

AGENDA

- 8:00** Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 8:30** Call to Order by Brian Henties
Welcome & Introduction of Presenters by Margaret Linnane, Moderator
- 8:40** Dr. William Seyfried Presentation
- 9:00** Celeste Brown Presentation
Q & A*
- 9:30** Jim Tait Presentation
Q & A*
- 10:00** Dick Batchelor Presentation & Call to Action
Q & A*
- 10:30** Closing Remarks by Margaret Linnane

*Please keep in mind there will only be time at each Q & A session for 3 to 5 questions at 1 minute for each question.

PRESENTERS

Celeste Brown

Celeste Brown is the Regional Director for U.S. Senator Bill Nelson. She has worked with Senator Nelson since he was elected to the Senate in 2000. Prior to working in the political realm, Celeste worked as a psychiatric social worker at Westlake Hospital and was a member of the Child Protection Team. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and maintains a private practice. Celeste earned a BA from Rutgers University and a MSW from Virginia Commonwealth University.



Dr. William Seyfried

Dr. William Seyfried is a professor of economics at the Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins College. Prior to coming to Rollins, Dr. Seyfried taught at the University of Central Arkansas, College of Wooster, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and Winthrop University. He has published extensively in academic journals such as the *American Economist*, the *Australian Economic Review*, *Journal of Economics and Finance*, and *Applied Econometrics and International Development*. He has also authored instructors' manuals for leading textbooks in the areas of Money, Banking and Financial Markets, and International Economics.



Jim Tait

Jim Tait is President and CEO of the Center for Florida Fiscal & Tax Reform. Prior to joining the Center, Jim served as Executive Director of the Florida Center for Fiscal & Economic Policy. Jim has been recognized as a leader in supporting fair and equitable tax reform at the state and local levels. He has been an active participant in Florida State government for over 40 years, including serving as the first Director, Office of Planning and Budgeting (OPB) under Governor Graham and Senior Executive Assistant (Chief of Staff) to Governor Askew. Jim also has experience as an attorney and consultant.



Dick Batchelor

Dick Batchelor is Founder and President of Dick Batchelor Management Group, Inc. Named one of "The 50 Most Powerful People" by *Orlando Magazine* (2004 to 2007), the 2002 "Central Floridian of the Year" (*The Orlando Sentinel*) and the 2002 "Businessman of the Year" (*Orlando Business Journal*, November 2002), Dick Batchelor is a longtime Orlando resident who received degrees from the University of Central Florida and Valencia Community College. Batchelor served in the Florida House of Representatives (1974-1982) and was chairman of the Auditing Committee, Health and Rehabilitative Services Committee and House Energy Committee, as well as chairman of four subcommittees.