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These are Tampa Bay's Power 100, the most influential businesspeople in 2024



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Meet the 2024 class of Power 100 – influential executives, developers and behind-the-scenes power players from across the Tampa Bay region.

The annual Power 100 list, which launched in 2016, is curated by the Tampa Bay Business Journal's publisher and editorial staff.

These business leaders set the agenda in Tampa Bay. Some have been on the list every year since its inception; others are new. The Power 100 list is not a ranking but rather a guide that aims to reflect the most influential businesspeople in Tampa Bay at this moment in time.

To narrow down the list, the team assessed not only organizational leadership but also those who, either visibly or quietly, through philanthropic or institutional means, shape the path and fortunes of the regional business community beyond their bubble.

The recognition represents a cumulative impact and staying power. Power, by nature, doesn't change quickly. There will be familiar names.

In 2023, we introduced the Legends class, to represent the Tampa Bay region's perennially powerful. Sixteen Legends were named in 2023, and 12 new ones joined the list this year.

The list does not include elected officials, whose power is granted by the nature of their office. Influential families and pairs appear together because they wield their influence jointly.

As the business community evolves, we expect new power players to emerge in the year ahead. We compile the list every January. If you have anyone you want to suggest, email Editor Alexis Muellner at amuellner@bizjournals.com.

Power 100 and Legends are listed alphabetically below. They will be featured in the March 22 edition of the Business Journal.

- Carlos Alfonso, CEO, Alfonso Architects

- Paul Anderson, CEO Port Tampa Bay
- Ken Atwater, president, Hillsborough Community College
- Van Ayres, superintendent, Hillsborough County Schools
- Trevor Baldwin, CEO, BRP Group
- Christina Barker, chief of staff, Vinik Family Office
- Arnie Bellini, managing partner, Bellini Capital
- Randy Benderson, president, Benderson Development
- John Bennett, chief of staff, city of Tampa
- Trevor Burgess, CEO, Neptune Flood
- Brian Butler, CEO, Vistra Communications
- Frank Capitano, managing partner, Alliant Partners
- Blake and Allison Casper, Oxford Commons
- Greg Celestan, CEO, Celestar
- Joe Chillura, senior executive vice president of commercial banking, Valley Bank
- Ron Christaldi, president and CEO, Shumaker Advisors Florida
- Archie Collins, president and CEO, Tampa Electric
- Stephanie Connors, president and CEO, BayCare Health System
- John Corbett, president and CEO, SouthState Bank
- Richard Corcoran, president, New College of Florida
- Santiago Corrada, president and CEO, Visit Tampa Bay
- John Couris, CEO, Tampa General Hospital
- Bill Cronin, CEO, Pasco EDC
- David Deno, CEO, Bloomin' Brands
- Avani Desai, CEO, Schellman
- Mike DiBlasi, managing director in Tampa, CBRE
- Dan Doyle, CEO, Dex Imaging
- Scott Drainville, CEO, Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority
- Danielle Drummond, CEO, Lakeland Regional Health
- Chuck Fagan, president and CEO, PSCU
- Angela Falconetti, president, Polk State College
- Preston Farrior, CEO, Ferman Motor Car Co.
- Roger Germann, president and CEO, Florida Aquarium
- Glazer Family, owners, Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- Bill Goede, Tampa Bay market president, Bank of America
- Drew Graham, managing partner, Ballast Point Ventures

