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Name of Nominee	Photo	Abbreviated Biographical Information
1 Adam Blackwell Ambassador (Ret.) VP Development Services Group. Belleair, Florida		Career Diplomat – Canadian Foreign Service. International affairs and security expert; Vice President International – Development Services Group, Inc. supporting the US Department of State Counterterrorism Bureau; Board Positions: OriginAll; Inter American Defense Foundation; Trust for the Americas; POLCYB; Root International. Member - Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime Network; previously served in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; Nigeria; Kenya; Mexico; United Nations -NYC, and as Canadian Ambassador to the Dominican Republic. Secretary for Multidimensional Security - the Organization of American States (OAS) in Washington, D.C. Led several election observations and good offices missions; Member of the Commission to Reform Public Security in Honduras; Technical Coordinating Committee to manage the peace process in El Salvador. Ambassador in Residence at the William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies; Chair of the World Economic Forum’s Meta-Council on the Illicit Economy and Task Force on Cybersecurity and Human Trafficking. Resident Fellow - Rockefeller Foundation in Bellagio, Italy. Author: “If the War on Drugs is Over – Now What?” “Security Without Easy Answers” and “Si la Guerra contra las drogas llega a su fin – Que sigue?.”

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<p>2 Robert “Bob” Blanchard Chairman and CEO - WRB Enterprises Tampa, FL</p>		<p>Chairman and CEO - WRB Enterprises; Chairman WRB Energy with renewable energy projects in the U.S. and abroad; founder WRB Serra private equity fund focused on projects in Jamaica, Mexico and Costa Rica; Board of Directors – Bank of Tampa; Chair – Society of International Business Fellows; Board of Trustees – University of Tampa; Board of Directors – Florida Aquarium; prior Board positions: Moffitt Cancer Center Foundation; Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce; Committee of 100; Ybor City Development Corporation. BA Emory University.</p>
<p>3 Charles J. Dalcourt, Jr. CEO, Triple Strand Global Solutions Board Member and President – Military Officers Association of America Tampa, FL</p>		<p>CEO, Triple Strand Global Solutions; 34 year Army veteran; Board Member and President – Military Officers Association of America – Tampa Chapter; former CEO Czechoslovak Group USA; various US Army leadership positions including Army Liaison Officer to U.S. Central Command. Military Assistant to Secretary of State Colin Powell. Various military awards including Legion of Merit; Bronze Star; Meritorious Service Medal; Air Medal. BS Southern University and A&M College; MS Central Michigan University; International Security Studies Fellow, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy; Certificate in Public Leadership Brookings Institution.</p>
<p>4 Heather G. Eaton Foreign Policy Advisor, U.S Central Command Tampa, FL</p>		<p>Foreign Policy Advisor, U.S. Central Command; Media Spokesperson, US Embassy Islamabad; Political Officer, Dept of State Office of Japanese Affairs; Public Affairs Officer, US Mission to the UN Agencies in Rome; Deputy Media Spokesperson, Department of State/US Embassy Kabul; Public Affairs Officer, US Consulate General Naha, Japan. Started Masters Swimming Team at US Embassy in Kabul. BA Wellesley College; JD/MA Law/East Asian Studies, Washington University.</p>

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<p>5 Croshelle D. Harris U.S. Agency for International Development. Deputy Development Officer U.S. Special Operations Command Tampa, FL</p>		<p>U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Deputy Development Officer US Special Operations Command; Education Office Director, USAID Mali; Education Office Director, USAID South Sudan; Education Office Director, USAID Nigeria; Middle East Bureau/Office of Strategic Planning & Operations, USAID DC; similar postings in Afghanistan, Egypt, Pakistan, and Jordan. Fulbright Fellow, Romania; American Councils for Intl Education, Moldova; Peace Corps, Moldova. BA Saint Edwards University; MPA Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University.</p>
<p>6 Lyda Tymiak Lindell, M.D. President and CEO REVERSA, LLC Faculty – American Academy of Ophthalmology Tampa, FL</p>		<p>Faculty – American Academy of Ophthalmology; Faculty – Allergan of Canada; Morton Plant Hospital Speakers Panel; Speaker – World Ukrainian Medical Conference; President – Tampa Bay Ophthalmology Society; Facilitator - Society of International Business Fellows; YPO Global Development Network; Trustee – Community Foundation of Tampa; Founder – Ukraine Crisis Relief Fund; USF College of Arts & Science – Dean’s Advisory Council; Women’s Leadership Council – Tampa General Hospital; BA Boston University; MD Albert Einstein College of Medicine.</p>
<p>7 Kathleen Kenney Nester Board of Directors, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance. Berkeley National Security Institute at Berkeley Preparatory School Tampa, FL</p>		<p>Board of Directors, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance, founding the Berkeley National Security Institute at Berkeley Preparatory School (Fall, 2023); Chair, Family Support Working Group, Florida Defense Alliance (supporting military families); President, Espiritu Santo Home & School Assn; former Assoc. General Counsel, University of South Florida; Asst to General Counsel, Department of the Army; Law Clerk for Hon. Emilio Garza, U.S. Court of Appeals. BA Notre Dame; JD Notre Dame.</p>

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<p>8 Lynne G. Platt Minister-Counselor Foreign Service Officer (Ret.); Chairman of the Board - Foreign Service Retirees Association of Florida; Vice President – USF World Advisory Council. St Petersburg, FL</p>		<p>Minister-Counselor Foreign Service Officer (Ret.); Chairman of the Board - Foreign Service Retirees Association of Florida; Vice President – USF World Advisory Council; Vice President - St. Petersburg Conference on World Affairs; Governor and Trustee of DACOR, an organization of foreign affairs professionals based in Washington, DC.; Subject matter expert in Corps-level and Division-level U.S. Army exercises; postings/assignments: U.S. Embassy Cairo and Casablanca; the U.S. NATO Mission; U.S. Embassies in Paris and London; Deputy Director of the Iraq Office of Provincial Affairs; Office of Law Enforcement and Narcotics Affairs at Embassy Port-au-Prince; U.S. Consul General in Vancouver; Washington, DC - State Department Near East Asia Bureau as a Fellow at Wilson Center’s Canada Institute. BA and MA University of Washington.</p>
<p>9 Richard B. Wilkes Lawyer, Akerman LLP. Tampa, FL</p>		<p>Lawyer, Akerman LLP. Former partner, Trenam Simmons and Gardner Wilkes. Client matters in Saudi Arabia and the Dominican Republic; Summer program at the Hague in International Law; Summer program Escuela Libre de Derecho in Mexico City. Past President, Tampa Bay Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. BA University of Florida; JD University of Florida.</p>