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## FGBC Passes 15,000 Certification Mark

The Florida Green Building Coalition has now certified over 15,000 green projects, solidifying its role as Florida's leading certifier of green projects.

"This milestone could not be accomplished without the dedication and hard work of all our members," said FGBC President Jeremy Nelson.

Projects include residential, commercial, community developments and municipalities. FGBC certification programs are the only standards developed with climate specific criteria to address issues caused by Florida's hot-humid environment and natural disasters.

## New Executive Director Takes the Helm



**C.J. Davila**

The Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC), the leading certifier of green projects in the state, has named C.J. Davila its new executive director. Davila replaces Suzanne B. Cook, who led the organization for over a decade.

Davila takes the leadership reins as sustainable construction and green building are expected to continue to make strides in 2017.

Homeowners and commercial tenants will demand energy-efficient construction and features as sustainability will be more of

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**Susan Carey**  
Seven Gables Construction & Design  
Tallahassee

the norm rather than the exception going forward.

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## Wisdom Village Crossing in Fort Lauderdale Earns Florida Green Certification

Wisdom Village Crossing, a 105-unit mid-rise residential project of Turnstone Development Corporation in Chicago has been certified as a Florida Green High-Rise Residential Building by the Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC), after it successfully met the sustainability standards established in the FGBC Florida Green High-Rise Residential Building certification program.



*Wisdom Village Crossing*

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## FGBC Scholarship Winners Chosen



*Scholarship ceremony at Titusville High School*

For the second year, FGBC funded a statewide scholarship program for deserving individuals pursuing careers in green building, design or related sustainability disciplines.

Recipients receive a complimentary FGBC membership for one year and are invited to participate in FGBC committees and events.

This year a record five scholarships were awarded valued at \$1,000 each. Congratulations to:

**Debra Elizabeth**, Gulf Coast State College  
**Phil C Thomas Jr.**, University of Florida  
**Morgan Ainsley Benson**, Titusville HS (Brevard)  
**Reaghin Davenport**, Creekside HS (St. Johns)  
**Jerome Roal**, Palm Beach State College

FGBC scholarships promote educational opportunities for individuals to build successful construction careers within the green building industry.

**Zev Freidus**  
[BEX Realty](#)  
Boca Raton

**Eric Dragone**  
Ormond Beach

**Antonio Fabre**  
[City of Tavares](#)  
Tavares

**Brian Gibson**  
Built Green Corp  
Fort Lauderdale

**Barbara White**  
Keller Williams Realty  
Jupiter

**Brett Wilson**  
[David Weekley Homes](#)  
Orlando/Altamonte Springs

### Education Opportunities

**August 10, 2017**  
**FGBC Certifying Agent Annual Verification Class**  
Gainesville, FL  
[\[Register\]](#)

**October 23-24, 2017**  
**FGBC Certifying Agent Designation Course**  
Cocoa, FL  
[\[Register\]](#)

**November 9, 2017**  
**FGBC Certifying Agent Annual Verification Class**  
Tampa, FL  
[\[Register\]](#)

[Energy Star Webinars](#)

[Florida Solar Energy Center \(FSEC\)](#)

[Building America Webinars](#)

[Build Your Future Scholarships](#)

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### Calendar of Events

**May 31-June 3, 2017**  
**FCCMA Conference**

## Members @ State-Wide Earth Day Events



*FGBC's board members Ralph Locke (left) and Bill Kachman at an Earth Day event at Kennedy Space Center.*



*FGBC's Jeannette Moore at the annual Hands On Festival in St. Augustine.*

Hilton Orlando  
Orlando, FL  
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**June 5-7, 2017**  
**Environmental Leader's 2017 Conference**  
Hyatt Regency Denver  
Tech Center  
Denver, CO  
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**July 27-28, 2017**  
**Southeast Building Conference (SEBC)**  
Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center  
Kissimmee, FL  
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**July 27-29, 2017**  
**AIA-Florida Convention**  
Naples Grand  
Naples, FL  
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### Certification News

**Homes**  
Registered: 15,138  
Certified: 15,078

**Commercial**  
Registered: 50  
Certified: 15

**High Rise**  
Registered: 59  
Certified: 21

**Land Developments**  
Registered: 62  
Certified: 13

**Local Government**  
Registered: 88  
Certified: 64

### Recent Certifications

**Wisdom Village Crossing**  
Location: Fort Lauderdale  
Type: High-Rise  
Certified: 4/18/17  
Score: 163  
Level: Gold

**St. Lucie County**  
Location: Fort Pierce  
Type: Local Government  
Certified: 1/30/17



**The Florida Green Building Coalition took part in the Conservancy of Southwest Florida's Earth Day Festival in Naples.**



**FGBC board member Lisa Percy and executive director C.J. Davila at Orlando's Central Florida Earth Day.**

Score: 46  
Level: Silver

**Recent Registrations:**

**Palm Tran South Expansion**

Location: DelRay Beach  
Type: Commercial  
Size: 30,000 s.f.

**Caliber Collision**

Location: Hollywood  
Type: Commercial  
Size: 22,539 s.f.

**Cambria Brickell**

Location: Miami  
Type: High-rise  
Size: 182,270

**FGBC Committee Meetings**

**Board of Directors**

2nd Wednesday  
Monthly  
3 p.m.

**Commercial**

1st Tuesday  
Monthly  
2 p.m.

**Education**

1st Thursday  
Monthly  
3 p.m.

**High-Rise**

3rd Tuesday  
Monthly  
11 a.m.

**Homes**

2nd Tuesday  
Monthly  
2 p.m.

**Land Development**

4th Wednesday  
Bi-Monthly  
2 p.m.

**Local Government**

3rd Thursday  
Monthly  
10:30 a.m.

**Programs & Promotions**

3rd Tuesday  
Monthly  
3 p.m.

## FGBC Partnering with SEBC in July



### Early Bird Discount Extended to May 15th!

It's not too late to join FGBC at the Southeast Building Conference in Orlando, July 27-28. Display in our "Green Trends" section on the exhibit hall floor, get booth discount and take advantage of our added-value package.

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## INDUSTRY UPDATES

### 2017 ENERGY STAR Winners Announced



Each year, EPA honors a group of businesses and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to protecting the environment through superior energy efficiency achievements.

## Funding Opportunities

[St. Johns River WMD Water Programs](#)

[South Florida WMD Water Programs](#)

[Southwest Florida WMD Water Programs](#)

[FHFC Multifamily Energy Retrofit Program \(MERP\)](#)

## Job Opportunities

[APA Florida Job Board](#)

[Florida Facility Managers Assn Job Board](#)

[Green Dream Jobs](#)

The Florida Green Building Coalition, the leading certifier of green projects in the state, salutes Florida's seven winners.

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[Which Homemade Insecticides Work Best?](#)

[Florida Affordable Housing Funds Likely to Get Shifted](#)

[5 Fun, Eco-Friendly Ways to Light Up Your Backyard](#)

[Choosing Natural Building Materials for Improved Indoor Air Quality](#)

[Floridians May Vote on New Property Tax Break](#)

[Florida Has Fourth-Highest Growth in Construction Jobs](#)

[UF Has Plan For Driverless Cars on City Streets](#)

[House Hunting, Millennial Style](#)