



THE 11TH ANNUAL DISABILITY MATTERS CONFERENCE & AWARDS

WELCOME

WHEN	APRIL 25-27, 2017
WHERE	NORTH MIAMI, FL
LOCATION	FIU KOVENS CONFERENCE CENTER

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SINGLE-TICKETS

\$1,199 per person (includes Welcome Reception, 2-day Conference & Awards, and Dinner).

VALUE COMBO TICKET

\$1,499 per person (includes Welcome Reception, 2-day Conference & Awards, Dinner, plus ERG Summit).

WHEN

WELCOME RECEPTION
Tuesday, April 25, 2017
6:30PM - 8:30PM EST

CONFERENCE
Wednesday & Thursday
April 26 & 27, 2017
8:00AM - 4:30PM EST

AWARDS PRESENTATION
Wednesday
April 26, 2017
6:30PM - 10:30PM EST

WHERE

KOVENS CONFERENCE CENTER
Florida International University
Biscayne Bay Campus
Local: 305.919.5000
<http://kovens.fiu.edu/>

3000 N.E. 151st Street
North Miami, FL 33181-3000
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KEYNOTES

CONFERENCE DAY-1



Anastasia M. Somoza
[Biography](#)

CONFERENCE DAY-2



Scott Burrows
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PROGRAM DETAILS

EVENT ATTIRE:

- **Welcome Reception:** Business Casual
- **Conference Attire:** Business
- **Awards Ceremony & Dinner:** Cocktail Attire

EVENT MENU:

Should you require any Dietary Accommodations, please be sure to make note in the Dietary Accommodations area of the [Registration Process](#).

Tuesday, April 25, 2017 - Welcome Reception

- Passed Hors D'oeuvres

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 - Conference Day - 1 & 2

- Continental Breakfast
- Lunch Buffet

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 - Awards Gala Dinner

- **Cocktail Reception:** Hors D'oeuvres.
- **Dinner:** Succulent Roasted Pork and Grilled Chicken Breast, Served with Seasoned Black Beans and White Rice, and Sweet Plantains.
- **Dessert**

HELP:

If you have any questions regarding this conference, please contact:

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AGENDA (DRAFT)

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017

Time	Topic	Location
5:45 pm	Bus Departure to Kovens Center	Front Building Entrance – Residence Inn
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	WELCOME RECEPTION Welcome and Opening Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nadine Vogel <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> <i>Springboard Consulting LLC</i>	FIU Terrace – 2 nd Floor Kovens Center
8:15 pm	Bus Departure to Residence Inn	Front Building Entrance – Kovens Center

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017

Time	Topic	Location
7:30 am	Bus Departure to Kovens Center	Front Building Entrance – Residence Inn
8:00 am - 8:30 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast:	Foyer - 1 st Floor Kovens Center
8:30 am - 8:45 am	Color Guard Procession:	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center
8:45 am – 9:00 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Steven Moll <i>Vice Provost</i> <i>Florida International University/BBC campus</i>	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Workforce Panel Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mike Dizer <i>Manager-HR Investigations</i> <i>The Dow Chemical Company</i> Honorees: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prudential Panelist: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David M. Quilleon <i>Senior Vice President, Global Mission, State Development & Operations</i> <i>Best Buddies International</i>	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amanda Niguidula, MPA <i>Director, Disability Resource Center</i> <i>Florida International University</i> 	
10:00 am-10:15 am	The Springboard Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashley Jones Lawrence <i>Executive Director</i> <i>The Springboard Foundation</i> 	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center
10:15 am-10:30 am	BREAK	
10:30 am–11:30 am	Specialty Session: <i>Special Needs Parents in the Workplace</i> Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD Panelist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristine Biagiotti <i>Principal IT Business Consultant</i> <i>Dell EMC Corporation</i> • Rhonda Henning <i>The Dow Chemical Company</i> • Jacque Winters <i>Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited</i> 	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center
11:30am - Noon	Specialty Session: <i>Special Needs Moms</i> Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD Panelist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drew Long <i>Caroline's Cart</i> • Mindy Scheier <i>Runway of Dreams</i> 	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center
Noon -12:30 pm	Keynote Presentation: Introduction by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD Keynote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anastasia Somoza <i>International Rights Advocate, Speaker & Consultant</i> 	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center
12:30 pm -1:30 pm	NETWORKING LUNCHEON	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Specialty Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Petersen Dancers 	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Marketplace Panel Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD Honorees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. • The Procter & Gamble Company Panelist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Cody Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer Peppercomm, Inc. 	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	BREAK	
3:15 pm – 4:15 pm	Specialty Session: <i>Experiential Learning</i> Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Hamilton <i>Legal Counsel</i> <i>Springboard Consulting LLC</i> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew Camardella <i>Shareholder</i> <i>Jackson Lewis P.C.</i> • Winifred E. Campbell, Esq. <i>The McHattie Law Firm, LLC</i> 	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Wrap-Up day-1	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center
4:45 pm	Bus Departure to Residence Inn	Front Building Entrance – Kovens Center
6:30 pm	Bus Departure to Kovens Center	Front Building Entrance – Residence Inn
6:45 pm – 7:15 pm	Cocktail Reception	FIU Terrace – 2 nd Floor Kovens Center
7:15 pm – 7:30 pm	Welcome & Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nadine Vogel <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> <i>Springboard Consulting LLC</i> 	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Gala Dinner	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center
8:30 pm – 8:45 pm	Seal of Approval Presentation	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center
8:45 pm – 9:15 pm	<p>Award Presentations</p> <p>DISABILITY CHAMPION AWARD Kristine Biagiotti <i>Principal IT Business Consultant, Dell EMC Corporation</i> Richard Welsh <i>Principal Debug Technician, Dell EMC Corporation</i></p> <p>STEPS TO SUCCESS AWARD Barilla G. E R. Fratelli Spa Oracle Corporation</p> <p>MARKETPLACE AWARD The Procter & Gamble Company Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.</p> <p>WORKFORCE AWARD Prudential Financial Inc.</p> <p>EMPLOYER OF CHOICE Fifth Third Bank</p>	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center
9:30 pm	Bus Departure to Residence Inn	Front Building Entrance – Kovens Center

