

Joyce W. Virga '98 | Elected Director



Joyce Virga is a philanthropist residing in Fort Lauderdale, Florida with her husband and fellow University of Central Florida alum, Vince Virga. A Florida native, she grew up on the west coast learning the value of service to her community. During the last ten years, she has become deeply involved in various social and educational projects.

As an auxiliary board member of the Friends of O.U.R. House she was instrumental in tracking grants to ensure funding and services for families referred by the courts. With her family's ties to entrepreneurship, a natural extension of her service landed her as co-founder and chair of the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) Wine Event, which raised over \$120,000 in 3 years. Of particular importance to Joyce is her faith. This led her to create the Saint Coleman Women's Council, which works to unite the women of St. Coleman parish through spiritual growth, service to others and social enrichment. Most recently she has joined and become a board member of Children's Aid Club, a charity devoted to bridging the financial gap for organizations and families in need.

Joyce graduated from UCF in the fall of 1998 with a BA in Psychology. The university has played an important role in her family's success and ability to give back. Because of this, Joyce and her husband, Vince, established the Virga Family Scholarship at UCF. The scholarship benefits young adults with a financial need and entrepreneurial spirit. Currently four students are enrolled at UCF, who otherwise would not have been able to attend.