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National Career Academy Coalition

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Career Academy Model which was celebrated in the city of Philadelphia where academy concepts started. Special conference events and activities were held in this city of brotherly love. Forty years ago, the first career academy opened its doors at Edison High School in Philadelphia. Today, there are thousands of career academies throughout the country, and academies are recognized by many as the best in-school model for student success. This conference provided opportunity for dialogue, exploration, and networking which will continue to move academies and smaller learning communities to the highest level.

Featured speakers included Betsy Brand, the Executive Director for American Youth Policy, and Glenn A. Cummings, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the U.S. DOE Office of Vocational and Adult Education. Constance Scotchel-Gross, manager of Career Education in Palm Beach County, presented a workshop with Dr. Judith Stein, Executive Director for National Institute for Education Options, on Florida's Career Academies on the Hill: A Model for Success. This presentation highlights the unique partnership with Career Education, business, and the legislature of Florida. Ms. Scotchel-Gross also spoke on the "Role of Career Academies on Education Improvement."

Dr. Kathy Weigel, Principal at Atlantic Community High School in Delray Beach, participated in a panel with principals from Arkansas and Michigan to discuss Career Academies through the Eyes of Administration. In addition, Dr. Weigel engaged a "how to" session that described the journey, process, success, outcomes, and setbacks of student decisions that resulted in a graduation rate which soared to be the highest in the school's history. Arty Falk, Community School Director at Palm Beach Gardens Community High School, facilitated "Incorporating Themed Projects into Your Academy Classes" where participants collaborated to identify successful projects that can be used in their academies.

Nicole McKessy, a 2005 Atlantic Community High School graduate of the Criminal Justice Academy, received the Exemplary Academy Alumni award. Nicole is currently a Community Service Officer for the Delray Beach Police Department where she writes traffic citations, investigates accidents, patrols the city streets, and assists her fellow officers.

Constance Scotchel-Gross said, "It was such a privilege to be involved in this conference honoring the 40th anniversary of the history of Career Education. This is a reminder of how we have grown and to encourage us to continue promoting Career Education for the betterment of all students."

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Recognition by the State Board of Education

On November 11, the State Board of Education met at Palm Beach Community College's Palm Beach Gardens campus. Dr. Kathy Weigel, principal of Atlantic Community High School, was recognized for the success of their Career and Technical Education (CTE) Career Academies. The contributing factors for the recognition of Atlantic High School and making the school a model for Career and Technical Education are:

- Quality career academies that integrate academics and have been certified through the National Career Academy Coalition (NCAC). Academies include: Army JROTC; Construction; Criminal Justice; Early Childhood Teacher Education; and Sports Management & Recreation.

All academies established as Small Learning Communities:

- Group of students within the larger high school take classes together for at least two years; classes taught by a team of teachers from different disciplines; college prep curriculum with a career theme, partnered with employers, the community, and local colleges.

Strong Career and Technical Student Organizations which enable students to:

- Participate in leadership and competition opportunities available through co-curricular student organizations, which provide career training, employment skills, citizenship, communication skills, and opportunities to earn scholarships.

Fourth Annual Tourism and Hospitality Conference A Success



The Fourth Annual Tourism and Hospitality Conference was a major success in the eyes of approximately one hundred fifty students and teachers from Forest Hill, Olympic Heights, and Palm Beach Gardens High Schools who attended the September 29 event. The instructors for the program at the schools are Diana Sardina (FHHS), Susan Klevansky (OHHS), and Sherry Renner (PBGHS). The event

was held at PGA National Resort & Spa which offered the Tourism and Hospitality students a business-like atmosphere that was still enjoyable and not at all intimidating. The last activity of the day was a guided tour of the Resort & Spa.

Opening the event was David Semadeni representing PBCH&LA's Hospitality Workforce Program who gave an enlightening speech about the incredibly vast scope of tourism in Palm Beach County. Also welcoming the audience were Charles Lehmann of PB County Tourist Development Council and Roger Amidon of PB County

Hotel and Lodging. The Opening Session was wrapped up by Dr. Art Johnson, Superintendent of the School District of Palm Beach County.

The students then attended breakout sessions concurrently with industry leaders from hotels, spas, sports and recreation management. Additionally, colleges and universities were in attendance giving students postsecondary school options in Palm Beach County. When asked how these sessions impacted their views of Tourism and Hospitality, students felt that they learned a lot about getting a job and how to build up to being a manager and other informative information regarding the tourism and hospitality industry.

