
So Flo Floods - Competition

TheoEco Institute (TheoEco.org) is engaging South Florida with its new documentary [So Flo Floods](#) which premiered at the Miami Beach Cinematheque on Father's Day. Our goal is for folks throughout South Florida to learn from the film's experts; authorities like Paul George from HistoryMiami, University of Miami professors Harold Wanless and Richard Weisskoff, Jacqui-Thurlow-Lippisch, Robert Mykle, Miami Beach's Mayor Dan Gelber and Chief Resiliency Officer Susanne Torriente, among others.



TheoEco is reaching out to high school students in the *So Flo Floods* locales to create essays, artworks, exhibits, and explorations of topics in the film related to:

Art

The film contains new video, vintage photos, aerial shots, animation, sculptures, memorials, sweeping footage, and more. We need *new* works that capture the past, present, AND FUTURE of South Florida.

Economics

Economic outcomes are front-and-center in *So Flo Floods*. Why are the risks so big, and central to how the future will play out? What are the economic impacts, both macro and micro?

Environmental Activism

The film follows Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch both in the air and on the ground and interviews her in-depth for a fascinating look at how individuals can make a big difference.

History

From pre-history to modern day, *So Flo Floods* traces the history of South Florida's flooding. The film borrows heavily upon the contributions of Paul George and HistoryMiami, and the Lawrence E. Will Museum in Belle Glade.

STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics)

Miami Beach's experience in particular is central to *So Flo Floods'* illustration of what flooding means to South Florida today. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math are central to all these things.

Writing

Killer 'Cane's firsthand accounts capture the horrors of the 1928 Hurricane on Lake Okeechobee's Glades communities that killed thousands. There are so many stories left – both fiction and non-fiction.

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- Winners will receive prize money and awards and are eligible for inclusion in the *So Flo Floods* exhibitions accompanying the film's screenings, exhibitions, and studies.
- Winners from each school will receive: \$250-1st place; \$150-2nd place; \$50-3rd place.
- An additional award will be presented to a grand prize winner from top entrants from all participating schools.
- Winners will be announced in December 2019.
- Entries will be judged based upon originality and the contribution the entry makes for a greater understanding of topics raised in the film.
- Opportunities for feedback on project ideas and works-in-progress will be available throughout the competition.

About TheoEco Institute, Miami Beach Senior High School, and the CEC

TheoEco and Miami Beach Senior High are new partners through our mutual relationship with the **Council for Educational Change Executive Pass Program** (changeeducation.org) which brings together school leadership and businesses to work together for schools.

TheoEco is focused on the economic and ecological entanglements people and regions find themselves in. Beach High students over the last several years have been – and are – engaged in such an entanglement like nowhere else on the planet. Therefore they have a unique appreciation for the opportunities and challenges life in South Florida holds.

One thing science, government, and most stake-holders generally agree on: the water is going up. The question is how fast. The ecological side of this seems obvious, though not really. The economics side of things is even more opaque, though everyone seems to think it is a net negative to the region. It is likely however that tremendous economic activity will take place over the decades to come – as in recent decades past – as South Florida attempts to adapt. Miami Beach's example of infrastructure investments to keep the water out are simply the latest. This means jobs, careers, businesses, and all that comes with it.

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