



PHOTO CUTLINE: Chamber President and Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) Board member Mary Tappouni (left), Chamber Executive Director Christina Kelcourse, Michelle Thatcher, CEO of the U.S. Green Chamber, and FGBC Executive Director C.J. Davila. **(Photo by Jeff Strohecker)**

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Over 200 Attend North Florida Green Chamber of Commerce Launch

Local chapter of U.S. Green Chamber of Commerce officially in business

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (January 20, 2019) – The North Florida Chapter of the U.S. Green Chamber of Commerce celebrated a very successful launch Thursday night at MOSH.

Over 200 attended the event officially heralding the North Florida Green Chamber of Commerce (NFGCC), a regional networking organization for all sizes of businesses and community organizations including non-profits that emphasize green and sustainable business practices.

“The night actually surpassed our expectations. The level of excitement and local commitment to sustainability was very gratifying. I think we have a great start and look forward to what’s ahead,” said NFGCC Executive Director Christina W. Kelcourse, Esq, CFP, CRPC. “And I want to thank MOSH for providing a perfect venue.”

After a stirring video on how protecting the environment and supporting sustainability is vital to the region, Michelle Thatcher, CEO and Co-Founder of the US Green Chamber of Commerce, gave the keynote address to a packed Planetarium.

"It was a remarkable turnout for a first event. It's a testament to Christina's (Kelcourse) vision for the local green chamber and the signals the community's passion and willingness to protect the earth, its occupants, the economy, and future generations through education, networking and advocacy," Thatcher said.

Speakers included Aaron Gottlieb, CEO and owner of Native Sun Natural Foods Market and Ryan Murphy, former Director of Cultural Events, St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners, St. Augustine Amphitheatre and Ponte Vedra Concert Hall.

In addition to promoting the economic success of NFGCC members using environmental, socially responsible and sustainable practices, the North Florida chapter plans ongoing networking and educational events, job fairs and a mentoring program.

Member only benefits include a newsletter, access to the chapter's Web page to promote company events and news, being listed in the local Green Market Place and on the chapter's engaging consumer app. as well as sponsorship opportunities and discounts.

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ABOUT THE NORTH FLORIDA GREEN CHAMBER COMMERCE

The North Florida Green Chamber of Commerce (NFGCC) is a 501(c)6 non-profit member organization headquartered in Jacksonville, Fla. and established in 2018 to advance sustainable business in Northeast Florida through networking, education and advocacy. NFGCC is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and a member of the U.S. Green Chamber of Commerce.

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