Mauricio Escobar: FBLA National President Presenter, Master of Ceremonies and Lobbyist

Mauricio Escobar, senior at Palm Beach Central High School, along with his instructor Tammy Skinner attended the National Regional Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, on November 7-9, 2009. Mauricio served as Master of Ceremonies for the conference, along with his National Officer team. He also conducted a workshop on how to increase communication of FBLA at the local, state and national level.

Prior to this conference, Mauricio and Ms. Skinner traveled to Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, where they lobbied for the March of Dimes with local House representatives. National FBLA supports the March of Dimes as their project and was recognized for collecting the most donations last year (over \$500,000) which Mauricio received on behalf of the student organization.



On November 19, Mauricio traveled to the ACTE (Association for Career Technical Education) Conference in Nashville where he addressed the delegation on behalf of all career education student organizations. Attendance at the conference is expected to be over ten thousand educators. The FBLA National Adviser team has just given Mauricio and Mrs. Skinner approval for attending Puerto Rico's conference the end of April. This will be the first time a National Officer has attended this conference, and they felt Mauricio would be a great representative and thrilled that he will be attending.

Constance Scotchel-Gross has stated that Mauricio's leadership is to be commended. Dr. Matthew Shoemaker, Principal of Palm Beach Central said, "This is one truly remarkable young man. Mauricio's humble nature—combined with his charismatic, authentic leadership abilities—will place him at the forefront of the next generation of America's rising stars."

National Career Academy Coalition Reviews

Park Vista High School's Information Technology and Medical Sciences Academies, West Boca Raton High School's Medical Science Academy and Seminole Ridge Community High School's Construction Academy had their academies reviewed on the National Standards of Practice (NSOP) for career academies. A team from the National Career Academy Coalition assessed the academies using the Career Academy National Standards of Practice. These standards were developed by a consortium of persons actively engaged with career academies to define what components a standard career academy should have for success.

The schools spend the first half of the year preparing for the visit. Their preparation included compiling a large amount of information on how their schools have implemented the career academy model. Each school then hosted the evaluation team for a half-day review of the information and interviews of the administration, staff, students, and community partners. We applaud West Boca Raton, Park Vista and Seminole Ridge High Schools for the outstanding work they are accomplishing. We are honored to announce the NCAC results of their evaluation:

<i>West Boca Raton High School's Medical Science Academy</i>	<i>"Model"</i>
<i>Park Vista High School's Information Technology</i>	<i>"Certified"</i>
<i>Park Vista High School's Medical Sciences Academies</i>	<i>"Certified"</i>
<i>Seminole Ridge Community High School's Construction Academy</i>	<i>"Certified"</i>

Constance Scotchel-Gross, Manager of Career Education, stated: "We are excited to add West Boca Raton High School's Medical Science Academy, Park Vista High School's Information Technology and Medical Sciences Academies, and Seminole Ridge Community High School's Construction Academy to our growing number (18) of nationally recognized academies by the National Career Academy Coalition and the Association of Career and Technical Education. Career Academies open the door to vast opportunities for the students of Palm Beach County as they chose either to join the workforce or pursue post-secondary education."

Middle School Family And Consumer Science Teachers Attend Culinary Workshop

On Wednesday, November 11, eleven middle school Family and Consumer Science (FCS) teachers attended a culinary workshop entitled "Sharpen Your Skills" from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m at L.C. Swain Middle School. The workshop was presented by Joyce Giffin, FCS teacher at L.C. Swain.

Ms. Giffin discussed the parts of the knife, safety and sanitation of knife use, gripping the knife and setting up the cutting station. She then demonstrated basic knife cuts such as slicing, mincing and dicing. The teachers were then given a cutting assignment using white onions, celery, carrots, potatoes, red cabbage, tomatoes,

and green onions. As the teachers finished their assignment, the vegetables were used in a soup or salad recipe. At the end of the workshop, everyone tasted Garden Salad and Loaded Potato Soup. A Mexican Cornbread was also served which was prepared by Ms. Giffin in advance. Each teacher went home with a handout on information that was presented along with the recipes. Plans are being discussed for the next workshop.



