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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY FEATURES A STUDENT AND A CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

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As a father, a varsity soccer coach, former business owner and teacher, Vito Bavaro is prepared to help students find their pathways in life. He understands the working world, the value of education, and enjoys mentoring others to reach their potential.

As an Academic Advisor, one of Vito's goals is to share his experiences and help students surpass their dreams. In this position, he assists students in making the transition from high school to careers and college. He also supports teachers in their efforts to prepare students for life after high school. Last year, LRHS began the Teacher/Mentor program. This year they will expand this program and will introduce an academy/small learning community (SLC) homeroom. Through the combination of these two programs, coupled with targeted academic support, Vito will be applying his skills and knowledge as a teacher, to increase student academic achievement. He will implement a system for all teachers at LRHS to develop a better understanding of their students and provide the type of career and academic support each individual student needs to succeed.

Through the Small Learning Communities Grant effort and the hard work of the teachers, staff and student's LRHS is on track to exceed all expectations while providing our students the competitive edge to compete in a global economy.

Together, Vito and Career Advisor Michelle Todoroff are helping administer the five SLCs that will be offered at Lakewood Ranch this year.

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Michelle Todoroff is the new Career Advisor at Lakewood Ranch High School (LRHS). Originally from California, Michelle attended the University of Southern California and currently lives in Lakewood Ranch with her family. Michelle is excited about the opportunity to help students define their interests and future career goals. She is working on setting up a resource center at LRHS where students and parents can obtain information on career pathways leading to technical programs and colleges.

"My goal is to help every student find at least one area of interest which could lead to a future career track. High school is the perfect time to explore interests and begin to set lifelong goals," said Michelle.

LRHS has five outstanding small learning communities which offer diverse programs where students can explore career interests. Several of these programs include attendance at the neighboring Manatee Technical Institute. Here, students can earn certifications in areas such as emergency medical technician (EMT) and firefighting while still in high school. Upon graduation, students in these programs are more prepared to begin high-wage careers.

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Choices, Questions, and Answers:
High School and Beyond

Questions...Ask Yourself

Lakewood Ranch High School (LRHS) Academic and Career Advisors Vito Bavaro and Michelle Todoroff are working hard to help students find their way through the maze of options in high school and beyond. Students arriving at LRHS will find five smaller learning communities to help prepare them for the future, including:

- The Arts Academy
- Center for Business Education (including the Business, Marketing & International Studies Academy)
- Public Service and Health Academy
- Center for Liberal Arts and Education
- Freshman Learning Center

Vito and Michelle look forward to working with administration, teachers, and students. They want to help create a learning environment that embraces diversity, family, honesty, integrity, and responsibility for choices and actions. They want to support students in their quest to make choices about smaller learning communities, courses, and their future.

Students—as you face the choice of which smaller learning community to belong to, there are many questions you can begin to ask yourself. Don't worry—no one expects you to have all of the answers!

Questions...Ask Yourself

Choosing the right smaller learning community in high school is one step in the path to the future. Choosing answers to these questions (and more!) may help you further along that path. Ask yourself:

1. What do I think is important in a career?
2. What are my values and ambitions? Do I value money more than time? Do I value family more than money?
3. What am I good at? Am I good in math? Am I good at working with my hands or better at thinking? Am I artistic? Am I logical?
4. Am I talkative? Or do I prefer quiet? Am I a big-group kind of person or a one-on-one kind of person?
5. Do I like being outdoors or staying inside where there's air conditioning? Am I adventurous or do I prefer something steady and secure?
6. How long am I prepared to study? Is college for me? What about 1- and 2-year career programs at my neighborhood technical center?
7. Do I qualify? Am I taking the right courses in high school to prepare me for the next step?
8. Do I have enough information to make up my mind? What is my next step?

Answers... "Know Thyself"

Good news—you don't have to know all of the answers! But now is the time to start finding answers. Make a decision to take control over your future and find the information you need. The ancient Greeks wisely said, "know thyself." As you look for answers, you have the world at your fingertips through the internet. You can research any career—see the WebWize links on this page for a good start. Ask your teachers, parents, and other seasoned adults for more insight on careers. Students at Lakewood Ranch High School and other Manatee County high schools have another resource—their Career and Academic Advisors. Find out what your Career and Academic Advisors can offer.

Your future is your choice, so ask yourself the big questions and start finding answers. Your entire life is ahead of you—make it a life full of learning!

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Brainstorm: Finding Career, Questions and Answers

Step 1: Questions. Join together with two or three others to form a brainstorm group. Try to include people your age as well as older, more experienced people in the group. Choose one person to be the note-taker. One person should read aloud the questions in today's article (see the section titled "Questions..."). Brainstorm together to come up with additional questions about careers, personal interests, and ways to discover more career information. The note-taker should write all of these questions down. At the end of the brainstorm session, one person can type all of the questions on a computer and make copies for everyone in the group.

Step 2: Answers. Working individually, group members should try to answer as many questions as possible about personal interests and career goals.

Step 3: Sharing. Come back together as a group and share some of your answers. Share with the group some of the questions you had difficulty answering. Brainstorm together on ways to find answers to these difficult questions.

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Regional Careers: Fastest growing occupations and current wages in the Suncoast Workforce Region.

Occupational Title	Entry Level	Experienced
Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts	\$15.66	\$30.84
Computer Software Engineers, Applications	\$21.12	\$38.30
Physician Assistants	\$19.00	\$58.32
Medical Assistants	\$10.51	\$14.82
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$15.40	\$25.86
Computer Software Engineers, Systems Software	\$26.75	\$52.11
Home Health Aides	\$10.16	\$12.32

Source: <http://fred.labormarketinfo.com> FL Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics & Wages Program

Career Pathway: Students desiring a career in any of these areas can find related educational programs at these schools*:

Lakewood Ranch High School
 Manatee Technical Institute
 Manatee Community College
 University of South Florida

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Check out the following websites:

www.acinet.org
<http://online.onetcenter.org>
www.cdm.uwaterloo.ca/steps.asp
www.manatee.k12.fl.us/sites/highschool/lakewood



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