

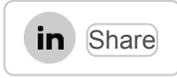
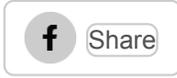
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# The Sachs Sentinel



Having since returned from the 2016 Legislative Session in Tallahassee, my staff and I have been hard at work serving and assisting our constituents in South Florida. See what we have been up to recently!

**JAPAN CONSUL GENERAL**

**KEN OKANIWA**



***Senator Sachs (L) with Ken Okaniwa (R), Japan Consul General in Miami***

The country of Japan has historically been Florida's top market for foreign direct investment in terms of property and equipment; it is also our state's 2nd largest import market and 8th largest merchandise trading partner. As such, I recently met with Japan Consul General Ken Okaniwa at the Morikami Museum in Delray Beach. We discussed a wide variety of methods for enhancing Japan's 160+ businesses based in Florida and for expanding commerce between Florida and Japan. One of these is the high tech company SATO Global Solutions based in Tokyo; as such, I plan to visit the CEO of SATO in Florida, Mike Beedles, at the company's Broward County office in the upcoming weeks. I look forward to continuing to further develop the deep economic ties that Japan and Florida share.

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## **HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL BILL**



*Senator Sachs (R) with Norman Frajman, (L), a Holocaust Survivor*



*Norman Frajman receiving the Freedom Medal from Governor Scott*

At no time in modern history have a people suffered so much as the Jewish people did in the Holocaust. It is not just an honor to represent an area with one of the largest number of Holocaust survivors in the country; it is a responsibility. The number of witnesses to the Holocaust continues to dwindle. It is imperative that the story be retold, especially from those who were a part of it. Accordingly, a bill establishing a Holocaust Memorial at the Capitol in Tallahassee was introduced this Session. The Florida Senate unanimously approved the measure, which was recently signed into law at the David Posnack Jewish Community Center by Governor Scott. The new memorial will serve as an undeniable beacon of truth and remembrance for Jewish Holocaust victims for years to come.

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## **WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS**

## **NETWORK SUMMIT**



***L to R: Senator Sachs, Representative Lori Berman & Palm Beach County Commissioner Priscilla Taylor***

Women in the State of Florida are still facing significant hurdles in our workforce. On average, Florida's women make 85 cents for every dollar paid to men, a yearly pay gap of \$6,203. If the gap in Florida were closed, women could afford food for one year, five more months of mortgage and utilities, or more than six additional months of rent annually. To address this problem, I participated as a speaker at the 5th Annual Women Entrepreneurs Network Summit at Palm Beach State College. Florida's Office of Supplier Diversity is one state organization that is geared towards helping women looking to start a business, but our legislature needs to be doing much more to support them in their endeavors.

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# **BOCA RATON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: LEADERSHIP BOCA**



*Senator Sachs (Center) with Leadership Boca's 2016 Graduating Class*

Boca Raton is among the top 10 cities in the nation for starting a new company. This is due in large part to Boca Raton's Economic Development Incentives Policy and the efforts of groups like Leadership Boca. In the spirit of my profound support for the economic development of Boca Raton, I was honored to address Leadership Boca's 2016 graduating class on the subject of future strategies for business incentive programs and economic expansion in and around the Boca Raton area. I enjoy motivating our young leaders, and will continue to do so.

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## **PRESIDENT'S LISTENING TOUR: FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY**



*Senator Sachs (2nd from left) at a roundtable discussion with Senate President-Designate Negrón (far left), Dr. Daniel Flynn (3rd from left), FAU President John Kelly (far right) and other participants.*



*Senator Sachs with Senate President-Designate Negrón during Listening Tour*

It is vital for our state legislature to be in tune with Florida's students and the state schools they attend. I recently joined Senate President-Designate Negrón on his University Listening Tour at Florida Atlantic University, where we conversed with attendees ranging from FAU President John Kelly to 15-year-old Hannah Herbst, who was recently named America's Top Young Scientist for her project on renewable ocean energy. In hearing so many insightful ideas for infrastructural academic improvement, I look forward to exploring new ways of supporting and enhancing FAU's ongoing development.

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## **FLORIDA ASSOCIATION FOR** **WOMEN LAWYERS**



*L to R: Pamela Polani, Attorney & Florida Association for Women Lawyers Member, and Senator Sachs*



*Senator Sachs addressing the Florida Association for Women Lawyers*

As a past officer of FAWL, I was honored to address the Florida Association for Women Lawyers on methods for further empowering Florida's women entrepreneurs and on pertinent family law developments from the 2016 Session. As a fellow woman professional, I will continue in my legislative efforts to ensure that new laws and policies directly impacting the livelihood and well-being of women in our state are drafted and proposed by women who share and understand our common interests.

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## **SPEAKER FOR PALM BEACH** **COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT**



***Senator Sachs delivers her commencement speech to Palm Beach State College's Associates in Arts Transfer Degree graduating class of 2016***



***Senator Sachs (Center L) with PBSC President Ava Parker (Center R) and other PBSC faculty members***

Palm Beach State College, Florida's first public community college, now finds itself among our region's premier up-and-coming institutions of higher education. Earlier this month, I was honored to deliver the commencement speech for Palm Beach State College's 1440 Associate in Arts Transfer Degree graduates. I am confident that each and every graduate that was in attendance has the strength and willpower to realize what they are fully capable of, and go Panthers!

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*Stay tuned for more updates!*

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