Joyce Giffin discussing knife safety

Florida Public School Choice Consortium (FPSCC) Holds Conference

FPSCC Annual Conference opened with a reception at the Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center in Orlando on Tuesday, November 17. The reception was attended by the Florida Charter School and the Florida Public School Consortium conference attendees. Honored at the reception for their unwavering support and dedication to school choice were Iris Lane, Steve Brockhouse, Rufus Ellis, and Rose Raynak. Over one hundred fifty educators participated in the FPSCC Conference which celebrated its fifth year. During his brief tenure with the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE), Dr. Rodriguez envisioned the establishment of an annual, statewide summit. Prior to Dr. Carlo Rodriguez' untimely passing in 2007, he served as Executive Director of The Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice. This year, the FPSCC is proud to make Dr. Rodriguez's vision a reality with the Dr. Carlo Rodriguez Champion of School Choice Summit.

In collaboration with the Annual Statewide Charter School Conference, the FPSCC presented a one day School Choice Summit on Wednesday, November 18, which included panels and round table sessions. The panels included representatives from the FLDOE and other experts and leaders in all areas of School Choice. Audrey Lewis-Potter, president of FPSCC, and the superintendents of Osceola and Orange Counties participated in the welcoming session. The summit included a luncheon with the Honorable T. Willard Fair, State Board of Education Chair, as the keynote speaker. Judith Stein, Executive Director of National Institute for Educational Options, Nova Southeastern University was honored for her many years of leadership in the magnet school programs and career education movement.



Honorable T. Willard Fair

During the final day of the conference, the Voluntary Public School Choice grant recipients met at Nova Southeastern in Orlando to participate in sessions on grant monitoring and compliance as well as data collection. Career Education Specialist Elizabeth Shapiro and Monroe County culinary instructor Chef Anthony Green shared their best practices and grant sustainability strategies.

FBLA District 20 Fally Rally

FBLA District 20 is proud to be part of this year's state FBLA theme "Get Tuned In" as they started off the school year with their Fall Rally on October 6 at the Palm Beach Convention Center. Over 450 members from Palm Beach County high schools and middle schools attended the rally and the panel sessions held by industry professionals.



The FBLA Rally began with Julien Borbon, District President, opening the general session. We were honored to have Mr. Jeffrey Hernandez, Chief Academic Officer, welcoming guests and giving words of encouragement to the students. Our keynote speaker was Mr.

Lester J. Woerner, chairman of Woerner Holdings, Inc. Mr. Woerner has a strong belief in free market economics and stated how the decision he made as a young teenager influenced where he is today.

The workshops held included topics as "Work Readiness and Career Paths", Traits of an Entrepreneur", Basics of Financial Responsibility, and "How MySpace and Facebook can be Used against Me." The students learned dining etiquette as the luncheon was a sit down affair. After lunch, teams from each school participated in the Battle of the Chapters competition and this year's chapter winner was Palm Beach Gardens High School.

For the Brochure competition, the winners were: 1st place—Independence Middle, 2nd place—Olympic Heights, 3rd place—Palm Beach Central High; for Display Board, 1st place—West Boca Raton High, 2nd place—W. T. Dwyer High, 3rd place—Olympic Heights High.

Third Annual Auto Show to Benefit the Automotive Academy at Park Vista

Park Vista Community High School's Automotive Academy is excited to announce the third annual Auto Show that will be held at Park Vista on Saturday, December 12, 2009. This successful auto show which benefits the automotive program brings in numerous sponsors, hundreds of spectators, and a variety of participants. Awards for 27 different categories including Domestic Vintage, Domestic Street Rod, Best Originals, and more will be given out at 4:30 p.m. The cost is only \$2 per spectator and \$10 to register a car! This is one car show you don't want to miss! For more information or to register your vehicle, visit <http://pvchs.com>.

Palm Beach Central Culinary Academy SIZZLES the SALSAFEST!

On November 21, at Greenacres Park, seven students from Palm Beach Central High School competed in an "Iron Chef" demonstration enamoring the crowd with their cooking prowess and knife skills. Taking top honors, Ms. Emily Hogan created a tantalizing fresh berry dessert salsa complemented with lime sorbet. Second place was awarded to Ms. Kassy Quevedo for a creative display of cinnamon pita chips to accompany her fruit salsa. Mr. Tyler Dick earned third place for an impressive traditional salsa masterfully garnished with lemon roses. Rounding out the competition team, Ms. Promise Stewart took fourth place. Honorable mentions were awarded to Ms. Stephany Silva, Ms. Sabrina Sosa and Mr. Robert Mckenna, assisted by Palm Beach Central reading coach, Ms. Annie O'Reilly. A total of \$400 in cash prizes was donated by event sponsors and distributed to the individual team members. The annual event attracts over 12,000 visitors from across Palm Beach County. Kudos to the team of "Bronco Culinarians!"

