

Get to Know the Panelists

THE IMMOKALEE FOUNDATION

CEO LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

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John DeAngelis

Co-founder of DeAngelis Diamond

Born and raised in West Virginia, John moved to Naples, Florida, in 1984 to begin high school. His journey in construction took root with a strong connection to the Florida Gators, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Building Construction from the University of Florida. That foundation launched a successful 35-year career in the construction industry.

In 1996, John co-founded DeAngelis Diamond in Naples. Under his leadership, the company has grown into a nationally recognized construction management firm, licensed in 38 states with eight office locations. DeAngelis Diamond has earned numerous national accolades, including repeated recognition on the INC 5000 and the ENR Top 400 lists. John's individual honors include induction into the Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame, being named Gulfshore Life's Man of the Year, and annual inclusion on Naples Illustrated's "Naples 100 Most Influential Leaders" list.

Beyond DeAngelis Diamond, John has helped launch a variety of successful ventures spanning real estate, development, and other industries.

John and his wife, Kelly, are deeply committed to their faith and have served on numerous Christian mission trips across China, Cambodia, Haiti, and South America—caring for orphans and advocating for women and children vulnerable to human trafficking. When not engaged in business or ministry, John treasures time with Kelly, their five children, and seven granddaughters.



Amy Hale

Regional President of BMO Wealth Management

Amy Hale is the Regional President of BMO Wealth Management, where she leads a team of professionals delivering comprehensive wealth management solutions to high-net-worth individuals, families, and organizations, including closely held and family-owned businesses, endowments, and foundations. A significant focus of her practice is dedicated to serving the unique wealth management needs of high-net-worth women.

In addition to her leadership role, Amy serves as the Executive Sponsor of the BMO U.S. Women & Wealth Program, reflecting her commitment to empowering women through financial education and strategic planning.

A Collier County native, Amy is deeply engaged in community leadership and service. She currently serves on the Board of Directors at The Immokalee Foundation and hosts financial literacy workshops for the organization's college-bound students. She is a graduate of Leadership Collier (Class of 2013) and was named to Gulfshore Business's 40 Under 40 in 2018.

Amy is widely respected for her hands-on approach to leadership and her passion for inspiring others to achieve their goals. Through her professional expertise and community involvement, she continues to make a meaningful and lasting impact across Southwest Florida.



Jennifer Johnson Founder of True Fashionistas

Jennifer Johnson, founder of True Fashionistas, the largest lifestyle resale store in Florida is a renowned small business coach who empowers small businesses to achieve their goals without sacrificing their well-being. She has been an entrepreneur for over 25-years.

Once a national model and actress, she pivoted to build a resale empire with True Fashionistas, Florida's largest lifestyle resale store. Jennifer knows the struggle of juggling business growth, personal branding, and a life you love. That's why she built a roadmap for success, The Confident Entrepreneur. Now, Jennifer is a renowned coach, author of the Amazon bestseller "Grace & Grit: Becoming a Confident Entrepreneur", and host of the award-winning The Confident Entrepreneur podcast which was just named one of the top 100 female hosted podcasts in the country. She is a Gulfshore Life Businesswoman of the Year honoree, Small Business Association Emerging Leader, Distinguished Entrepreneur Nominee and Leadership Florida graduate.

Jennifer's expertise has landed her features on Inside Edition, Home Delivery, and countless national TV and radio shows. Jennifer has also spoken on countless national stages. Jennifer has been published in TIME Magazine, US News and World Report, The Associated Press, Newsweek, Vogue and Real Simple, among others.



Dan Lavendar CEO of Moorings Park Institute, Inc.

Dan Lavender has served as chief executive officer of Moorings Park Institute Inc. in Naples, Florida, since 2009. In addition to being one of the top senior living wellness organizations in the country, Moorings Park Communities has consistently been recognized by Fortune Magazine as "A Great Place to Work."

Moorings Park is one of the only senior living organizations in the county with an A+ or A rating by Fitch and S&P. Moorings Park has nearly 1,100 employees across its three communities: Moorings Park, Moorings Park at Grey Oaks, and Moorings Park Grande Lake. As a member of the Naples community, the organization also supports dozens of community health initiatives by distributing grants to local nonprofit and public health agencies. As a member of the Naples community, Moorings Park also supports dozens of community health initiatives by distributing grants to local nonprofit and public health agencies.

In 2019, he was inducted into Collier County's Business Hall of Fame, which recognized him as an outstanding entrepreneur and role model through his professional accomplishments and commitment to the Southwest Florida community. Mr. Lavender is a member of the boards of directors of the Miami Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and the Naples Zoo, where he also serves as treasurer. He also served as past chair of Novare, a national consortium of senior living providers. Mr. Lavender was the former chair of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and a former member of the Champions for Learning Leadership Council.

He received his BA in accounting and economics and certified public accounting from Bluffton College and his MBA from Ohio University.



Lynda Waterhouse Former President of Keiser University, Naples, FL

Lynda Waterhouse is a seasoned education and healthcare executive with more than three decades of leadership experience. She served as campus president of Keiser University-Naples for six years and previously as president and CEO of Wolford College for post-graduate nurse anesthesia education. In parallel, she spent 23 years as executive director of Collier Anesthesia, PA.

A CPA with an MBA from the University of Miami and a Doctor of Healthcare Administration from the Medical University of South Carolina, Lynda is the founder and CEO of RevitaHQ. She now focuses on the intersection of education, leadership, and well-being, helping purpose-driven professionals lead with sustainable energy and intention. She is deeply committed to community impact and has held leadership roles with the Women's Foundation of Collier County, the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, Leadership Collier Foundation, Youth Haven, and the Collier County Hunger and Homeless Coalition.