

April 2, 2024

City of Doral Public Affairs Department Doral, FL, 33178

Subject: Application for the Use of the Police Training & Community Center.

With great anticipation and in the spirit of continuing our efforts to foster international relationships and cultural exchange, we, **Millennia Atlantic University Alumni Association**, as part of the organizing committee for the Sisterhood between Miami-Dade County and the city of Pereira, Risaralda, hereby submit our application to use the Community Center located next to the Millennia Atlantic University (MAU) Campus. Our intention is to host the III Symposium on Educational Internationalization and Academic Mobility, an integral component of our sisterhood event slated for September 19-21, 2024.

**Purpose of the Request:** The purpose of this symposium is to further enhance the already vibrant educational, cultural, and governmental ties between the city of Doral, as a proud member of Miami-Dade County, and the city of Pereira, Risaralda. This event will serve as a platform for intellectual exchange, sharing best practices in education and governance, and fostering international collaboration. We aim to replicate and build upon the success of last year's event for sister cities Doral & Barranquilla, notably when one day was graciously hosted at this very Community Center.

**Benefit to Doral Residents and/or City Staff:** Hosting this symposium will bring substantial benefits to the residents of Doral and city staff by:

- Offering a firsthand experience of international diplomacy and cross-cultural exchange.
- Providing educational opportunities through exposure to global educational initiatives and practices.
- Enhancing the city's reputation as a hub for international dialogue and cooperation.
- Creating potential opportunities for local businesses and educational institutions through international partnerships.
- Promote the City of Doral as a City to come to Live, Work, <u>Study</u> and <u>Play</u>.



**Proposed Schedule of Activities:** 

Friday, September 20, 2024.

- Session 1 (10 am 12pm): Opening Ceremony and Welcome Address, Introduction to the Symposium's Objectives, Keynote Speeches by Visiting Dignitaries, and local authorities.
- Session 2 (12 pm 4 pm): Presentations of participating educational institutions. Panel Discussions on International Education and Academic Mobility, Session for Discussions.
- Session 3 (4 pm 6 pm): Signing of Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) between Institutions, Pathway Agreements and Cultural Exchange Programs, Closing Remarks, and Networking event.

**Visiting Dignitaries:** We are honored to announce the expected attendance of distinguished guests, including Mauricio Salazar Peláez, Mayor of Pereira, and Juan Diego Patiño, Governor of Risaralda.

**Number of Expected Guests:** We anticipate welcoming between 80 to 100 guests, including speakers, presenters, dignitaries, and attendees, each bringing unique insights and contributions to the symposium.

Considering the above, we kindly request your approval to utilize the Community Center for our event. We believe this symposium will not only benefit the attendees but also significantly contribute to the cultural and educational landscape of Doral. We are committed to ensuring a well-organized, informative, and memorable event.

Thank you for considering our application. We are eager to discuss any further details or requirements and look forward to your favorable response.

Sincerely,



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