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Meet the Founder

Today's Spotlight: Sel Buyuksarac



Who is Sel Buyuksarac?

A staple in the
Jacksonville, Florida
community, Sel Buyuksarac
serves as an educator,
mentor, and leader. His
dedication to enhancing
human relations is seen
through his numerous
community outreach

initiatives. His most notable being the River City Science Academy. What started as a small, 160 student school in 2007, quickly expanded to accommodate 4,000 students across five campuses. A sixth campus is projected for completion soon.

Sel's selflessness and love for uplifting his community does not stop there. He is an avid volunteer who extends himself whenever necessary. He is not only a Delegate on the *Parent's Who Lead* advisory board for the *Jacksonville Public Education Fund*, but also a committee member for *Government Affairs, Jax Chamber*, volunteer and mentor for *Generation W*, vice president for *GlobalJax*, and a member of *The Board of Advisors at Keiser University*.

When Sel is not bettering the lives and communities here in Jacksonville, he's doing so overseas in Europe and Asia!



While celebrating Hispanic Heritage, Sel was recognized with a Community Partnership award.



Sel connecting with Dr.
Johnetta Betsch Cole, an
American anthropologist,
educator, museum director,
and college president.



Sel volunteering with Jax Chamber trustee members at Hunger Fight. **Fun Facts!**Sel grew up in
Turkey with his
younger brother,
Emre.



Sel loves traveling, indoor gardening, hiking, and photography.



Sel donates blood when he can.

