

# Bruno Portigliatti

Businessman and Academic Leader · Orlando, Florida

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## BIOGRAPHY

Bruno Portigliatti is a businessman and academic leader driven by a passion for people and a purpose to serve. Bruno has been married to Stephanie for 10 years, and together they have a son, Giovanni Daniel. His life mission is to empower people and businesses to achieve extraordinary results and create lasting change in society and in the lives of others.

Bruno Portigliatti is the President of Florida Christian University, a global-reach institution based in Orlando, Florida, with over four decades of history, committed to the formation of leaders through practical, accessible, and transformative education. He is also the Chief Executive Officer of Excellence Senior Living, a leading assisted living company that provides care and quality of life to more than 130 seniors. As a Partner of Harvest English Institute, Bruno advances the mission of transforming lives through English language proficiency, providing excellent education and meaningful experiences that prepare students for the future. He has also directed the development of several multimillion-dollar real estate projects by overseeing the acquisition, entitlement, construction, licensing, and operation of these projects.

Bruno has been civically engaged in his community for many years. Besides presiding over the non-profit organization, New Beginnings Global Outreach, he is also the Director of Instituto Prover, which builds homes and artesian wells in northeastern Brazil. He is also active in various other local boards and community projects. In 2020, he ran for the Florida House of Representatives in District 44, winning the Republican Primary with 74% of the votes (10,124) and garnering 47.6% of the votes (55,960) in the General Election.

He served on the Board of the Dr. P. Phillips YMCA from 2014 to 2020, on the City of Orlando's Women and Minority Business Enterprise Certification Board as Chair for almost two years, and has been a member of the Dr. Phillips Rotary Club since 2013.

In the higher-education sector, he served as a Board Member of FAPSC (Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges) between 2018 and 2023, and served as Chairman of the CPCA Certification Commission, which provides administrative and academic certification to Private Faith-Based Institutions of Higher Learning in all 50 states and territories of the USA.

Bruno also serves as co-leader of the CRIE ministry (Christian Entrepreneurs of Lagoinha Orlando Church).

In 2017, the Brazilian community in Central Florida recognized him with the Person of the Year award for his work and influence within the community.

In 2019, Bruno was named one of the Top 50 Hispanic Business Leaders of the Year by the Florida State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

In 2020, he was voted as the Male Personality of the Year in Central Florida by FOCUS Brazil Foundation.

In 2021, he was selected as a recipient of the Maverick PAC Future 40 award, which is given annually

to the best and brightest conservative minds in business, government, politics, and community affairs around the United States.

In 2025, Bruno was recognized as an Ambassador of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, in recognition of his commitment to the friendship between Christians and Jews and to strengthening support for Israel.

In 2026, he received the Ambassador of Israel Award from IFCJ for his unwavering service to the cause of Israel and its people.

He attended the University of South Florida in Tampa, where he double majored in Political Science and Spanish. He went on to law school at Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville, where he graduated with Pro Bono Honors. He later completed a Master of Business Administration at Florida Christian University in Orlando. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate in the Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration program at Florida Christian University.

While at USF, he held numerous leadership roles, including Student Government Vice President, Member of the National Alumni Board of Directors, Senator for the College of Arts & Sciences, and Chairman of the Rules, Judicial and Legislative Affairs Committee.

In law school, he was an Ambassador for the school, a member of the prestigious Mock Trial Team, a Student Bar Association Legislator for two years, and Chief of Staff to the SBA President.