

# EMERGE BROWARD

## **Our Mission**

Emerge Broward is an independent 501(c)3 organization specifically designed to meet the unique needs of young professionals aged 21-35 in the community by promoting leadership and personal development through networking, community involvement, and educational opportunities.

To identify the emerging leaders and young professionals of Broward County, connect them with each other and current leaders in the community, develop their ability to serve as community trustees, and engage them within the community.





## **Our Vision**

To be the leading organization for young professionals dedicated to maximizing the impact on our community by:

- Promoting personal, professional, and leadership development
  - Fostering a strong, engaged community network
- Facilitating personal connections and professional partnerships
  - Serving as a catalyst for economic growth



350+ Members

Over 60 events total and over 50 member-only events

Over 1,500 total event participants

Through community engagement events, over 130 young professionals have contributed more than 5,000 hours of service

## Member Involvement

Members can join a committee to help plan events, improve their leadership skills, and build new relationships!

Transformation Through Conversations

Identify

Meet and Greet socials and recruitment events

**Develop** Personal and professional development experiences

Connect

Unique social events for members **Engage** Community engagement activities

Transformation Through Conversations

# Membership Engagement Report

81%

## 225 Members Engaged

■ 54 Members Not Engaged

## **How Are Our Members Engaged?**

# Monthly Planning Committee 8.3%

#### Identify Event/Meet & Greet Social

50.3%



#### **Connect Event** 16.9%

**Develop Event** 11.1%

Engage Event 7.1%

**General Assembly** 3%

# **Event Highlights**

#### Identify

- Monthly Meet & Greets Socials
  - Andy's Live Fire & Grill
    - Rivertail
  - Spinnaker After Dark at the **Conrad Hotel** 
    - YOLO'S O Lounge
      - Rock & Brews
- "Give Back Night" at Asbury Ale

#### House

- Oria Waterfront
- Quarterdeck 17th Street
  - Fogo de Chao
- The Den Sports Bar & Lounge
- Laudy Bar Craft Kitchen & Cocktails
  - Nube Rooftop

#### Connect

- Yoga Night
- Connect Cultural Dining-Indian
- Private Boxing Fitness Classes
  - Karaoke Night Out
- Behind the Scenes with the Florida Panthers
  - Cowork & Connect
- Pummarola Pizza Making Class
  - Latin Dance Lessons
- Golf 101 with Christian De Greiff PGA



#### Develop

• Finance Your Future with Northwestern Mutual Tax Strategies for Young Professionals • TrAin x EB: Ai Made Simple Time Mastery: Unleashing Your Professional Potential Learning the Art of Networking • Financial Wellness Tips for Young Professionals • Asset Building with Real Estate Values Discovery: A Deep Process of Learning, Aligning and Valuing the Self

#### Engage

- Walks & Wags: UFAR Animal Rescue
  - Thanksgiving Basket Brigade with CDTC
  - Challenge Air Fly Day
  - Water Matters Day
  - Walk Like Madd 5k
  - Broward County Library
    - Boys & Girls Club
- SOS Children's Village: Ice **Cream Social**
- Hugh Taylor Birch State Park **Restoration Project** 
  - Coastal Cleanup

## IDENTIFY

The Identify Committee is responsible for membership recruitment and retention. This includes promoting Emerge Broward in the community, hosting quarterly Meet and Greet socials, hosting additional membership cultivation events, conducting ongoing outreach to targeted groups and businesses, and coordinating membership renewals.

#### **Rock N' Brews**



## Laudy Bar -Craft Kitchen & Cocktails



#### The Den



## CONNECT

The Connect Committee plans and implements regularly scheduled events for members that provide fun and interactive social experiences and meaningful networking opportunities with a unique learning component.