- Robert Grammig, chair and CEO, Holland & Knight
- Mike Griffin, market leader, Savills Tampa
- David Gwynn, district secretary, Florida Department of Transportation
- Bobby Harris, founder and CEO, BlueGrace Logistics
- Kevin Hendrick, superintendent, Pinellas County Schools
- Rob Higgins, executive director, Tampa Bay Sports Commission
- Oscar Horton, president and CEO, Sun State International
- Rich Hume, CEO, TD Synnex
- Patrick Hwu, president and CEO, Moffitt Cancer Center
- Johnnie James, president and CEO, Lykes Bros.
- Cynthia Johnson, director, Pinellas County Economic Development
- Kevin Johnson, CEO, Suncoast Credit Union
- Ken Jones, founder and managing partner, Third Lake Partners
- Anne Kerr, president, Florida Southern College
- Kara Klinger, Tampa managing partner, Deloitte
- Marty Lanahan, regional president and executive vice president, First Horizon Bank
- Rhea Law, president, University of South Florida
- Charly Lockwood, executive vice president, USF Health
- Joe Lopano, CEO, Tampa International Airport
- Brian, Lowack, CEO, Visit St. Pete/Clearwater
- Bruce Lucas, founder and CEO, Slide Insurance
- Thomas Mantz, CEO, Feeding Tampa Bay
- Tim Marks, CEO, Metropolitan Ministries
- Brett McGill, CEO, MarineMax
- Brad Miller, CEO, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority
- Steve Morey, CEO, Plant City Economic Development Corp.
- Brett Morgan, CEO, Morgan Auto Group
- Kevin Murphy, CEO, Publix Super Markets Inc.
- Brian Murphy, CEO, ReliaQuest
- Corey Neil, CEO, The Bank of Tampa
- David Ottati, president and CEO, AdventHealth West Florida
- Alec Papadakis, CEO, USL Soccer
- Paresh Patel, CEO, HCI Group
- Shirl Penney, president and CEO, Dynasty Financial
- David Pizzo, market president, West Florida Region, Florida Blue

- Cary Putrino, regional president, Fifth Third Bank
- Paul Reilly, CEO, Raymond James Financial
- Craig Richard, president and CEO, Tampa Bay Economic Development Council
- Robbert Rietbroek, CEO, Primo Water
- Bob Rohrlack, president and CEO, Tampa Bay Chamber
- Gary Sasso, president and CEO, Carlton Fields
- Arthur Savage, owner and operator, A.R. Savage & Son
- Alicia Schulhof, president, Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital
- Steve Scruggs, president, Lakeland Economic Development Council
- Melissa Seixas, president, Duke Energy Florida
- Darryl Shaw, Ybor City land owner
- Lakshmi Shenoy, CEO, Embarc Collective
- Bemetra Simmons, president and CEO, Tampa Bay Partnership
- Stu Sjouwerman, founder and CEO, KnowBe4
- Nadine Smith, co-founder and CEO, Equality Florida
- Chris Steinocher, president, St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce
- Stu Sternberg, owner, Tampa Bay Rays
- Mike Sutton, president and CEO, Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco Counties
- Josh Taube, CEO, Strategic Property Partners
- Jeff Vinik, owner, Tampa Bay Lightning
- Will Weatherford, managing partner, Weatherford Capital
- Cina Welch, president and CEO, FCCI Insurance Group
- Helen Wesley, president and CEO, Peoples Gas
- Tonjua Williams, president, St. Petersburg College
- Freddy Williams, president and CEO, Boys and Girls Clubs of the Suncoast and Boys and Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay
- Kenny Wilson, CEO, Jabil
- Cathie Wood, CEO and chief investment officer, Ark Investment
- Andrew Wright, founder and chairman of the board at Franklin Street; CEO of Ally Capital Group and managing partner of Next Level Brands
- Jennifer Zales, Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate

Legends

- Ron Vaughn, president, University of Tampa
- Tom Wallace, managing partner, Florida Funders
- Pam Iorio, former mayor of Tampa; former president and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America
- Larry Richey, executive vice chairman, Cushman & Wakefield's Florida offices
- Alex Sink, former CFO of Florida; former treasurer on the board of trustees of the Florida State Board of Administration
- Tony DiBenedetto, CEO, Appspace
- Maryann Ferenc, CEO and proprietor, Mise en Place
- Gonzmart family, 1905 Family of Restaurants
- Paul Tash, former Tampa Bay Times CEO; chair the board of trustees at Poynter Institute for Media Studies
- Ron Weaver, shareholder, Stearns Weaver Miller