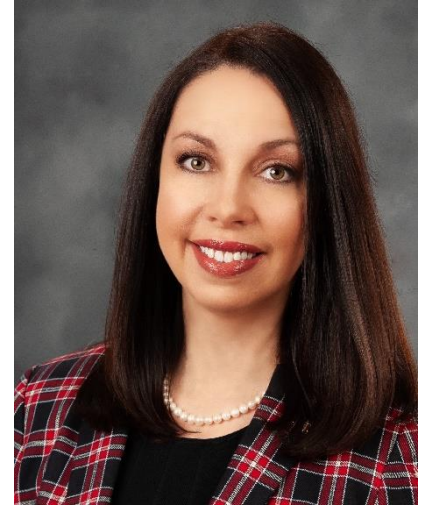


# KELLY FLANNERY, FCCP

As the president and chief executive officer of the South Tampa Chamber, 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.

Kelly has 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.



Under Kelly's leadership, the South Tampa Chamber is one of less than 30 chambers in the State of Florida to be designated a Certified Chamber Florida Association of Chamber Professionals (FACP), with less than 20 being recognized as Certified Plus. This achievement is the culmination of several years of work in the areas of membership, programing, advocacy, leadership and administration, and showcases that the South Tampa Chamber follows the best practices of the chamber industry.

The South Tampa Chamber was named the 2020 Chamber of the Year. The Chamber of the Year is judged and awarded by FACP based on the culmination of 3 years of work in the areas of Financial Stability, Strategic Planning, Membership, Advocacy, Communications, Programming, and Innovation.

The South Tampa Chamber is also 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.

A Tampa native, Kelly is actively involved in the community as a member of the Community Support Council for MacDill Air Force Base, as the Honorary Commander for the 6<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, and as a Civic Leader for the Air Mobility Command. Kelly serves on the board of directors for the Girl Scouts of West Central Florida and the Florida Association of Chamber Professionals. 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, Hillsborough County State Attorney's Business Academy, Educate Hillsborough, and served as the Chair of the Tampa Air Force Ball and co-Chair of Tampa Bay Air Fest. Most recently, Kelly was selected as 1 of 88 civic leaders from around the country to attend the National Security Forum at the Air War College where she completed a one week immersive learning experience.

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 is a resident of South Tampa, with her husband Jim and son James, who enjoy travel, exploring the local community, and spending time with their rescue dog, Zoey.

## **MEDIA:**

- [Voyage Tampa, January 2021](#)
- [The Free Press, October 2020](#)
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