



# Career Connections

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## Palm Beach Career Pathways Consortium Kick Off The Year With Leadership Training

The Palm Beach County Career Pathways Consortium (a partnership between the School District of Palm Beach County and Palm Beach Community College) held its first Leadership Boot Camp for high school Career Pathway Academy coordinators, district Career & Technical Education support staff and school site administrators. The focus of the Leadership Boot Camp was to provide basic leadership skills and knowledge, including elements of team building which the participants will use throughout the school



year to accomplish their goals as Career Pathways Academy coordinators while working with their peers at their respective school sites. During the training, the participants received information related to career planning and development, articulation agreements, programs of study, dual enrollment, services for students with disabilities, and college outreach services. Most importantly, participants were able to share best practices and take away new ideas to implement career pathways activities within their schools.

The Boot Camp was held on August 6 and 7, 2008, at the Lake Worth Campus of Palm Beach Community College. The first day involved indoor lectures followed by an outdoor activity to reinforce the leadership/team-building topics covered. The second day included a campus tour to view the many career programs offered at PBCC and classroom time to learn about the new Career Pathway Consortium.



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## Career And Technical Education Partnership Grant Announced

Mark Hooper, Coordinator of Career and Technical Education, has recently received information that the Monroe County School District, in partnership with the School District of Palm Beach County, has been awarded a 5 year, \$1,570,000 grant. This project will replicate and disseminate The School District of Palm Beach County's nationally recognized, award winning West Boca Raton High School's Culinary Career Academy at Marathon High School. This Interdistrict Agreement will strengthen the availability, accessibility, and equity of educational choice options for parents to secure a high quality education for their children.

According to the 2007-08 Regional Targeted Occupations List for Monroe County and the State of Florida's High Skill/High Wage List, the number of jobs for Chefs, Head Cooks, and Food Service Managers will continue to rise. "We look forward to working with Palm Beach County and are excited that we will be taking our Culinary program to a higher level which will directly benefit our students, parents, and the community," stated Mark.



Pictured left to right: Palm Beach County - Chuck Green, Program Specialist, Connie Scotchel Gross, Manager of Career and Technical Education, Neva Jordon, CTE Office Manager, Elizabeth Shapiro, Program Specialist, and Mary Helen Arbogast, Grant Writer Monroe County - Mark Hooper, Career and Technical Education Coordinator.

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## West Boca Raton High's Academy of Drafting And Design Earn National Certification

After an intensive evaluation process, West Boca Raton High School Principal Francis Giblin received formal notification that the Communications Technology Program located in the Academy of Drafting & Design has been awarded PrintED accreditation by the Graphic Arts Education and Research Foundation (GAERF).



Participating in the certification review, conducted by GAERF Evaluator Ted Koons, were the following community and industry leaders: J.E. Perrin, Vice President, Senior Private Banker, JP Morgan Chase Bank; Robert P. Dunne, Co-Chairman/CEO, Franklin Communications, LLC;

Sheldon Glassner, President, U-Name-It Printing; Claudia Katz, President, Embroidme; and John Savor, Regional Manager, Printing Association of Florida.

PrintEd is a national accreditation and certification program based on industry standards for graphic communications courses of study at the secondary and post-secondary levels. West Boca Raton High is only the second high school in the state of Florida to receive this designation. West Boca High students completing the three course sequence in the Communications Technology Program are now eligible to receive certification by examination in three areas: Introduction to Graphic Communications, Digital File Preparation, and Offset Press Operations. In the Binding and Finishing area, thirty-five students were the first program completers to be granted industry certification through a "hands-on" skills evaluation. According to Academy Coordinator Susan Bantang PrintEd Certification provides students with a career pathway to enter the workplace with verifiable credentials or to pursue higher education.

