The Student Advisory Board on Climate Change will host the 2020 Miami Youth Climate Summit from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 7 at Florida International University’s Graham Center. The Student Advisory Board on Climate Change is comprised of 25 students from seven local schools, including Gulliver Schools, Robert Morgan Educational Center, TERRA Environmental Research Institute, Palmer Trinity School, Ransom Everglades, Palmetto Middle School and Miami Palmetto High School. The summit will feature Andres Ruzo, founder and director of The Boiling River Project; two workshop sessions; a student panel and a National Geographic Expert Panel that will be broadcast live at the Bay Area Youth Climate Summit in California. The board encourages high school students interested in learning new skills regarding climate change and educators interested in becoming National Geographic Certified Educators to attend. The cost to attend is $20, and lunch is included.

Kallan Benson, a student activist and a leader of Fridays for Future, speaks in Annapolis, Maryland, to support legislation in that state to reduce greenhouse emissions statewide by 60% by 2030. Students across the country are getting involved in climate change initiatives.

For information or to buy tickets, visit http://gulliverlife/2020mysc.

Coral Reef Seniors Win Top Honors at Fairchild Event
Seniors Solange Acosta and Adam Cheguer from Coral Reef High School won first place in The Fairchild Challenge’s annual Environmental Debates. The recent challenge took place at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Coral Gables.

Schools from Miami-Dade and Broward participated in this year’s Fairchild Challenge, which is an interdisciplinary environmental science competition. The competition required students to debate on various topics, including the Turkey Point Power Plant, regulation of sunscreen sales, ending federal aid to rebuild in disaster-prone areas and the Paris Climate Agreement.

BLUE RIBBON FOR SHECK
Scheck Hillel Community School was recently selected as one of 50 U.S. private schools nominated to receive the U.S. Department of Education’s 2020 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence title.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools award aims to recognize schools, their students, faculty, and staff for their hard work to create safe and welcoming environments where students can learn. Official winners will be announced this fall.