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As we enter October, I am hopeful that our temperatures will drop and I will see more of you outside on 2nd Avenue visiting one of our many restaurants and cafés or shopping at one of our many fine retail establishments.

2nd Avenue is looking more active than it has in a long time and I hope that trend continues.

Speaking of being more active, your Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce is getting more active with several new events planned for the Fall. While we encourage you to please check out our website at www.miamishores.com for all of the events we will be holding over the next few months, allow me to do a little self-serving sales pitch for you that will give you a little taste of what we have in store.

Over the last several months, I have been touting our Women In Business networking group which has been regularly meeting every month, with larger attendance at each subsequent meeting. While this group is designed to help promote women in business, it is not limited to women and we frequently have men attend. In fact, you can check out the photos from our past events at <https://www.miamishores.com/chamber-events/57446-2/> to see what you are missing if you have not yet made it to one of these great events.

In October, we will be expanding our list of events to include a new Greater Miami Shores Chamber Mentorship Program. For anyone who may be looking to start a new business, switch careers, embark down a new career path, or simply looking to find ways to grow their

existing business, the right mentor can help provide invaluable guidance, advice, and direction based on their own successful efforts to navigate through the same obstacles. Additionally, for those who have successfully travelled these paths, now may be a good time to look at things from a new perspective – something that is often hard to do because we all tend to get fixed in our ways. To help our members navigate these pathways, we have decided to create the Greater Miami Shores Chamber Mentorship Program where we will be looking for both mentors and mentees who are interested in building a mentor relationship. Please check out our website for upcoming Mentorship events and consider signing up as either a mentor to help your fellow members, or a mentee seeking the help that a valuable mentor can offer.

Finally, I want to ask everyone to save the date for our holiday “Sip, Shop & Celebrate” event which will be held on December 11th in downtown Miami Shores. Just as the title of the event implies, you will have opportunities to grab a drink, meet with friends, and do a little holiday shopping. Please be on the lookout for more information on the “Sip, Shop & Celebrate” event in the November Egret and on our website.

As always, If you are interested in learning more about our events or how to sponsor an event, or just want to comment on how we can serve you better, please check out our website, www.miamishores.com, or send me an email at NeilKodsi@miamishores.com.



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Down to Business



Myriam "Yary" Ayala is a fully bilingual (English and Spanish) psychotherapist who loves serving her community. She has been in the mental health field for over 20 years. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker she offers mental health services to residents of Florida and New York. She offers online therapy to adult women who are experiencing challenges with life transitions, burnout, anxiety, depression and emotional eating. In her practice, she is driven by her client's innate capacity for change and transformation. She considers herself a change facilitator and provides psychoeducation, support, encouragement, and guidance as part of the therapeutic experience. Her relatable and holistic approach to therapy is what sets her apart from others in her field. She believes that healing comes in many different forms and combines traditional talk therapy with other non-traditional evidence-


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based modalities like meditation, breathing exercises, mindfulness, guided imagery, and expressive arts to help her clients. She sees therapy as an opportunity to learn about oneself and their needs, creating a safe space to process emotions, change, and healing.

In addition, she offers psychological evaluations for people that are considering the bariatric procedure as an alternative for weight loss. The pre-bariatric psychological evaluations are conducted in English or Spanish to help clients identify their strengths, motivation, capacity to give consent, support systems, evaluate their mental health and most importantly help them create a plan to maximize their success.

As a Qualified Supervisor in the state of Florida she offers supervision to Registered Social Work Interns. Myriam holds a psychology degree from John Jay College and a Master's degree from Hunter College School of Social Work. She currently resides in Miami.


Her services include: Free discovery calls, online individual psychotherapy for adults, pre bariatric psychological evaluations, coaching group for wellness and weight loss in spanish with the 35D ProgramWalk, and talk therapy services in Miami Shores and its vicinity. Contact Info: Phone: 917-734-2578 www.myriamayala.com Email: info@myriamayalatherapy.com Instagram: Rxforlatinx Facebook: myriamayalatherapist



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NEW LISTING

11210 NE 8th Ct. \$749,000

One of the most CHARMING homes in lush Biscayne Park! This custom MIMO masterpiece has 3 beds & 2 baths, spacious living & dining areas + a family room surrounded with windows.