South Tech Academy Students Receive A Letter from President Obama



Every new year in January, the South Tech Academy Graphic Design Class creates posters commemorating February Black History celebrations.

With the inauguration of America's first African-American President, the students put an emphasis on the election of Barack Obama. After the posters

were completed, photos of the hallway board display were taken and mailed with an accompanying letter to The White House.

Not expecting a response, the students were surprised when they received an envelope with the return address clearly and boldly printed: THE WHITE HOUSE, Washington DC. Inside the envelope was a photo and letter from President Obama thanking the students for their support.

Palm Beach County Career Academies:

Visit www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/careered for more information on our Career Academies.

ACTE Conference Held in Nashville, Tennessee

The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) welcomed over 8,000 attendees which was held at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. The ACTE conference gave career educators an opportunity to discover new approaches, find solutions to shared challenges, share best practices with colleagues and leave with constructive new ideas to take back to their schools. Chef Jeff Henderson, South Central Los Angeles native and award-winning chef, opened this year's Convention as the Opening General Session speaker.

During this conference a groundbreaking event occurred. A new strand of ACTE, Career Academy Division, was introduced and attended by over 350 stakeholders. This strand is designed to provide the foundation and philosophy behind career academies and to examine a systematic approach on how to convert a Career and Technical Education (CTE) program into a career academy. During this time period, the first career academy policy meeting took place where the new operating policies were approved. Constance Scotchel-Gross, Manager, Career Education, and Susan Katzman, President of the National Career Academy Coalition (NCAC) and National Consultant, were named as co-chairs in establishing the Career Academy Division of ACTE and will continue next year.

In the afternoon, a session was held on "Strategies for Moving CTE Programs into Career Academies" presented by Constance Scotchel-Gross, Susan Katzman and William Taylor from the National Academy Foundation (NAF). With tremendous interest and many questions on how CTE programs become career academies discussion was held on differences and strategies to begin a career academy. Constance later in the afternoon presented "Palm Beach's Strategic Plans for Career Academies for the 21st Century" and how community involvement is crucial for success of an academy.



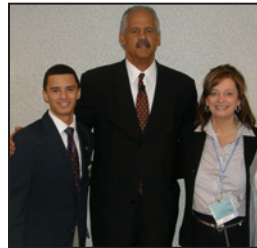
L-R: Professor Victor Hernandez, Mauricio Escobar, Connie Scotchel-Gross

Atlantic High School Principal, Dr. Kathleen Weigel and Career Academy Coordinator Jerry Crocilla spoke to conference participants on "Meeting Community Needs through Career Academies." During this session, they described how Atlantic High School meets community needs, identify and resolve issues that become part of the curriculum and being sure that the career academy reflects the real world.

Constance Scotchel-Gross and Career Education Specialist Miguel Benavente presented on "Career Academies-Health Care and Medical Science Academies." This session described how Palm Beach County

has developed a variety of career academies targeted at health care and medical science. Participants learned how the sequenced curriculum works, how relationships with hospitals and health care providers are established and especially how students are blossoming from the experiential components both within and outside the classroom.

Palm Beach Central High School senior Mauricio Escobar, chaperoned by CTE Advisor, Tammy Skinner, manned the Future Business Leaders of America booth in the Career Tech Expo. Mauricio had the opportunity to speak with the business and marketing teachers on behalf of all career education student organizations at a breakout session. As part of the opening and closing sessions, Mauricio had an opportunity to talk personally to both Chef Jeff Henderson and Mr. Stedman Graham. Mr. Stedman Graham, a businessman, educator, writer and speaker who focuses on maximizing leadership, achieving success and embracing diversity, closed the general session. At the General Session on Saturday, Mr. Graham shared his leadership insights and tips that will not only help career and technical education professionals themselves, but will also get them thinking about their roles as mentors and educators.



L-R: Mauricio Escobar, Mr. Stedman Graham, Tammy Skinner

FBLA State/National Conference in Orlando

Students and advisers from Palm Beach Central High School and Palm Beach Gardens Community High School attended the FBLA State/National Fall Leadership which took place November 19 – 21, 2009. For the state portion of the conference, the opening keynote speaker was Toody Byrd. Ms. Byrd is a teacher, counselor, author, and speaker, and has spent her career helping people meet the challenges of education.