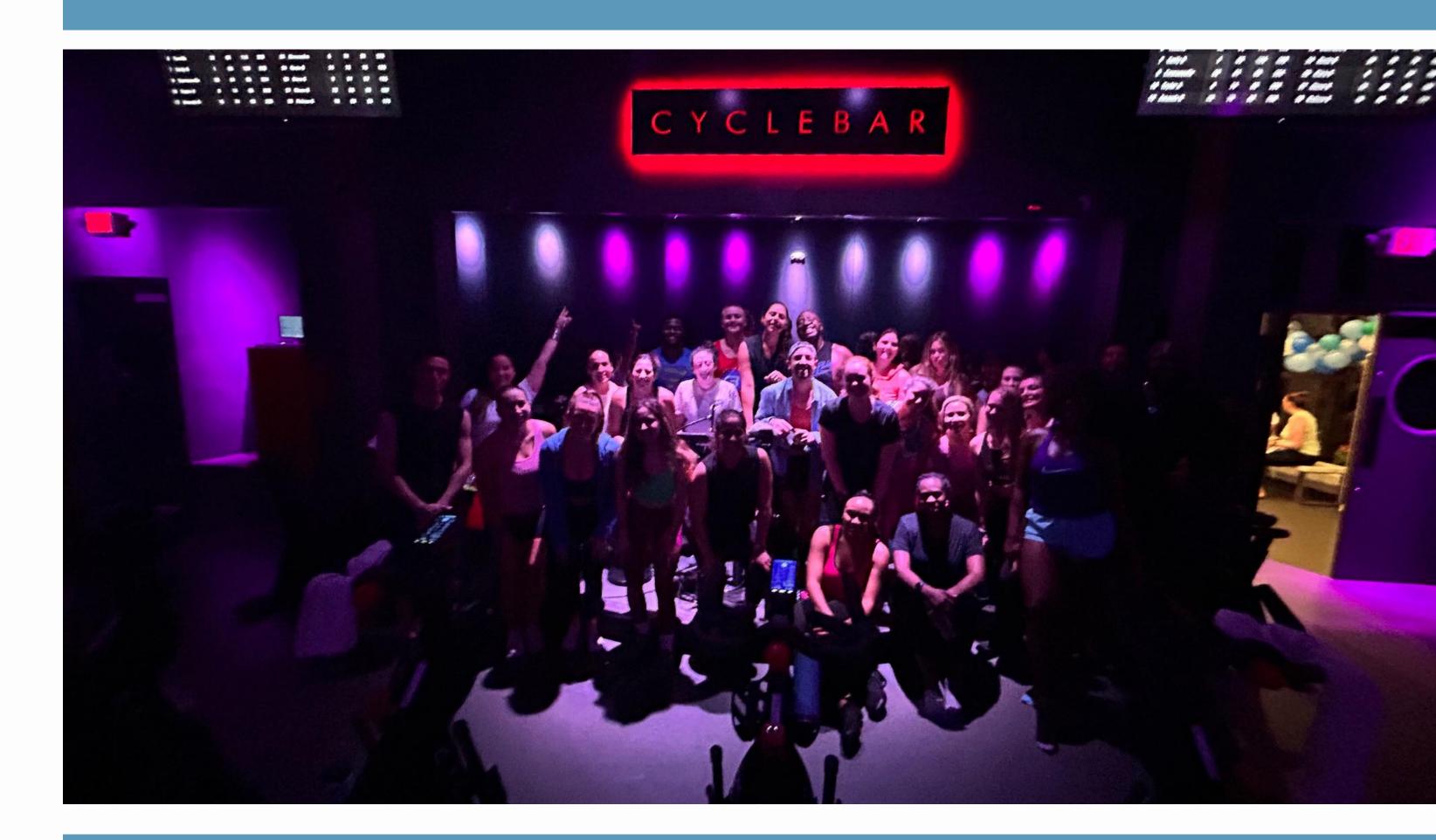
## Yoga Nights



## Karaoke Night!



#### CycleBar



## DEVELOP

The Develop Committee provides on-going, quality educational opportunities that target the development of skills and knowledge necessary to achieve personal and professional excellence.

## Establishing a Personal Brand



Learning the Art of Networking



Time Mastery: Unleashing Your Professional Potential



## ENGAGE

The Engage Committee provides members access to charitable and/or community based organizations throughout Broward County in an effort to build community trusteeship and improve the quality of life for our community.

## Broward County Library



#### Thanksgiving Basket Brigade with CDTC



## Boys & Girls Club of Broward County



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## **Board Engagement**

Board Engagement is a signature program of Emerge Broward that provides insight and experience in nonprofit board service

Open only to Emerge Broward members, the purpose of the Board Engagement program is to provide community-minded young professionals the opportunity to serve on a local nonprofit Board of Directors

As part of the program, participants will recieve training regarding the role of a board member, the basics of nonprofit governance, and best practices in board service.





Support for Emerge Broward's Board Engagement Program has been provided by the Mary and Alex Mackenzie Community Impact Fund at the Community Foundation of Broward



The South Florida Group

# ISHN



East Florida Division

Dear esteemed Sponsors, Trustees, and Supporters:

On behalf of our membership, we thank you for your commitment to Emerge Broward (EB) and its future.

As 2024 comes to a close, we reflect on the remarkable achievements of EB this year. Our membership grew to over 400 strong, and we hosted over 60 unique events that fostered meaningful connections and opportunities for personal and professional growth.

We kicked off the year on a journey of health and wellness – from a shared cycling experience to conversations on personal finance. In the spring, members laughed as we tossed pizza dough in the air – a sprinkling of flour falling on our hair. In the summer, we learned about homeownership in what one member stated was, "the best event of the year." Expert guest speakers taught us about personal branding and burnout; all the while, we explored venues in Fort Lauderdale and beyond, in many cases for the first time.

And as we lifted the community up in our volunteer events, we also lifted up each other. Conversations morphed from, "what brought you out here today?" and "where is your hometown?" to "how is your mother's health after her hospital stay?" and "how have the first few weeks been at your new job?"

It reflects the deepened relationships among our members, made possible only because of EB, our dedicated volunteers, leadership, and the funders behind the mission.

At our Meet & Greet in December, several first-time members joined us, and a similar pattern emerged: young professionals, recently arrived from other states, looking to forge connections in their newfound home -- to meet like-minded people and explore the places and unique energy that Broward County has to offer.

Even for those of us who have always called South Florida home, a similar sentiment exists -- take our Billiards & Holiday Sweater activity, just this month. Two members – South Florida natives -- were engaged in lively conversation, seemingly old friends: "We met a few months ago at an EB event!" they enthusiastically shared, with plans already on the books for their next adventure together.

These are the similar stories we hear from the alumni members who met years ago... and in a year that has fostered growth for EB (especially in Board Engagement), we are confident that more of these memories will be made by our current membership. EB continues forward in a positive trajectory, thanks to you.

With deepest appreciation,

EB Leadership Team Co-Chairs Michele Fernandez and Luckson Abraham



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