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How organized was Jeb Bush's announcement roll-out? 'Alumni' already have tickets in hand

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Jeb Bush's staff has had nearly six months to prepare for his June 15 presidential campaign launch -- which means the team was ready to roll with invitations at the same time the announcement news broke at 6 a.m. and the campaign unveiledJebAnnouncement.com.

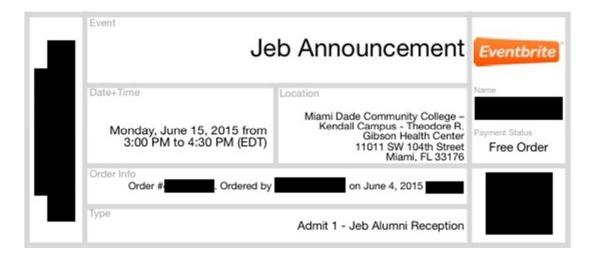
Bush "alumni" received an email at 6:02 a.m. Thursday inviting them to a reception shortly before Bush takes the stage at Miami Dade College's Kendall campus. The "intimate" reception will take place from 2-2:45 p.m. at the campus cafeteria; the official program will begin at 3 p.m. at the gym, formally named the Theodore R. Gibson Health Center.

"The Governor wants to share this special day with the team that has always been there for him, from the committed crews that led his gubernatorial campaigns to the members of his administration who helped reform government as we knew it in the State of Florida," the invitation reads.

Like the website, it was paid for by a new campaign account, "Jeb 2016," and not the political action committee he has used so far to fund-raise, Right to Rise. The website domain was registered Sunday -- though two days later, the Republican was still telling reporters he hadn't yet made up his mind.

"I have got a decision I'm going to make in relatively short order," Bush told Fox News'**Neil Cavuto** on Tuesday in Orlando.

On Thursday, early birds clicked on the e-RSVP and quickly downloaded (nontransferable) tickets for the reception and the main June 15 event, which is slated to last until 4 p.m. A sample one is below, with identifying information blacked out by the Miami Herald as a courtesy.



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