As a state project, the students participated in a walk to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network whose mission is to generate funds and awareness programs in partnership with and for the benefit of member hospitals/foundations and the children they are privileged to serve. The FBLA-PBL Foundation held a beach volleyball competition which Palm Beach Central High FBLA members brought home the winner's trophy. Friday morning members attended workshops, and the State Conference closed with keynote speaker Carl Creasman, an inspirational communicator and thinker who challenges by his passion towards 'thinking outside of the box.'



The National FBLA Conference began in the afternoon with many informative workshops that the students and educators attended. Members had a chance to network with students from around the country. Sharon Gintz, instructor from Seminole Ridge High School, attended the new FBLA Adviser Training that was sponsored by a grant from UPS.

Palm Beach County Construction Teachers Earn National Industry Certification



Fifteen Palm Beach County construction teachers received certification from the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) during the 22nd NCCER ICTP Certification class held at Palm Beach Community College November 18-20, 2009. Through the support of the Florida Masonry Apprentice and Educational Foundation (FMAEF), Master Trainers Dennis Neal and Al Herndon, and guest Master Trainer Ed Nelson facilitated the training of the 10 modules that the instructors needed to successfully complete in order to receive their certification.

Congratulations to the following instructors for their accomplishments: Gary Swigert (Lake Worth), Jay Ryan (Glades Central), Leroy Bolger (Palm Beach Central), Timothy Sachse (Atlantic), Rob Roche (Boynton Beach), Paul Dely (Forest Hill), Steve Forrest (Jupiter), Fred Terkovich (Seminole Ridge), Art Hardy (Palm Beach Lakes), Austin Beer (John I. Leonard), Donald Grossman (Atlantic), Mark Bohne (William T. Dwyer), Bryan Abel (Seminole Ridge), Martin Ginsberg (Lake Worth), and Robert McInnis (South Tech).

Palm Beach County's Voice Heard in Washington, DC

As a part of a legislative briefing session on November 4, Palm Beach County's Career Education Manager Constance Scotchel-Gross spoke to policymakers in Washington, DC. The audience was comprised of congressional staffers, media personnel, and associations/organizations. The purpose of this briefing was to present a paper that Betsy Brand, Executive Director of the American Youth Policy Forum, prepared on career academies. The paper, "High School Career Academies: A 40-Year Proven Model for Improving College and Career Readiness," represents the past and present of career academies nationally as well as how legislation and the collaboration between the Department of Education and the Department of Labor could help move academies forward.

Ms. Scotchel-Gross spoke about the growth of over five thousand academies around the country, the positive outcomes (especially income gains for young people) and how career academies are used as an effective educational model. During the presentation, she also gave her perspective as the manager of Career Education in Palm Beach County.

Andy Chaves, Director for Workforce Effectiveness and Diversity for Marriott International, spoke from a business perspective discussing how businesses and corporations can help support career academies in various capacities.



L-R: Connie Scotchel-Gross; Betsy Brand, Executive Director, American Youth Policy Forum

"Career academies are a time tested model for improving academic achievement readying students for both college and careers, and engaging the world outside of school in the work of reforming them. As lawmakers work to craft policies that will dramatically improve American public education, career academies should be recognized for their effectiveness and included in reform efforts."

The goal of this briefing session was to educate policymakers that the career academy model should be viewed as a time-tested strategy that has produced not only academies but labor market results for 40 years. "Career academies have demonstrated over the years that they are of great value to the community. Educating lawmakers is important so they can make informed decisions that will affect our current and future career academy students," Constance Scotchel-Gross stated.

This briefing paper is a result of a partnership with thirteen organizations including the Association of Career and Technical Education, Capture Educational Consulting Services, Career Academy Support Network, MDRC, National Career Academy Coalition (NCAC), National Academy Foundation, and Philadelphia Academies, Inc.

Lake Worth Community High School Air Force JROTC Place Third At Drill Competition

Lake Worth Community High School placed third at the first drill competition held on November 7, 2009 at Avon Park High School. Air Force JROTC Lake Worth Cadet Leslie Branco feels that the time and effort



spent preparing for this competition was well worth it, and she's honored to hold the trophy representing the team's hard work. Congratulations to the cadets for giving it their all! This is an extra special accomplishment as Branco states since last year "we did not place among the top five positions and came home empty handed."

