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Recognition of Coral Gables Smart City Solutions Competition Teams: *The Laboratory of Everyday Things, SmartDay Coral Gables, Kayros, Poinciana.*

Recognition of the teams that participated in the Coral Gables *Smart City Solutions Competition* and of the teams that placed First, Second and Third.

The **City of Coral Gables** and the **University of Miami** partnered on the "Design Your Coral Gables" Smart City Solutions Competition. The competition invited participants to bring their ideas about Smart City solutions to life by designing and/or prototyping innovative and creative responses to one of five transportation and traffic challenges. A panel of judges from the City and UM assessed the teams presentations and determined first, second, and third places. Teams were judged for their project's integration with the Coral Gables Smart City Hub, the originality of the idea, its sustainability, feasibility, impact, and cost effectiveness.

The competition launched on January 25th, 2019 at the University of Miami's 3rd annual Smart Cities Miami Conference. Those who wished to engage in the competition identified themselves and worked through several network conversations with City and UM staff and determined what solutions to focus on. After the conference, two checkpoint sessions were held to help the competitors elaborate and refine their efforts.

Throughout the competition teams had access to and meetings with City staff who helped identify available resources via the Smart City hub. Contestants were directed to open data and IoT information that supported their analysis and project conceptualizations. A lot of use was made of the City's GIS open data platform for visualizing project scopes and impacts.

Both checkpoints took place at the UM Venture Cafe; the first on February 21st, and the second on March 21st. Teams presented the progress they had made on their solutions and solicited feedback from staff. The checkpoints provided excellent opportunities to meet and network with other participants, city officials, UM staff, students, and faculty.

The final presentation took place at this year's eMerge Americas Conference held on Miami Beach, on Monday, April 29th. Prizes were awarded by UM and the City for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place contestants.

The Competition web page can be viewed here: <https://www.coralgables.com/news/help-us-design-a-smart-city-solution>