

Women in Conservation

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Dr. Meenakshi Chabba, Dr. Krista McCoy and Joanna Walczak take part in the. -THE EVERGLADES FOUNDATION / COURTESY PHOTOS

Dozens gathered at Manatee Lagoon for the annual Women in Conservation Breakfast, a collaborative event hosted by Friends of Manatee Lagoon and the Everglades Foundation that spotlighted the women leading critical environmental work across South Florida.

The program brought together a powerhouse panel of experts, including Dr. Krista McCoy of the Florida Oceanographic Society, Joanna Walczak of Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center, and Dr. Meenakshi Chabba of the Everglades Foundation.

The discussion offered an inside look at the challenges facing Florida's waterways—and the progress being made to protect them. From habitat restoration to marine life conservation and climate resilience, panelists emphasized the importance of science-driven solutions and cross-organizational collaboration.

Paired with breakfast and waterfront views, the morning delivered inspiration and insight, underscoring the vital role women play in shaping a more sustainable future for Palm Beach County.



Joanna Walczak addressing the audience at the Women in Conservation breakfast at Manatee lagoon. -THE EVERGLADES FOUNDATION / COURTESY PHOTOS