



CIFAL Miami- Steam Weather Day - FIU College of Arts, Sciences & Education Thematic Area- People and Social Justice

People

Plazo: 18 Feb 2026

Tipo:	Other
Ubicación:	Miami, Florida, United States of America
Fecha:	19 Feb 2026
Duración:	4 Hours
Área del programa:	Decentralize Cooperation Programme
Sitio web:	https://cifalmiami.fiu.edu
Precio:	0,00 US\$
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Colaboración:	Florida International University (FIU) College of Arts, Sciences & Education, , CIFAL Miami

ANTECEDENTES

STEAM-Weather Day is a large-scale educational outreach event hosted by Florida International University (FIU) in partnership with CIFAL Miami and community stakeholders. The initiative aims to inspire elementary and middle

school students to explore science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM), while strengthening awareness of weather resilience and climate preparedness in South Florida.

More than 2,100 students from 18 Miami-Dade County schools participated in the event. Through interactive exhibits, demonstrations, and real-world simulations, students engaged with engineers, meteorologists, emergency managers, scientists, and innovators.

Thematic Area: **People and Social Justice**

The event highlights equitable access to STEAM education, community resilience, and inclusive pathways to higher education, particularly for diverse and underserved communities in South Florida.

OBJETIVOS DEL EVENTO

- Inspire interest in STEAM fields among elementary and middle school students;
- Connect classroom learning to real-world applications in engineering and weather resilience;
- Promote disaster preparedness and climate resilience awareness;
- Showcase FIU research expertise and innovation;
- Strengthen collaboration between universities, public agencies, and community partners;
- Foster equitable access to educational opportunities in STEM-related careers.

CONTENIDO Y ESTRUCTURA

Engineering & Innovation Activities

- Bottle rocket launches
- Robotics demonstrations (SPOT and DOT robotic dogs)
- “Elephant toothpaste” chemical reaction experiments
- Go-cart engineering demos
- Engineering on Wheels mobile exhibits

Weather & Resilience Education

- FIU Wall of Wind wind tunnel demonstrations
- Hurricane preparedness guidance from National Weather Service
- Emergency management and disaster response education
- Climate resilience discussions

Community & Cultural Engagement

- Miami Children's Museum physics and science activities
- NOAA interactive exhibits
- Fire rescue and SWAT vehicle demonstrations
- Athletic engagement and university spirit activities

The event integrated science education, real-world resilience, university exposure, and community partnership.

METODOLOGÍA

- Experiential learning
- Hands-on demonstrations
- Interactive science exhibits
- Real-world scenario simulations
- Cross-sector collaboration
- Youth-centered engagement

The event emphasized active participation, applied learning, and exposure to career pathways in STEAM fields.

PÚBLICO OBJETIVO

- Elementary school students
- Middle school students
- Educators and school administrators
- Community youth groups
- Families in Miami-Dade County