Palm Beach Gardens Community High School Annual Golf Tournament

The Sports Management and Recreation Magnet Program hosted their annual golf tournament on the prestigious PGA National Champion Golf Course, Thursday, October 15, 2009. The shotgun tournament featured a Five Star BBQ dinner and awards ceremony along with great raffle prizes!

Sponsorships and raffle prizes were accepted for this great event to help raise funds for the Five Star Magnet Program. The money raised will be used to help support extracurricular student activities that would not be possible without these funds. Activities that will be funded include student field trips, competitions, and professional development.

The Five Star Magnet Program'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.

Atlantic High School Eagles Nest Construction Academy's Hard Earned Profit



After a three year wait, the Eagles Nest Construction Academy at Atlantic Community High School got paid. Coordinator Jerry Crocilla accepted a check for \$37,038.60 from the city of Delray Beach from the recent sale of the three

bedroom, two bath house Eagles Nest built for the city's affordable housing program.

"The money is actually student-earned sweat equity," said Crocilla. "This is not a donation from the city, but it is pay back for the students who worked so hard on the project. We could have done better financially, but unfortunately we chose to build a house during a very slow time for the construction industry and housing prices were down -- a lot."

Over 500 students interacted with Eagle Nest during all phases of construction. We call the house Student-Designed and Student-Built because they did most of the work. Atlantic's Drafting and Design students created the basic concept that evolved into blueprints. Construction students started with excavation on the

vacant lot donated by Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency and finished with the landscaping and irrigation.

Students worked side by side with local building trades professionals performing many of the required construction skills themselves. "We did not have some skill sets and deferred to professionals on some tasks like electricity and concrete finishing," said Crocilla.

Eagles Nest will take their hard earned profit and use the money to finance the next phase of their work. "Delray Beach and Eagles Nest will use the funds to buy curriculum, materials, and to replace tools and equipment worn out by the student workers, Coordinator Crocilla said, "Eagles Nest II will be as green as green can be. Our students see the future, and it is green."

South Tech Academy Student Attends Forum On Medicine



Bryan Pascal, a junior in South Tech's LPN program had the opportunity of a lifetime this summer. From July 19 through July 28, Bryan participated in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine at UCLA School of Medicine in Los Angeles, California. Nominated by his Medical Academy teacher Ms. Sweeney in September of his sophomore year, Bryan and his family raised over \$3,000 in ten months so he could attend. In July, Bryan was on his way to an intensive 10-day educational program designed for a high school student who plans to attend medical school to become a physician.

For ten unforgettable days, Bryan got firsthand experience in a motivating and challenging environment, examining state-of-the-art diagnostic tools and future medical specialties in detail. Along with 50 other high school students, Bryan participated in small group seminars hosted by some of the most prestigious and technologically-advanced medical institutions and schools, including UCLA School of Medicine in Los Angeles, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, Harvard Medical School in Boston, and many more of the finest medical schools in the nation.

Through group work and by shadowing physicians for a day, Forum students have an opportunity to learn from medical leaders and research pioneers from around the country. Bryan still gets excited as he describes this life-changing experience and feels he has gained a valuable head start toward his medical career as an orthopedic surgeon.

Upcoming Events

December 9, 2009	FBLA District 20 Meeting	
December 15, 2009	Construction Teacher Meeting	
January 14, 2010	DECA District Competition	Northwood University
January 20, 2010	FBLA District Competition	Palm Beach Central HS
January 27, 2010	FBLA District Awards	Palm Beach Central HS
February 2, 2010	CTE Recognition Dinner	Kravis Center
February 17, 2010	FBLA District 20 Meeting	Palm Beach Central HS
February 19, 2010	Criminal Justice Area Meeting	IBIS Room 6007
February 20, 2010	FCCLA District 8 Proficiency Events	
March 4-6, 2010	DECA State CDC	Orlando, FL
March 4-6, 2010	CECF/BPA State Conference	Orlando, FL
March 24-27, 2010	FCCLA State Leadership Meeting	Orlando, FL
March 29-April 2, 2010	Spring Break	

For more dates please visit our website: <http://www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/careered/pages/calendar.htm>



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www.deca.org/hsd.html



HOSA
www.flhosa.org



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