Since the school's opening in 2004, Communications Technology Instructors John Steranko and Tom Hellyer have prepared their students to compete on a professional level. During the 2007-08 school year, Communications Technology students won several honors. Last October, Emily Mellman and Kristen Wiley won the American Health Association's (AHA) 2008 "Teddy Bear" Poster Contest. The AHA, through its volunteer corps, sends donated teddy bears to American troops for distribution to Iraqi children. In June, Serina Fignole, Christina Washio and Samantha Sansone were the only students among adult artists who made the "Talented Top Ten" for their entries in the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce's Boca Festival Days Poster Contest.

The Communications Technology Program's most recent achievement came on August 9 in Orlando, Florida, at the 21st Annual Print Awards sponsored by the Printing Association of Florida (PAF). The PAF is the state's largest graphic arts trade association, representing an industry of nearly 600 member companies with more than 81,000 employees and \$9 billion in sales. Kathryn Stuart, Education, Events & Programs Manager, was pleased to announce that West Boca High earned 11 awards in the student division. Five "Best of Category" honors were presented for Brochures/Catalogs/Flyers: Brianna Sedita/Jessica Martin and Ilana Dansky; Cards: Alexandra Shevock; Self-Promotions: Claudine

Colin; and Wearables: Gabriella Dagander/ Chelsea Trickel. Two "Award of Excellence" honors were presented for Brochures/Catalogs/Flyers: Alexandra Bimonte; and Cards: Daniella Escobar. Four "Honorable Mention" honors were presented for Cards: Thomas Almesto; Posters: Kristen Wiley, Emily Mellman and Amber Bradley. Motivated by their success, the students are looking forward to participating in next year's 2009 Florida Print Awards competition.

## Don Estridge High Tech Middle Culinary Academy Students Learn To Work As A Team

The students have been having a lot of fun learning how to work as a team. As part of the activities, students defined what teamwork meant to them and the rules or characteristics of working as a team. They made posters showing these rules and characteristics which are now out in the hallway for the student body to see.

A balloon game was played by the students to emphasize team work. Each team had to keep the balloons up in the air, adding more and more balloons as time went. The last team standing won. Another lesson on team work allowed students to work together as a team in constructing a tower made of biodegradable packing peanuts that were pressed together with a bit of moisture. They received points for creativity, cooperation and communication. Extra points were received for the tallest.



It is amazing how these students got together and performed as though they had been working together for months.

## Over 250 Tourism And Hospitality CTE Students Attend "The Best of Everything" Conference



On September 18, 2008, the Palm Beach County Hotel & Lodging Association, the Hospitality Workforce Program, and the Palm Beach County Tourist Development Council held the third Student Tourism & Hospitality Conference entitled "The Best of Everything" at the

Palm Beach Convention Center. Over 250 students from Forest Hill High School, Olympic Heights High School, and Palm Beach Gardens High School attended panel sessions held by industry professions. The Panel topics included "The Open Door - Careers in Hospitality", "What makes up the Tourism Industry in Palm Beach County?", "How do I get ready for my future in the Tourism and Hospitality Industry?", "I want the Job - How do I get hired?", and "The Florida Green Lodging Program - Ideas for a Progressive Industry." The students were served boxed lunches. During lunch, the students visited numerous exhibit booths, which included colleges/universities, resorts, Workforce Alliance, School District

Of Palm Beach County, hotels, and other agencies. After lunch, the students participated in Waiters' Races, Raffle Drawings and Teachers Appreciation.

This event had approximately 30 hosts and contributing sponsors, demonstrating the strong support for Career Education Academies throughout Palm Beach County. The event is not only motivational to the students, but inspirational for the adults to see our future is such outstanding students. Congratulations to all that participated in the third Student Tourism & Hospitality Conference.

