Business Week Miami 2026 Official Itinerary

Business Week is an event focused on developing emerging leaders through ideas, funding opportunities, and competitive games such as Panther Tank and an X-Factor-style Mentor Matching Day. This series of events is scheduled to take place across the University of Miami, FIU, and Miami-Dade College from October 26th-October 30, 2026.

Monday, October 26, 2026 at Miami Dade College – Wolfson Campus AI Center

Building 2, Room 2104, 300 N.E. Second Ave., Miami, FL 33132

Parking: MDC garage (Building 7), 500 NE 2nd Ave. The car entrance is on NE 5th St, between NE 1st and 2nd Ave. Walk to NE 5th St & NE 2nd Ave, go south on NE 2nd Ave one block, turn right onto NE 4th St, and Building 2 is on your right (about a 3–4 minute walk).

06:00 PM - 06:30 PM Welcome Remarks & Introductory Speech by Fédeline Luc

06:30 PM - 07:00 PM Guest Speaker Marlon Hill, Esq., Founding Member of FCSA

07:00 PM - 08:30 PM Panel Discussion

08:30 PM - 09:00 PM Icebreaker Game and Prep for Business Week

Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at Miami-Dade College, Brickell FL

300 NE 2 Ave, Miami, FL 33132-2296 (Building 7, 1st floor Room 7128)

06:00 PM - 06:30 PM Welcome Remarks & Welcome Activity

06:30 PM - 7:00 PM Mentor Introductions

07:00 PM - 08:00 PM Mentor Matching Day

Students will engage in an X-Factor style game, where the attendees will pitch themselves, their strengths, and what they hope to improve on to a panel of potential business mentors. If a mentor is interested in guiding and assisting their mentee throughout Business Week, they will turn around in their swivel chairs to "pick" their mentee. If more than one mentor turns around...it will be the mentee’s choice to choose the mentor of their preference. The one who most aligns with their goals, participation is on a first-come first-served basis.

08:00 PM - 08:30 PM Mix n’ Match

A moment for the matches to get to know each other better, exchange preferred contact methods, and discuss goals and current challenges they are facing whether in school, business, or personal life. Mentors will have a chance to review their mentees’ proposed pitches for Friday. The unmatched mentees or attendees outside of the cohort will have a chance to introduce themselves to the mentors and possibly find the right match.

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at Miami-Dade College, Brickell FL

300 NE 2 Ave Miami FL 33132-2296 (Building 7, 1st floor Room 7128)

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM Built to Last: From Idea to Execution by Mr. David Mullings, CEO and

Chairman of Blue Mahoe Capital.

A workshop led by Mr. David Mullings on how to properly pitch and create a business idea.

**Required for all pitch competition participants* You will be given clear instructions on how to pitch for the competition. This is a guideline; we encourage using your imagination and getting creative.*

Thursday, October 29, 2026 at Florida International University

11101 SW 13th St, Miami, FL 33174 (DM100 or Deuxième Maison)

06:00 PM - 06:30 PM Screening Premiere

06:30 PM - 07:00 PM Fireside Chat

07:00 PM - 08:30 PM Panther Tank: FIU Mini Business Challenge

After the screening, attendees transition into a fast-paced, fun FIU-themed mini-pitch competition inspired by Shark Tank. Students form teams, and each team randomly draws a mystery business challenge. Here's the catch: each team only gets 10–15 minutes to build the company. Each team gets 60–90 seconds to pitch their idea to the Panther Panel. The point isn't spreadsheets but creativity + entrepreneurship + teamwork. Audience members decide which company they would "invest" their Panther Bucks in. The winners are picked by the Panther Panel (judges).

Friday, October 30, 2026 at The University of Miami, Coral Gables FL

Shalala Student Center, Grand Ballroom 1330 Miller Dr, Miami, FL 33146

We’ll end things off at the U!

06:00 PM - 06:30 PM Welcome Bites & Refreshments

Welcoming contestants, their supporters, and graduates of Business Week. Mentors will begin prepping pitch competition participants.

06:30 PM - 07:00 PM Introduction to Panel of Judges

07:00 PM - 08:30 PM Pitch Competition

Each contestant has approx. 3-7 minutes to pitch their business idea to a panel of judges, competing for $5,000 in cash prizes, provided by the Blessed Futures Foundation.

08:30 PM - 09:00 PM Awards & Closing Remarks

We ask that all participants dress in business attire for Opening and Closing nights. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to email ***contact@businessweekmiami.com*** *or message* ***@businessweekmiami*** *and a team member will get back to you at our earliest convenience. Thank you!*