boles

Judy Boles joined The Education Foundation of Alachua County as Executive Director in January 2012. She loves working with students and helping them succeed in life. Her passion is education and she feels fortunate to be able to work with such a great organization.

Ms. Boles retired from BellSouth as the Regional Manager in October 2002 after a 35-year career. She has served on many boards and organizations over the years, including past Chair of the Santa Fe College Board of Trustees, past Chair of the Santa Fe College Endowment Board on which she served 22 years, and past Chair of the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Council for Economic Outreach. Ms. Boles is a Broker Associate with Coldwell Banker M.M. Parrish Realtors.



Speaker Bios

Dr. Daniel Iacofano, FAICP, FASLA

Daniel Iacofano is a CEO and founding principal of MIG with over 30 years of experience in urban design and community planning, facilitation, organizational development and strategic planning. Dr. Iacofano has combined his urban planning and design expertise with community visioning and facilitation techniques to assist numerous communities, companies, educational institutions and agencies in articulating goals, visions and strategies for future planning.

Dr. Iacofano is the lead facilitator for the Envision Alachua process convened by Plum Creek. He is author of *Public Involvement as an Organizational Development Process*, *Meeting of the Minds: A Guide to Successful Meeting Facilitation*, and a co-author of *The Inclusive City*, a collection of project studies highlighting the best of universal, inclusive design for buildings, neighborhoods and urban spaces. He also teaches a graduate course in public participation in planning and design at University of California Berkeley.



Notes

Envision Alachua is a community planning process to discuss future economic, environmental and community opportunities in Alachua County on lands owned by Plum Creek.

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