

Please join us for our second annual women's empowerment Signature Event luncheon and listen to the journey of our own local Kate Arrizza. Born and raised in Jupiter, and an All-State swimmer for Dwyer high school, Kate was recruited by the United States Naval Academy where she received her Bachelor of Science degree. She served as an Officer in the Navy for seven years and was the first woman to serve on the USS Carr. While in the Navy, she served overseas on the USS Carr, USS Fort McHenry and USS Tortuga. Her last duty station was a Naval Leadership Instructor in Coronado California. Upon receiving her honorable discharge from the Navy, she moved back to her home state where she continues to further her career in administration, and obtained her master's degree from Johns Hopkins University.

When Kate returned from active duty, she began working at the Cox Science Center, formerly known as the South Florida Science Center, as she was a previous volunteer at the Science Center in the late 90s. Today, Kate is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Cox Science Center and Aquarium. Kate's work at the Science Center over the past 13 years has earned her such recognition and awards as South Florida Business Journal's "40 Under 40" award, Sun Sentinel's Top Workplace Professional Award, Women of Worth Award winner, ESPN's veteran of the month, and PBC Distinguished Alumni Award. Kate also received West Palm Beach's Hometown Hero Award this past July 4th, 2022.

Kate's story of tenacity and perseverance is fascinating and one you don't want to miss!