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### **Park Vista High School TV & Film Academy Students Intern At Kool 105.5**

Six Park Vista TV/Film Academy Seniors interned for the Mo & Sally Morning Show on Kool 105.5. The show Producer Tim-Allan Walker nicknamed Erica Serio, Melanie Kabinoff, Matt Patsis, Marvin



Fils-Aime, Elyse Lautenschlager, and Sebastian Jones the "Park Vista Posse." During the summer, they reported to the West Palm Beach Clear Channel Building at 5:30 a.m. where their daily duties included screening phone calls, dubbing audio, updating the website, and making a Pet of the

Week Video. The interns were frequently heard on the local radio station as they were interviewed daily by Mo & Sally. The PV Posse also posted daily blogs so listeners could read the day by day details of an interns life. Although they had to wake up early for their entire summer, the six students increased their knowledge of radio and communications and truly had an unforgettable summer.

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### **Boynton Beach High School's BASA Academy Producing Future Airline Pilots And Mechanics**

Future airline pilots and airline mechanics are sitting in the classroom of the Boynton Aerospace and Science Academy (BASA) at Boynton Beach High. BASA students are participating in a partnership program with Embry Riddle University.

Under the direction of teacher Paul Hershoin, students are learning what the world of aviation has to offer for future careers. Upon completion of the program, students are able to earn up to a year of college credits at Embry Riddle University.

In the classroom are flight simulators to prepare students to fly planes and obtain their private pilot license. Some students prefer to keep their feet on the ground and keep the planes flying through learning the mechanics and maintenance of the planes. These students recently spent three half days at Lantana Airport. Under the supervision of Mr. Hershoin and A&P Mechanic, Scott Nelson performed an annual inspection of a Piper 28-140/160 aircraft. The hanger was very hot (over 90 degrees) and humid, and the students came back greasy and exhausted, but very enthusiastic. As student Allen Schocken stated, "I enjoyed actually getting out of the classroom. I learn better by hands on activities."

### **Independence Middle Pre-Teacher Education Career Academy Studies Child Development**



The Pre-Teacher Education Career Academy at Independence Middle School in Jupiter, Florida, is studying child development. In the picture students from the academy are exploring a unit about newborns. This cooperative learning experience is the introductory activity about newborns. The

objective for this unit is to enable students to identify a newborn's physical, cognitive, emotional, and social needs. Go academy students!

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### **Palm Beach Gardens High's Medical Science Students Get In Academic Shape At First Annual Boot Camp**

Freshman Medical Science students participated in our first Annual Pre-Med Boot Camp this past summer. Mrs. Kendra Huff and Mr. Craig Schuett, with the assistance of pre-med veterans Amy Vaccarello, Megan Fahey, and Alysa Hall, introduced students to the school and the magnet curriculum, while giving them a head start in Chemistry, Biology, and Anatomy and Physiology. The students received twelve full days of instruction, but the creative team organizing the program kept it interesting with exciting lessons that got students up and moving around. Students completed a campus-familiarizing scavenger hunt and chemistry lab experiments, learned medical terminology and the bones of the human body, improved their math skills, read a novel, and used sidewalk chalk to illustrate ecosystems.



The teachers enthusiastically tackled the challenge of keeping students engaged and learning for a full seven hours. Chemistry teacher Craig Schuett said, "They really seemed to enjoy the labs, especially labs involving slime and other viscous materials. I really

think that the students who attended got a jump start on the other students in the program." Anatomy and Physiology teacher Kendra Huff enjoyed the student bonding opportunities, such as the program-culminating Field Day that included dodgeball, kick ball, and, of course, pizza.

When asked what was best about attending boot camp, students overwhelmingly agreed that starting high school with confidence was the greatest benefit. Indeed, the attendees entered school knowledgeable about the campus layout, the expectations of their teachers, and their Medical Science curriculum. Students also had the opportunity to bond with their peers, which is tremendously beneficial considering that these students entered PBGHS from roughly a dozen different feeder schools. We know these forty students are ready for Medical Science and for high school! Our sincere thanks go to the Frenchman's Creek Charitable Foundation, whose generosity made this unique opportunity possible.

