

THIS WEEK AT FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK OF 2.23.2026

Florida Democrats,

Ahead of tonight's speech, Donald Trump is at [his lowest-ever approval rating](#) going into a State of the Union address. Trump is underwater by a whopping 27 points because Americans feel betrayed by Trump's broken promises to lower costs and create jobs.

With just 252 days until the November midterm elections, Democrats continue to build momentum and win back political power. We are using every tool at our disposal to expose Trump's lies and grift — including by [demanding refunds for Americans](#) who were ripped off by Trump's illegal tariffs. If you're tuning in tonight, plug into the rapid response account @factpostnews they will be live-clipping Trump's speech and subsequent news coverage.

And if you're looking for something grounded in reality, catch the Democratic alternative programming at 8 PM ET at MoveOn.org/Live.

In solidarity,

Nikki Fried

Chair, Florida Democratic Party

SAVE THE DATE



February 26 | March 10 Elections GOTV Night of Action Phonebank | [RSVP](#)

March 7-8 | March 10 Elections GOTV Weekend of Action Phonebank | [RSVP](#)



FDP Leadership Summit

We are looking forward to seeing you at the **Take Back Florida Leadership Summit** planned for **March 13-15 in Jacksonville**.

This **in-person summit** will feature interactive workshops and training sessions, including opportunities to network and collaborate with fellow Democrats, as well as **hands-on practice** with the tools that will help your organization prepare for upcoming elections.

RSVP below to receive more information.

[Click Here to RSVP for Leadership Summit](#)

WHAT WE'RE DOING



FIELD TEAM

VOTER REGISTRATION

DATA AND VAN

Field Updates



Year-round organizing in Florida is in full effect, with Democrats knocking doors and making calls in communities across the state. Each week, our weighted leaderboard shows large, mid-sized, and small counties rising to the top — proof that Florida Democrats have built a battle-tested voter contact muscle that, when activated, can reach extraordinary numbers of voters and help elect more Democrats statewide.



Voter Contact Leaderboard

Check out the counties that reached the most voters:

Rank 🏆	County
🥇 1	Palm Beach
🥈 2	Hillsborough
🥉 3	Pinellas
4	Orange
5	Broward
6	Seminole
7	Miami-Dade
8	Brevard
9	Clay
10	Leon

To ensure fairness across counties of different sizes, this leaderboard uses a weighted ratio: weekly voter contact attempts divided by each county's number of Vote-by-Mail targets.

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THU, FEBRUARY 26 @ 6PM-7:30PM

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Knocking Doors & Making Calls

Winning starts with direct voter contact. It's the most powerful tool we have to turn out voters and elect Democrats.

- Get involved by reaching out to [your local DEC](#)
- Start calling now with [our Regional Phonebanks](#)

Our FDP field team is here to help DEC's, clubs, and caucuses build the people-powered infrastructure it takes to reach voters and win. Want help organizing a phonebank or canvass, have ideas for our year-round organizing program, or just want to connect with our Statewide Field Director, Chris Byrnes? [Email Chris](#) or [Schedule a 1:1 Meeting](#)

Voter Registration

Black History Month Voter Registration Weekend of Action

Thank you to everyone who hosted an event for our Black History Month Voter Registration Weekend of Action! If you hosted an event for Black History Month, be sure to complete the [soft report form here](#) so we can highlight your amazing organizing work!

Campus Voter Registration Fellowship

Our campus voter registration fellows are hard at work engaging students on their campuses!

Fellow of the Week! (2/23/2026)



: Helena, FSU



Originally from Miami Beach, Helena is a freshman at Florida State University, pursuing a dual degree in political science and philosophy, on the pre-law track. She also hopes to pursue a Master's in Applied American Politics and Policy. In her free time, Helena likes to play soccer, hang out with friends, and play the guitar. Helena is passionate about education and immigration policy. In the past three weeks Helena and the other FSU fellows have registered more than 65 students to vote. Amazing work, Helena!

Fellow of the Week! (2/16/2026)



