

Matt created and built Knight Foundation's initiative aimed at propelling Miami's startup and entrepreneurial community. Over nearly six years as Miami Director he led the program in an effort to expand opportunity, drive innovation and foster greater problem-solving across one of the most diverse communities in the U.S. This work included more than 200 grants that funded the launch of efforts such as Endeavor Miami, The Idea Center at Miami Dade College, eMerge Americas, Babson WIN Lab, Black Tech Week and 500 Startups Miami, among many others. Upon leaving this role he was called in The Miami Herald "a pioneer who has spearheaded the entrepreneurial movement" in South Florida.

Previously, Matt was an award-winning journalist for nearly a decade at The Miami Herald and Daily Business Review. Matt's awards include the Gerald Loeb Award, the highest honor in business journalism. Matt currently serves on the boards of Endeavor Miami and New World Symphony, the Leadership Group of MIT Solve, and U.S. Global Leadership Coalition's Florida Advisory Committee. A year ago, Matt was a candidate for U.S. Congress.

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