

Adult, Career and Technical Education (ACT)

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Welcome To ...

Milton Wall, who is the new Agriscience and Natural Resources Teacher at Haile Middle School.

Workforce Conference 3/8/2002

The Manatee Educational Alliance Workforce Conference at Bayshore High School is set to showcase the great things that are going on in Workforce Development. This office has been involved in setting the conference program. A few session titles are Business Plan, Business Writing, Customer Service, Labor & Workforce Trends, Workforce Development Issues, Raving Fans, Employee Recruitment, Training and Retaining Career Planning, Workforce & Post Secondary Choices, Fish Philosophy, Magnets & Academies, Tech Prep, Who Moved My Cheese, Newspapers in Education and Cable in the Classroom, Camp Tech Prep, Technological Literacy for Today and Tomorrow's Workforce, Developing Business Partnerships, Economic Village, USF Masters/PhD Program Options, and Legislative Update. Keep in mind this conference is held during the county inservice day please make every effort to attend.

Sidebar - We are in the process of sending out invitations to business and industry in Manatee County to serve on program advisory councils during the 3/8/2002 conference. More information will be forthcoming on this issue.

Manatee County Fair - School Events

Art Exhibit

There will be a countywide school art exhibit held in the Chaires Building throughout the 10 days of the Fair. It will be showcasing students K through 12 creative art excellence from all our county schools. With the help and hard work of the district art teachers this art display demonstrates the students' creativity. Special thanks to organizers Julia Garland and Debbie Gallery for their dedication to this event.

Agriculture

Five schools with Agriculture programs (Palmetto, Lakewood Ranch, Southeast High, Haile and Lincoln Middle) will show their animals in the Autoway Ford Arena at the Fair. Students are responsible for the daily care of their swine, cows, and steer. Students were responsible for getting to the preliminary weigh-ins and periodic checks prior to the final fair competition. Animals will be judged on weight and condition. Students will be evaluated on their showmanship abilities.

Magnet Schools Booth

Magnet Schools are being featured in the Kendrick Building. Each Magnet School will have a display and a magnet representative will be available to talk to parents and students about the programs the schools offer. CHOICE applications will also be available. Magnet

schools include: Ballard Elementary, Daughtrey Elementary, Manatee Elementary, Rowlett Elementary, Tillman Elementary, Wakeland Elementary, Harllee Middle, Johnson Middle, Lee Middle and Lincoln Memorial Middle. High School Magnet programs are served through Academies. Some displays include children's activities such as a touch tank and photo booth.

Career & Technical Education (Ayers Building)

The Career & Technical Education program will provide a display depicting the various activities within the schools and will have representatives available each day at the Fair to talk with students, parents and community members about the benefits of career and technical education. They will provide pamphlets of information about all the programs currently at the schools for the public.

National FFA Organization (Ayers Building)

Students will showcase FFA Chapter work related to leadership, personal growth and career success through agriculture education. The broad areas of agriculture, food, fiber, natural resources and environmental sciences will be on display. Each of the 5 schools with Agriscience and Natural Resources programs will be represented.

Manatee Technical Institute (MTI)

MTI will be offering free demonstrations/mini classes in the Kendrick Building on the following:

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| 1/17 | Carpentry (assemble picnic table) | 7-9 pm |
| 1/18 | Nursing (diabetes screening) | 12-1:30 pm |
| | Dental Assisting | 1:30-3 pm |
| | English for Speakers of Other Languages | 3-4 pm |
| | MTI general info | 6-9 pm |
| 1/19 | Culinary (ice carving, garnishes) | 1-3 pm |
| | New Options (displaced homemakers) | 4-5 pm |
| 1/20 | Electronics (build robots) | 2-3:30 pm |
| | New Options (displaced homemakers) | 4-5 pm |
| 1/21 | Travel (travel careers) | 6-7 pm |
| | Financial Aid | 7-9 pm |
| 1/22 | A+ Computer Networking | 6-8 pm |
| | MTI general information | 6-8 pm |
| 1/23 | Cosmo (free manicures) | 5-7 pm |
| | Automotive (computer engine controls) | 7-8 pm |
| | Cosmetology (free manicures) | 8-10 pm |
| 1/24 | Marine & Welding | 5-9 pm |
| 1/25 | Business (Office 2000/ keyboarding demo) | 1-2 pm |
| | CISCO (computer networking) | 4-5 pm |
| | Career Prep Info | 6-9 pm |
| 1/26 | Drafting (CAD demo) | 1-3 pm |

Programs And Practice

Remember you all have a budget of \$400.00 from the grant funded Programs in Practice program we set up for this year. We would love to have you travel and see what is going on in programs that are similar to what you teach around the State, in addition to visiting your program feeder schools here in Manatee County as a way to ensure your

students are prepared to move on to the next level. If you are still looking for an out-of-county program to visit please e-mail us and we will forward you a suggestion list.