4755 Alton Rd. \$1,199,000

ENJOY MIAMI BEACH LIVING in this 3 bedroom/ 3 bathroom PLUS bonus room, MIMO style home surrounded by lush tropical landscaping!



1290 NE 100 St. \$899,000

This classic MIMO style Miami Shores ranch, located a few houses from the bay, is 2,158 Sf and has the ultimate curb appeal.



NEW LISTING

11113 Biscayne Blvd. #1756 \$849,000

This exquisite 2 story 3,276 sf home in the sky defines “luxury” and will AMAZE you. Beautifully remodeled sparing no expense. The HUGE chef’s kitchen has features usually found in multi-million-dollar mansions.



JUST SOLD

8959 Abbott Ave. \$799,000

Location Location Location! Well-kept 3 bedroom, 2 bath beach home plus a 1 car garage just a short walk to the beach! Located in highly desirable Abbott Ave.



NEW LISTING

780 NE 69th St. #804 \$359,000

ENJOY EXQUISITE VIEWS OF THE BAY & BEACHES from this 2BR/2BA in the desirable Palm Bay Yacht Club! W/ NO expenses spared, this unit has been COMPLETELY REMODELED.



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7840 Camino Real #P302 \$219,000

CHARMING UNIT IN A FANTASTIC LOCATION! This well-kept 2 beds & 1 bath features a spacious floor plan. Enjoy what Village of Kings Creek has to offer!



13105 Ixora Ct. #310 \$139,000

This well-kept Keystone Point waterfront condo features a spacious and welcoming living & dining area that leads you to a wonderful balcony that overlooks the water.



UNDER CONTRACT IN 4 DAYS

9324 Byron Ave. \$799,000

Surfside beach home with a guest cottage!!! This well-kept 3 beds & 3 baths plus garage (main house is a 2/2 & guest cottage is 1/1 w/ separate entrance) is only 3 blocks from the beach!



UNDER CONTRACT

2000 Towerside Ter. #1208 \$229,000

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UNDER CONTRACT IN 9 DAYS

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Beautiful corner loft unit featuring 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Wrap around balcony with great city views, stained concrete floors, European kitchen, wash/dryer in unit.

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School and Community News

THE CUSHMAN SCHOOL As part of its ongoing global studies initiative, The Cushman School is excited to participate in an exchange program with students from Maputo, Mozambique, designed to highlight "shared humanity." The international collaboration is being facilitated by AptArt, an organization which bridges the gap between the Western world and marginalized communities abroad through the creation of public art.

This is the second time that Cushman High School students participated in an AptArt project. The first experience was in 2016 via a Syrian Refugee exhibition at the Nader Gallery in Wynwood. "We are thrilled to work with AptArt once again, this time alongside Maputo Skate, a student group from Mozambique," explains Cushman teacher Kyle Mullan. "Exposing our students to diverse cultures, languages and challenges that others face in different parts of the world is not only at the core of social science

education but inspires an empathic and global mindset."

The Maputo Skate student group has been particularly critical to continuing education in the Maputo community since schools have been partially or fully closed for over a year due to COVID-19. Director of Maputo Skate, Francisco Vinho, has been able to fill the void of in-person learning through this kind of online programming with students in other parts of the world.

Cushman's 9th graders and the Maputo students have been connecting on Zoom over the course of multiple weeks during Cushman's unique Society and Me class. The culmination of their discussions will be the completion of two murals (one in Miami and one in Maputo) resulting in visible works of art for all to enjoy.

The entire process will be showcased as part of a documentary focused on the benefit of public art within disparate

communities. Cushman and Maputo will serve as an example of how art can help bring diverse groups of people together in order to understand our common interests.

DOCTORS CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI SHORES

Join us on Wednesday, October 20th, at 6:30 p.m. for a prospective new student meeting to be held virtually. Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores is an "A" rated grades 6-12 middle/high charter school and the only high school in Miami Shores! Families of Miami Shores are given the highest priority in our application process.

