

Kelly A. Flannery

As the president and chief executive officer of the South Tampa Chamber of Commerce, Kelly works with business owners and community leaders each day to make South Tampa the best place to live, work and play. Kelly is a graduate of The Florida State University with a B.S. in Political Science. Prior to her work at the Chamber, her background includes sales, marketing, and management for ClubCorp, Marriott, Front Burner Brands and Millennium Copthorne Hotels.

Under Kelly's leadership, the South Tampa Chamber has become one of only 20 chambers in the State of Florida to be designated a Certified+ Chamber by the Florida Association of Chamber Professionals. This achievement is the culmination of several years of work in the areas of membership, programming, advocacy, leadership and administration, and showcases that the South Tampa Chamber follows the best practices of the chamber industry.

The South Tampa Chamber is recognized as a Three-Star Chamber of Valor by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The Three-Star Chamber of Valor Award is Hiring Our Heroes' highest honor for local and state chambers; it recognizes demonstrated leadership in connecting companies with talented veteran and military spouse candidates.

Most recently Kelly received her Florida Certified Chamber Professional designation (FCCP) which is shared with only 18 chamber executives in the State of Florida. The FCCP designation was a multi-year process which required a minimum of 5 years of senior level leadership, continuing education, letters of reference, and a written dissertation reviewed by industry peers.

A Tampa native, Kelly is actively involved in the community as a member of the Community Support Council for MacDill Air Force Base and is the Vice Chair of the 2020 Tampa Bay Air Fest. Kelly serves on the board of directors and executive committees for the Girl Scouts of West Central Florida and the Florida Association of Chamber Professionals (FACP). As the West Central Regional Chair of FACP, Kelly works with chambers from across 10 counties to provide chamber professionals with the information, learning opportunities, and communications skills needed to carry out the mission of their chambers.

Kelly has participated in the FBI Citizens Academy, Tampa Police Citizens Academy, Tampa Fire Rescue Citizens Academy, Tampa Mayor's Neighborhood University, Hillsborough County Leadership University, and was an Honorary Commander for the 6th Air Mobility Wing at MacDill Air Force Base. She is currently a member of the inaugural class of Educate Hillsborough.

Kelly is a two-time honoree for Businesswoman of the Year (Under 40 and Economic Development), a two-time honoree for Business of Pride (Ally and Community Enhancement), the Tampa Bay Business & Professional Women Foundation's "Woman of the Year", and was included in the Tampa Bay Business Journal's Power 100, a guide of the Tampa Bay area's most influential business leaders.

Kelly and her husband, Jim, are residents of South Tampa who enjoy travel, exploring the local community, and spending time with their rescue dog, Zoey.

MEDIA:

- [TBWW Magazine, February 2019](#)
- [Gravitas Magazine, Spring 2017](#)
- [Executive Files, Tampa Bay Business Journal, May 2016](#)