Workforce 2020 Seminar

Looking for a GREAT ACT in-service opportunity. Why not join facilitator Donna Long, for a rock-n-roll music-based session full of learning, like those she has shared with clients such as Southwest Airlines, McDonald's and Caterpillar. Brainstorm with your peers in small groups and have fun learning. Breakfast and lunch are included. Just bring yourself. Wear comfy clothes and this office will pick up the cost of the seminar for all ACT Teachers who would like to attend. For more information contact Valerie Stafford-Mallis of the Economic Development Council at 748-4842 Ext. 120 or <ValerieSM@ManateeEDC.com>. You can even download a registration form electronically from the website at <<http://www.suncoastworkforce2020.org>>.

CTSO's Are Moving Forward

It is so exciting to see all of the participation in this critical area of our programs. We have outlined the procedure to use when scheduling a trip with your students.

- 1) Complete a leave form (ATD) for yourself, send to the ACT department once signed by your principal. We need to approve your leave form if we are paying for your trip.
- 2) Need one chaperone per 6-10 students (if both males & females attend it's best to have one each).
- 3) Send completed registration forms (for yourself and students) to the ACT office. We will register each participant.
- 4) We will make hotel reservations for you and give you a confirmation number if you have not already done so.
- 5) Need signed field trip forms for the students, and be sure to check with your clinic concerning any health concerns of students.
- 6) If you are attending an over night trip it's best to personally meet with the parents of the students and share all rules and the consequences of breaking those rules. Have parents sign a form stating that they understand the rules and are held responsible for student's behavior. Tell parents that they will be responsible for coming and picking up students if it is deemed necessary by you.
- 7) Take a defensive driving course in order to be able to transport students. We (ACT department) will reimburse your \$20.00 fee required to take the course.
- 8) Order a county vehicle - e-mail Deb Revell with your needs (2 wks. Prior), number of students, etc. You should all have received trip request instructions. If you have not, Deb will be happy to send them to you.
- 9) Go, learn, and network with your counterparts from across the State and have a great time.

Up Coming CTSO Events

FCCLA - District Proficiency Events, February 12, Trinity Methodist Church - 8:30-12:30

State FCCLA Conference, April 10-13, Grenelefe Resort, Haines City, Florida

TSA - State Leadership Conference and Competitions, April 24-27, 2002, Adam's Mark, Daytona Beach

DECA - State Conference - February 28 - March 3, Orlando

CECF - District Contest, January 29th 2002 at Lakewood Ranch High School 9:00 - 12:30

FBLA - Regional Competition at First Baptist Church in Palmetto - February 4th, 7:30 to 1:00

FFA - District Contests - Creed, MS/Sr. Prepared, MS/Sr. Extemp., MS/Sr. Par. Pro. and Tractor Operations February 24, Robarts Arena, Sarasota

HOSA - Competitive events April 5-6 Adam's Mark Hotel in Jacksonville.

SkillsUSA-VICA - Regional Competition March 8th Pinellas Tech Center
State Conference April 29 - May 1, Mid-Florida Tech, Orlando, Adam's Mark Hotel

Innovation Grants

The National Education Association's Foundation for the Improvement of Education will award grants for the purpose of development and implementation of innovative ideas that result in high student achievement. The award may be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation, software and professional fees. Funds may also be used for professional development necessary to implement the innovative idea. The deadline is March 15, 2002 and 200 awards of \$2,000 will be given out. For more information click here <http://www.nfie.org/programs/innovation_guidelines.htm>.

Toshiba America Foundation Grants (Grade 7-12)

Grants from the Toshiba America Foundation are to encourage programs, projects and activities that carry potential to improve classroom teaching and learning of science, math and technology. High interest is in teacher-planned and led projects that take place in the classroom. Applicants are encouraged to contact the foundation at any time before or during the proposal preparation process. Two deadlines of February 1, 2002, and August 1, 2002, (twice yearly for \$5,000-and-over proposals); proposals for under \$5,000 are received for consideration throughout the year and awarded monthly. For more information click here <<http://www.toshiba.com/about/taf.html>>.

Choice

The *Choice* period runs from January 21 - February 1, 2002. Reminder - all High School Academy Program applications must be returned to the High School Career Connections Coordinators/Advisors for processing.

Important ACT Dates To Remember:

3/8/2002 - Workforce Conference - Manatee Educational Alliance - BHS
5/7/2002 - End of year ACT-Dinner/Meeting 4:30-6:30
8/5/2002 - Back to school ACT-Kick-Off

Summer ACT (Paid) Staff Development Opportunities: (More information forthcoming through the ACT Update and your ACT Department Heads).

- Throughout the month of June ACT teachers can partner with community businesses (up to 40 hrs/wk. paid) to learn first hand the "in's and out's" of workplace competencies as related to their discipline.
- Throughout the month of June ACT teachers can learn strategies for teaching reading skills infused into the ACT content.
- Throughout the month of June ACT teachers can learn FCAT teaching strategies to embed into the ACT content area.
- Throughout the month of June ACT teachers can learn how to analyze school data identifying student weaknesses and seek solutions.
- Content area inservice workshops for summer are being designed now, please forward your ideas to your ACT Department Head or this office.
- Camp Tech Prep

Last Word

To achieve the impossible, one must think the absurd; to look where everyone else has looked, but to see what no one else has seen.

ACT School Support Team.

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