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Governor appoints Amat to Miami Dade College Board of Trustees

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Gov. Rick Scott on Wednesday appointed Susan Amat, the founder and CEO of Venture Hive, to Miami Dade College's Board of Trustees.

She replaces Daniel Diaz Leyva, whose term had expired, and joins Chair Bernie Navarro, Vice Chair Marili Cancio and trustees Jose K. Fuentes, Juan Carlos "JC" Zapata, Rolando Montoya and Benjamin Leon III.

Amat's Venture Hive is a South Miami-based accelerator, incubator and entrepreneurship education company. She also founded The Launch Pad, a program with similar goals, while teaching at the University of Miami. Her entrepreneurial education platform has been replicated throughout the U.S. as Blackstone LaunchPads.

She was the founding chair of the STEM Board for Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and has consulted with the U.S. Department of State, the Kauffman Foundation and the World Bank on entrepreneurial development. In 2012, Amat was honored at the White House as a Champion of Change.

Amat earned a doctorate in strategic entrepreneurship and an MBA from the University of Miami.

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