## Palm Beach Gardens High School's Annual Golf Tournament

The Sports Management and Recreation Academy students will be hosting their annual golf tournament on the prestigious PGA Nationals Champion Golf Course, Friday, October 10, 2008. There are still openings available for those interested in playing. The shotgun tournament features a Five Star BBQ dinner and awards ceremony along with great raffle prizes!

Sponsorships and raffle prizes are being accepted for this great event to help raise funds for the academy program. The money raised is used to help support extracurricular student activities that would not be available without these funds. Activities that will be funded include student field trips, competitions, and professional development.

The academy's mission statement is to provide qualified students interested in the Global Business & Entrepreneurship; Sports Management & Recreation; Tourism, Hospitality & Resort Management; Medical; and Television & Film industries with superior academic experiences and career opportunities within those disciplines while preparing them for post-secondary education and future employment.

With the support and joint effort of our Business Advisory Board, parents, and the junior Sports Management and Recreation class, our goal is to raise \$18,000 for our academy program.

Please visit <http://www.fivestarmagnet.org> to download a brochure or call (561)-694-7388 for more information. All proceeds go to the Five Star Academy program at Palm Beach Gardens Community High School.

## Royal Palm Beach High School Students Earn American Red Cross Certification

The Medical Science Academy was initiated this school year at Royal Palm Beach High School (RPBHS). Mrs. K. Kissel, MSN, RN.C, serves as the instructor and coordinator of the RPBHS Medical Science Academy Honors Program. She is the former coordinator of the Palm Beach Gardens High School Pre-Medicine Magnet and is excited to be offering the enhanced curriculum to her own neighborhood community. As an American Red Cross instructor, Mrs. Kissel certified fifty of her students in Adult CPR, Standard First Aid and AED.

The advanced curriculum is open to all incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students who currently have a 3.0 GPA and have taken Honors Algebra 1. Students accepted into the freshman level Honors Medical Skills and Services course learn entry-level skills pertinent to all health care providers. The Royal Palm Beach Community High School Medical Sciences Academy offers its students unique courses and opportunities in preparation for top post-secondary schools and careers in medical sciences. Students enrolled in the Medical Sciences will follow an extensive four-year college preparatory program designed to provide the university bound student with the academics and skills needed for a Pre-Med, Pre-Vet, Pre-Pharmacy or Pre-Dental major.



## Upcoming Events

<b>October 1, 2008</b>	FBLA Fall District Rally	West Palm Beach Convention Center
<b>October 8-12, 2008</b>	ACTE Regional Conference	Daytona, FL
<b>October 14, 2008</b>	Career Academy Coordinators Meeting	D.D. Eisenhower Elementary
<b>October 14-15, 2008</b>	Family Consumer Science Middle School	TBA
<b>October 16-18, 2008</b>	FBTEA State Conference	Lakeland, FL
<b>October 16-18, 2008</b>	FEFACS Fall Conference	Tampa, FL
<b>October 21, 2008</b>	Showcase of Schools	South Florida Fairgrounds
<b>October 22-25, 2008</b>	National Careere Pathways Network	Cincinnati, OH
<b>October 27, 2008</b>	CTE Area Meetings	TBA
<b>October 29-31, 2008</b>	Florida Career Pathways Network Conference	Jupiter Beach Resort- Jupiter, FL
<b>November 9-10, 2008</b>	National Career Academy Coalition (NCAC)	Jacksonville, FL
<b>November 10, 2008</b>	FCCLA District Meeting	TBA
<b>November 14-16, 2008</b>	NAF Leadership Summit	New Mexico
<b>November 17-19, 2008</b>	FPSCC State Conference	Orlando, FL
<b>November 20, 2008</b>	Career Academy Coordinators Meeting	Palm Beach Central HS
<b>December 4-6, 2008</b>	2008 ACTE Convention & Career Tech Expo	Charlotte, NC

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