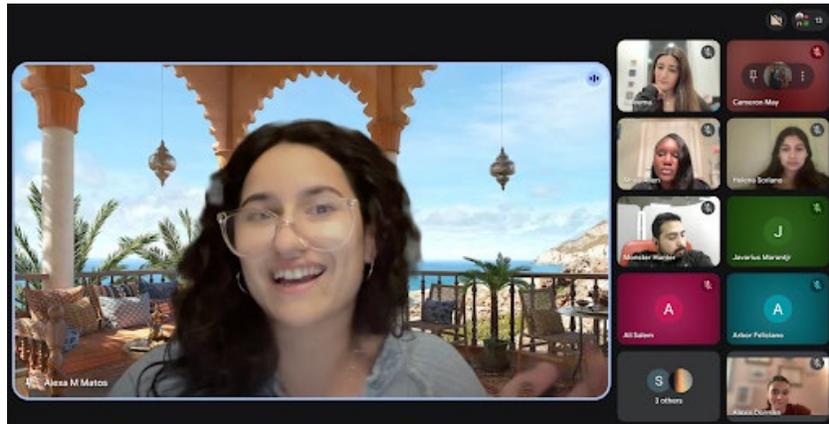
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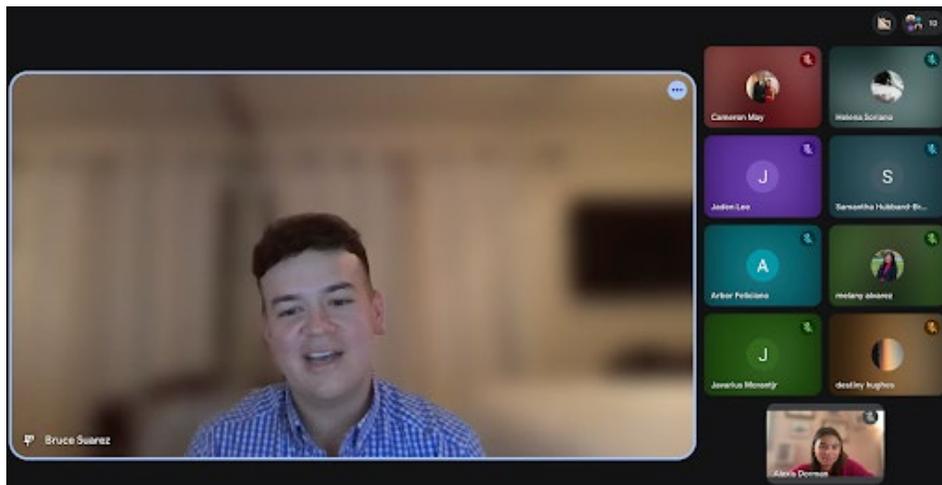
Silvia is pursuing a degree in Philosophy and Economics at Florida State University, with plans to attend law school after graduation. She is passionate about entrepreneurship and has shared her advocacy work as a TEDx speaker. Alongside her studies, she is partnering with the FSU College of Law on a year-long research project. Outside of academics, Silvia enjoys playing volleyball, drawing, and reading. In the past two weeks Silvia and the other FSU fellows have registered more than 40 students to vote. We are so excited to have her as a Campus VR Fellow this semester!



Community Organizing Certification Program



On Thursday, February 11th, our Community Organizing Certification participants were joined by Alexa Matos, a Florida youth organizer and digital communications professional, to discuss *Storytelling* and the importance of sharing your personal narrative in organizing.



On Wednesday, February 18th, our Community Organizing Certification participants were joined by Bruce Suarez, a government relations and public policy professional in

Broward County, to discuss *Having Difficult Conversations* and the importance of dialogue in organizing and problem solving.

Data and VAN

VAN Updates

The February voter file has been uploaded to VAN. VAN is now up to date through January!

Weekly Office Hours | February 24th @ 4 PM - 5 PM EST | [Register Here](#)

Hosted by the Florida Democratic Party

The FDP's data team office hours are every Tuesday from 4 PM - 5 PM EST to answer your questions!

Training

If your DEC, Club, Caucus, or Campaign needs training on any of our platforms or tools fill out this [FORM](#)! We will customize the training to fit exactly what you need!



Communications Updates

COSTS

Americans are Struggling to Afford Basic Goods as Trump Drives the Economy into a Ditch

- Donald Trump promised to lower costs on Day One. Instead, his billionaire-first economic agenda and chaotic trade wars have led to higher prices, unaffordable health care, and the worst job market in years.
- Under Trump, households **paid** an estimated \$2,120 more in 2025.
- Including an estimated \$310 more for **groceries** and \$123 more on their **electricity bills**.
- U.S. consumers paid **95%** of the costs of Trump's unlawful tariffs.
- The administration owes the American people their money back.
- Trump doubled health care premiums for 20 million Americans, and his health care agenda is predicted to kick **14 million** people off their health care.
- Americans are also struggling to find stable, good-paying jobs that Trump promised, with companies announcing **more than a million** job cuts last year.
- 2025 was the **worst** year for job growth since 2003, excluding full-blown recessions.

CORRUPTION

Trump Gets Rich and Protects His Billionaire Friends While Screwing Over Working Families

- While Americans struggle to pay their bills, Trump is using his power to protect the Epstein class and get even richer.
- Trump's family members have pocketed nearly **\$2.5 billion** since he came into office.
- Trump is also trying to steal \$10 billion in taxpayer dollars with a bogus lawsuit over his criminal indictments.
- That amount alone could have covered **over 75% of the cost of extending the ACA tax credits for 2026.**

- For comparison, the cost of Trump’s billionaire tax handout is 10 times higher than the cost of permanently extending the ACA tax credits that 20 million everyday Americans relied on.

Every week, talking points are provided to party leaders and membership. Messaging should be used for press interviews, conversations with voters, and social media posts. To request for someone to be added to the mailing list, direct them to press@floridadems.org.

Join us each Tuesday at 11 a.m. ET for our weekly messaging call to learn what breaking news the party is discussing and how we’re sharing it. [Register here.](#)

- **Missed our press releases last week? Read them [here](#)**

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