Applications for the 2022-2023 school year open on November 1st, 2021. For more information regarding Admissions and prospective students' virtual meeting, please visit www.doctorscharterschool.org/admissions.

DCS welcomes Miami Shores Village

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Mix & Meet & Mentor

Please join us as we launch The Greater Miami Shores Chamber Mentorship Program. As many people look to start a new business, switch careers or embark down a new career path, the road to success can seem long and daunting. A Mentor can help provide invaluable guidance, advice and direction as they have successfully navigated the road you find ahead of you. For those who have successfully travelled that path, it may be a good time to look at things from a new perspective which may be hard due to your years of experience.

AT THIS EVENT YOU WILL:

- Learn about the chamber's new 6 month mentorship program.
- Sign up to become a mentor or mentee.
- Hear stories from members who have benefitted from having a mentor in their lives.

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Using her 'God-Given' talents, artist Leonor Anthony helped restore 'His House'.

Downtown Miami's 200-year-old, Gesu Catholic Church, the oldest in Miami, was badly in need of repair, both structurally and esthetically. Fortunately, two, uber-talented Cuban American siblings were called to the rescue! Leonor's older brother, Eduardo Rodriguez's, Florida Lemark construction company, was contracted by Miami's Archdiocese. While working on the structure's restoration, he called upon his internationally renowned sister, Leonor for assistance. This became a truly mystical 'painting adventure'.

The ceiling, with its medallion frescos, needed immediate attention!

One entire panel had severe water damage and collapsed into the altar. Once the structure was repaired the panel had to be reproduced exactly as the ones painted 200 years before.

Similar to famed Italian artist, Michelangelo, Leonor ascended the 60' scaffoldings, into the air, tracing and painting upside down. She was not able to be harnessed because the scaffold could not be attached to the historical walls, a mind-bending, vertigo-inducing, stressor in its own right. As she describes it, a daunting, back-breaking task requiring many Advils, and copious Ben Gay slathers. (not mentioning the end-of-day liturgical red wine).

The original 25x15', curved section panel needed to be exactly replicated, including the recreation of 100-year-old paint colors.

A National paint company's specialists visited the sanctuary, attempting to match the 10 colors which appeared on the panel. They took swatch pieces of the ceiling and design, matching at their headquarters and were able to replicate the colors perfectly.

Working with extra-large carbon paper, ordered from Amazon, Leonor traced the entire design of the panel from the opposite side and made stencils on carbon paper.

Two identical scaffolds were erected on the altar's sides, one for tracing, the other for the restoration. With the stencils completed, Leonor hand drew the entire design, and the final painting began.

She likens it to creating a majestic coloring book.

In her own words, Leonor was "freaked out" by the enormity, historical significance, and reverence of the project, not to mention the altitude. She was able to complete the entire panel under an intense deadline of just 2 weeks, working around the church's



scheduled mass services, with the help of another well-known Cuban-American artist and a construction employee, curiously named "Jesus".

Asked about her fee, Leonor actually donated her time and talents plus compensated her assistant. "It's for the Church, His House". Her best guess, it could have been between a \$20,000 - \$25,000 artist fee.

Resident Pastor, Eduardo Alvarez (Father Eddie) came to know the parish he now leads, at 16 years old, arriving in Miami through Operation Pedro Pan. He exclaims "Gesu is the Jewel of the Archdiocese".

It's been an integral heart of the community providing ecclesiastical peace to military soldiers returning from battlegrounds in Cuba, Puerto Rico, and two American World Wars.

Cuban exiles found a home at Gesu and their children attended the elementary school after immigrating to the U.S.

The Gesu, 42-year Senior Citizens Center has offered breakfast and full-course lunch Mon. – Fri., for Miami Dade's senior residents.

Miami's Homeless individuals are also 'welcomed home' at Gesu.

And Mary, Gesu's madre is honored.

Father Eddie had a dream of including Mary's crest on the new panel.

Leonor made his dream come true and signed her name as a small artist signature under the crest.

