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Miami Beach Named As a Top Ten STEM City in America — Recognized Out of 2,000 Cities by Livability.com —

Miami Beach, FL – If asked to use one word to describe Miami Beach, a majority of people would almost instinctively respond with fun, sun or sand. However, the coastal community also proudly boasts STEM among its defining characteristics.

The City of Miami Beach was recently named one of the Top 10 Best Cities for STEM Workers in 2018 by Livability.com. Led by employment within the medical professional, nearly 13 percent of all the jobs within the tropical metropolis are STEM-related. With a median income of more than \$80,000, these valuable jobs pay nearly twice as much as the City's overall median income.

“Science, math, engineering and technology are no longer the so-called careers of the future, they are relevant and fundamental to tackling the most pressing issues of today,” noted Mayor Dan Gelber. “As we continue to combat climate change and work toward progressing in other key areas, our commitment in supporting these valuable fields within our community is steadfast.”

Surveying more than 2,000 cities across the country, Livability took into account important criteria such as the share of total jobs in the STEM category, as well median income for jobs in the category and in relation to the City's median income.

“This ranking showcases a wide variety of cities with amazing STEM job opportunities,” noted Livability's Managing Editor Winona Dimeo-Ediger. “We're especially proud to highlight STEM hubs in unexpected places. Silicon Valley is well represented on the list, but cities like Albuquerque and Miami Beach might come as a surprise.”

Focusing on small to mid-size cities, Livability ranks the most livable cities -- giving readers a peak into their status as a great place to live, work and visit. The City was recognized alongside: Huntsville, Alabama; Longmont, Colorado; David, California; Milpitas, California, Gaithersburg, Massachusetts; Franklin, Tennessee, Kirkland, Washington; and Richardson, Texas.

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