



25TH ANNUAL BANK OF AMERICA WINE, SPIRITS AND CULINARY CELEBRATION ON MARCH 11, 2022 RAISED FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE MUSEUM'S OPENING DOORS ACCESSIBILITY INITIATIVES

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (April 1, 2022) - The [Museum of Discovery and Science \(MODS\)](#) hosted its 25th Annual Bank of America Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration on Friday, March 11, 2022, and the event raised funds to support the Museum's accessibility and inclusivity initiatives. The evening was presented by Bank of America and featured more than 60 South Florida restaurants, fine wines, spirits and craft beers enjoyed by approximately 1,600 guests. Since its inception 25 years ago, this event has raised more than \$5 million. All proceeds support the Museum's mission of connecting people to inspiring science.

"How wonderful to celebrate 25 years together in person at our community's hometown science museum," said **Joseph P. Cox**, president & CEO of MODS. "A big thank you to the sponsors, guests, restaurants and spirits purveyors and MODS staff for their steadfast support, which goes directly to our Opening Doors accessibility initiatives. It was a delicious evening of scrumptious bites, delectable sweets, wines and spirits. Most importantly, we came together to help provide access for those who are underserved in our community."

MODS strongly believes that every individual, regardless of financial means, should be able to visit the Museum. Our Opening Doors Initiative enables individuals, families and educational groups better access to the Museum and its resources. This evening helped underwrite the Museum's Opening Doors initiatives. These inclusivity and accessibility programs have a direct impact on our south Florida community, especially children.

"For 25 years, we have celebrated alongside The Museum of Discovery & Science as part of a shared mission to inspire learning," said **Lori Chevy**, president, Bank of America Fort Lauderdale. "The funds raised during this event will provide underserved members of our Broward County community with an opportunity to experience MODS through educational programs, accommodations and discounts."

The Grand Tasting took place from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and VIP access began at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Afterparty Lounge where guests continued to enjoy additional culinary delights and danced under the Great Gravity Clock. Event highlights included tastings from South Florida's leading restaurants and a vast array of wines and spirits from around the world, courtesy of beverage sponsor Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits. There was a wide assortment of craft beers to taste in the Outdoor Science Park, great prizes in the silent auction and a complimentary wine glass was provided to every guest.

Guests voted for their favorite restaurants and the 2022 People's Choice Culinary winners were 1st place [John Knox Village](#), 2nd place [YOLO](#) and 3rd place [Ten Palms Restaurant at Gulfstream Park](#). The Beverage People's Beverage winners were 1st place [Rock N Roll Tequila](#), 2nd Place [Shaw Ross](#) and 3rd Place [Copper Cane](#).

One of the distinguishing features of the Wine, Spirits, and Culinary Celebration is the quality of the restaurants. The event's legendary Grand Tasting featured samplings from beloved local restaurants included the following: Another Fare to Remember, Barbados Tourism Marketing, Boatyard, Bo's Gastro Pub, C.L.A.S.S. Soiree Steakhouse, CrepeMaker, Edible Live Program - Incredible Edible Experience!, Gold Marquess, Healthy Xpress, Hellenic Republic, John Knox Village, Lobster Bar Sea Grille, Nikki's Foods LLC, Noodle Station, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Red Chair Catering, Sistrunk Marketplace, Tasteful Thoughts, Ten Palms Restaurant at Gulfstream Park, The Hollywood Donut Factory, The Ice Butcher, Toro Latin Kitchen, Wild Honey Supper Club, Wild Thyme, YOLO and Zona Fresca.

This year's libations from the event's exclusive sponsor Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits and an array of craft beers including fan favorites included: American Icon, Bacardi USA, Bang Energy, Barton & Guestier, C Mondavi, Campari, Casa Lumbre, Clip Bandits/ Tequila 512, Constellation Brands, Copper Cane, Delicato Family Vineyards, Enovation Brands, Fifth Generation / Tito's Vodka, Foley Family Wines, Funky Buddha Brewery, FXMUSA, Kill Cliff, Make it Better/ Eleven Vodka, Pali Wine, Palm Bay International, Prestige Wine Imports, PRUSA, Rock N Roll Tequila, Rodney Strong, Royal Wine Company, Shady Distillery, Shaw Ross, Ste Michelle Wine Estates, Tarpon River Brewing and Wagner Family.

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Founded in 1976 as the Discovery Center, today the Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS) is at the forefront of science education, innovation and exploration. MODS connects people to inspiring science. The Museum encompasses more than 150,000 square feet of interactive exhibits. This includes all of our permanent and traveling exhibits, as well as our outdoor Science Park. Families can enjoy super science shows and demonstrations, wild Creature Feature animal encounters, private experiences, mind-blowing Makerspace labs, cool camps,

unforgettable birthday parties, engaging field trips and STEM curricula, professional development workshops for educators, distinguished speakers, and more. In addition to daily hours, MODS is currently offering virtual and offsite programming. MODS' STEMobile delivers STEM education on location across South Florida! A STEMobile experience ranges from one-hour to full-day with programming for pre-kindergarten through adult and is available for schools, community centers, corporate team building and special events! All programs can be customized for time, group size and age group. Book a STEMobile visit today. Free programs and scholarships are available!

The Museum celebrates diversity and welcomes visitors from all walks of life. The Museum hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. MODS is located downtown at 401 SW Second Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312. For more information about the Museum, please visit mods.org or call 954.467.MODS (6637).

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