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Katherine has led the Marine Research Hub's strategic vision since 2022, with the mission to connect academics, businesses, and policymakers to support the commercialization of research-based solutions into practical, scalable businesses that build the blue economy. She hosts *The Blue Economy Podcast*, producing more than a dozen episodes for a global audience. Before joining MRH, Kate spent 17 years as Marine Science Magnet Coordinator and educator with Broward County Public Schools, where she implemented marine science and maritime curriculum, built industry and community partnerships, and created interdisciplinary learning experiences. She holds a B.S. in Marine Biology from Long Island University (LIU) Southampton, New York, and an M.S. in Science Education from Nova Southeastern University. Kate serves on the Marine Advisory Council and Economic Resilience Council at the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber, serves on the steering committee for the Risk & Resilience Tech Hub, volunteers with the Plywood Regatta Committee at the Marine Industries Association of South Florida, and is a member of Leadership Broward Class XLIII.