



MEDIA ALERT

MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE TO HOST THE SECOND ANNUAL BROWARD YOUTH CLIMATE SUMMIT TO ENGAGE AND ENLIGHTEN STUDENTS ON THE TOPIC OF SEA LEVEL RISE ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

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will serve as the keynote speaker*

WHAT: Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS) to host the Second Annual Broward Youth Climate Summit Presented by Broward County Public Schools and the Broward County Environmental Planning and Community Resilience Division

- 750 high school and middle school students from throughout Broward County will attend the Second Annual Broward Youth Climate Summit at MODS where they will collaboratively explore and discuss critical climate-related issues facing south Florida and Broward County. There will be nine career-oriented 45-minute interactive sessions, which will focus on how sea level rise and other climate impacts are influencing careers such as engineering, technology/science, law/debate, politics/civics, government, economics, arts/entertainment, communication/media and social/human services.
- Numerous state and local leaders will be in attendance to facilitate the programming including **Julia Nesheiwat, PhD**, the first chief resilience officer for the state of Florida, who will serve as the keynote speaker. The Summit will be kicked off with welcome remarks from Broward County Public Schools Superintendent **Robert Runcie**, Broward County Commissioners **Beam Furr** and **Nan Rich**, and **Joseph P. Cox**, president and CEO of MODS.
- This year's Summit, which focuses on sea level rise, will help youth leaders to better understand the principles of climate science and will provide them with the tools to help them communicate the issues and take action to promote and implement climate action in their homes, schools and communities.
- With south Florida being one of the country's most vulnerable areas for flooding and other climate change issues, MODS is dedicated to leading the way in the climate-focused conversation. The Museum, led by Cox, is dedicated to becoming Broward County's dynamic hub for dialogue and innovation regarding resiliency and community solutions to impact climate change.
- MODS, with its innovative new exhibits and programs, hands-on resources and experiential learning model, provides the ideal location for the Summit as the Museum strives to connect teens to inspiring science through the love of learning beyond the traditional classroom.
- In conjunction with the Summit, the students will be challenged to create their own Climate Action Plans to combat sea level rise. In fact, MODS is proposing to bring together a consortium of partners to develop an innovative permanent exhibition, "Pathways to Resilience," which would serve to highlight coastal resiliency and solutions to the impact of climate change.

WHO: Julia Nesheiwat, PhD, chief resilience officer for the state of Florida
Robert Runcie, Broward County Public Schools superintendent
Beam Furr, Broward County commissioner
Nan Rich, Broward County commissioner
Joseph P. Cox, president and CEO of MODS

WHEN: Friday, January 10, 2020
9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: Museum of Discovery and Science
401 SW 2nd St
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

ABOUT MODS:

Founded in 1976 as the Discovery Center, today MODS is at the forefront of science education, innovation and exploration. The Museum showcases more than 300 interactive exhibits, immersive films and experiential programs. With a designated STEM Center and new aviation-themed makerspace, *The Leighton Family Hangar*, MODS is committed to engaging, enriching and inspiring tomorrow’s workforce - today. The Museum celebrates diversity and welcomes more than 400,000 visitors annually from all walks of life. MODS is open every day of the year, except for Thanksgiving, one day in the spring for its Annual Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration (March 13, 2020) and one day in the fall for the Annual Gala (October 24, 2020). Hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. MODS is located downtown at 401 SW Second Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312. For more information about the Museum, call 954.467.MODS (6637) or visit mods.org.

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Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is the sixth-largest school district in the nation and the second-largest in the state of Florida. BCPS is Florida’s first fully accredited school system since 1962. BCPS has nearly 270,000 students and approximately 175,000 adult students in 241 schools, centers and technical colleges, and 89 charter schools. BCPS serves a diverse student population, with students representing 204 different countries and 191 different languages. To connect with BCPS, visit browardschools.com, follow us on Twitter @browardschools, on Facebook at facebook.com/browardschools.com and download the free BCPS mobile app.

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