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017

Time	Topic	Location
7:30 am	Bus Departure to Kovens Center	Front Building Entrance – Residence Inn
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast	Foyer - 1 st Floor Kovens Center
8:30 am - 8:45 am	Color Guard Procession	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center
8:45 am- 9:00 am	<p>Welcome & Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nadine Vogel <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> <i>Springboard Consulting LLC</i> 	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center

9:00 am – 9:30 am	Employer of Choice Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBD Honorees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fifth-Third Bank 	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center
9:30 am – 9:45 am	Diversity Benchmark Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pamela McElvane <i>Founder & Chief Executive Officer</i> <i>Diversity MBA</i> 	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center
9:45 am - 10:15 am	2017 Disability Matters Europe & Asia-Pacific Announcement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBD 	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center
10:15 am – 10:30 am	BREAK	
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Steps-to-Success Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBD Honorees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barilla G. E R. Fratelli Spa Oracle Corporation 	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Disability Champions Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBD Honorees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dell EMC Corporation 	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center
11:30 am - 12:15 am	Keynote Introduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBD Keynote presentation & performance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scott Burrows <i>Keynote, Motivational Speaker & Transformational Change Expert</i> <i>Stand Up, Inc.</i> 	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center
12:15 pm -1:15 pm	NETWORKING LUNCHEON	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center
1:15 pm – 2:30 pm	Specialty Session: <i>Crossroads... Disability, LGBTQ, and Veterans</i> Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wil Lewis <i>Senior VP Diversity & Inclusion Executive</i> <i>Bank of America Corporation</i> Panelist(s):	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gary Ross <i>Chair, Genentech's Diversity Council; Senior Diversity Consultant, Pharma US Technical Operations, Genentech, Inc.</i> • Dana Foote <i>Partner, Audit, KPMG, LLP</i> • Chad Libertus <i>Partner, Tax, KPMG, LLP</i> • Kathy Martinez <i>Senior Vice President, Disability Market Segment & Strategy, Wells Fargo Bank N.A.</i> 	
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	BREAK	
2:45 pm – 4:00 pm	<p>Specialty Session: <i>Mental Health in the Workplace</i></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD <p>Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Farrell <i>District Director, U.S. EEOC - Miami District</i> • Alisa LaPolt <i>Executive Director National Alliance on Mental Illness, Florida</i> • Clare Miller <i>Director, Partnership for Workplace Mental Health American Psychiatric Association Foundation</i> • Mary Beth Shea, PhD <i>Acting Director of Training for Psychology Programs U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Orlando VAMC</i> 	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center
4:00 pm – 4:15 pm	Closing Remarks & Departures	Ballroom - 2 nd Floor Kovens Center

HOTEL INFORMATION

Listed below is the host hotel which offers a **discounted rate of \$189.00 USD**, upon request and availability. Please note: Hotel Reservation Discount Cut-off Date is **Friday, March 24, 2017**. You must book no later than this date to receive the discounted rate.

RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT

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By Phone:

Please contact Marriott Reservations at +1-800-331-3131 or directly to the Hotel's Sales Office at +1-786-528-1086, Please ensure that you request the group rate for: **The 2017 Disability Matters North America Conference & Awards**.

Online:

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GROUND TRANSPORTATION*

Transportation will be provided as follows; scheduled times are available on the [Agenda](#):

- **Tuesday, April 25, 2017 -Welcome Reception:** To/From the Residence Inn and Kovens Conference Center.
- **Wednesday, April 26, 2017 - Conference Day-1:** To/From the Residence Inn and Kovens Conference Center.
- **Wednesday, April 26, 2017 - Awards Gala:** To/From the Residence Inn and Kovens Conference Center.
- **Thursday, April 27, 2017 - Conference Day-2:** From the Residence Inn to Kovens Conference Center ONLY.
- **Thursday, April 27, 2017 - Departures:** The Kovens Center Concierge Desk will assist with scheduling taxi-service to the airport.