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Congratulations to our newly elected Board of Trustees Executive committee for the 2021-2022 school year: Mr. Christian Ulvert as Chair, Dr. Nancy Cigno as Vice Chair, Mr. Andrew Lemke as Treasurer, and Mr. John Rosenquest IV as Secretary. We are grateful for their dedication and for volunteering to be on the Board.

Support the DCS PTSA on Wednesday, October 13 between 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm at Chipotle located at 14776 Biscayne Blvd. Make sure to mention DCS PTSA when placing your order.

It's great to be a Hawk! **GO HAWKS!**

MIAMI SHORES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

is pleased to announce that our school has been chosen to start a 5000 Role Models Program for the 2021-22 school year! The Honorable Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson noticed poor school patterns and began to challenge men of Miami-Dade County to intervene and mentor the youth. The program started out as 500 African American Role Models of Excellence and has grown into 5000 individuals serving as a major force to change the path and lead the young boys into men. Our SRO, Officer MacNeal will serve as the Program's Sponsor.

MIAMI SHORES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SCHOOL (MSPCS) MSPCS welcomes ALL children back to

school and wishes them a safe and educational school year! Our school and church summer camps were a GIANT success. Preschool campers enjoyed arts and crafts, water days, and science in a fun-filled and healthy environment. Elementary school campers focused on science and STEAM. They loved designing and creating rockets, programming robots, and designing and testing electrical circuits. Thank you to Mad Science for bringing those experiences to our campus! Vacation Bible School also took place on our church-school campus as children explored the Rocky Railway and how our faith pulls us through tough times.

The 2021-2021 school year is off to a GREAT start. Our families and teachers reconnected during our August "Meet the Teacher" Night as friends and teachers – new and returning – were welcomed back to school. MSPC continues to maintain heightened safety and sanitation procedures to protect our precious (and unvaccinated) children ages 6 months to 11 years old (5th Grade) and our dedicated staff. Masks will continue to be worn inside the classrooms.

MSPCS congratulates the Preschool staff and thanks our families as we were ranked second among preschools in the Miami area by The Preschool Directory! A very limited number of spaces remain for new students in our preschool and elementary school. If you or someone you know are looking for an amazing

school, we encourage you to schedule a tour of our campus – Preschool: 305-751-5417, Elementary School: 305-759-2548, or email at schools@mspcs.net. Visit our website at <http://www.mspcs.net/>

ST. ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Cardinals are in full flight as they soar smoothly into the 2nd marking period! Over the past few weeks, numerous extra-curricular programs were reinstated to include a robust selection of clubs and electives including Student Council, National Honors Society, Art, Choir, Band, Safety Patrol, Television Production, Mindfulness Stretching, Personal Finance, 3-D Print & Design, STEM, Silly Science, Lego Builders, Yearbook/Graphic Design, Boys and Girls Soccer, and so much more! Opportunities are offered at every grade level to provide each student with the chance to explore and develop their God-given talents.

The faculty and staff of SRL continue to focus on the spiritual, social emotional, academic, and physical needs of each student. Aside from the array of extra-curricular courses, this fall students will also enjoy traditional activities including the 8th Grade Pumpkin Patch challenge, Fall Pep Rally, Thanksgiving Food Drive, the Scholastic Book Fair, and other engaging events.

It's a great time to be a Cardinal! If you would like more information regarding St. Rose of Lima, we encourage you to visit their website www.srlschool.com or call 305-751-4257 for further information.

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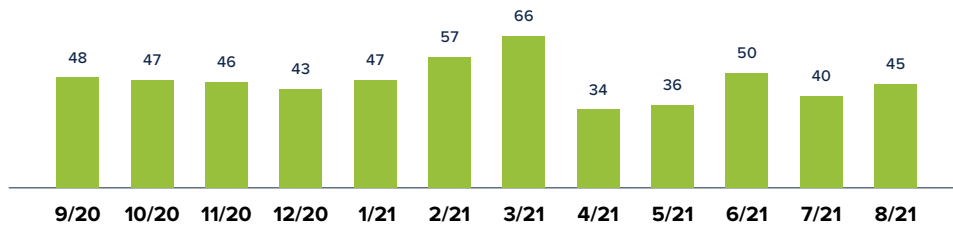
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