

Adult, Career and Technical Education (ACT)

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Workforce Conference March 8:

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.

Credit For Work Experience For Vocational Teachers:

If you have work experience (content based, related to the area you are teaching in) prior to starting your teaching career here in Manatee County, you may be eligible to receive a year's credit on the salary scale for each year of work experience. A memo went out in December and February to all administrators and teachers about this topic. You will need to complete and deliver the teaching experience form (the same form is used for work experience) by March 1st to the Personnel Office. Please remember, for existing employees, this will be your only window of opportunity. After March 1st we can no longer consider this type of request. If you have questions related to credit for work experience for vocational teachers please contact Yolanda Brooks at 741-7756 or anyone in this office at 741-7267.

Legislative Bills To Watch:

While there is much action going on now in Tallahassee in the legislative arena we have identified a list of a few bills that have an impact on our Career and Technical Education programs. For more information on this and other bills click this link and type in the bill number <<http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Welcome/index.cfm>>. *HB621; SB2016 Career and Technical Requires C&TE programs in comprehensive high school programs to be industry certified; provides for student endorsement and incentive funding. *SB1594 Workforce Development Intent to enhance Workforce Development and the labor force. *CS/HB459; HB923, SB1506; SB2052; HB1275 Bright Futures Revises eligibility. *CS/HB519; SB1618, Nursing Shortage Expands nursing loan program, establishes. Grants for secondary nursing program and modifies authority of Florida Board Nursing. *HB1365; SB1354, HS Graduation, Requires inclusion of parenting skills, requirements in required life management skills class. *SB1550; HB1567, Child Care, Increases training requirements for certain, Child Care Operators. *SB1798, Career Education, Amends requirements for basic skills testing. *HB1631, Clinical Lab. Personnel, Amends requirements for medical lab personnel.

Using Florida CHOICES At Home:

Are you aware that Florida CHOICES is available through the Internet for the citizens of Florida? Think of the possibilities! Not only can your students use CHOICES at home to do research, but so can their parents. If your students are doing research on occupations they are interested in or on schools they would like to attend, wouldn't it be great if their parents could join in the research? What a great way to get parents involved in the career planning for their children! To get to Florida CHOICES on the Internet, go to <<http://www.florida.echoices.com>>. You will be asked for your zip code and area code. After that, you can jump right in and explore the wealth of

information in CHOICES. If you have a school newsletter that parents receive, this might be some information you would want to pass on to them.

Career And Technical Education Week:

A few weeks ago was Career and Technical Education Week, many of you saw and or received the proclamation signed by Governor Bush and the School Board of Manatee County to commemorate this event which hi-lighted all of the significant contributions from the teachers like yourself in this vital area, and to thank you for your hard work. However, the real stars were on TV during the board meeting where students from Barb Kitzman's DCT class (who where also the officers of her Cooperative Education Clubs of Florida organization) at Lakewood Ranch High School attended, spoke about the benefits of Career and Technical Education programs and accepted the proclamation on behalf of all students and teachers in Manatee County Schools from Superintendent Nolan. Thank you Barb for showcasing the fine leadership you have in your Career and Technical Education program.

"Chappie James" Florida Teacher Scholarship:

High School Teachers let's get your students to apply for a \$1500 per year Teacher Scholarship which is available for the freshman and sophomore years to promising students to pursue careers in teaching in a CTS subject area such as Technology Education. One student from each Florida public high school and a proportional number of students from Florida private high schools will be selected to receive the scholarship. Applications must first be submitted to the high school principal who in turn will submit the applications for nominees to the Office of Student Financial Assistance (888) 827-2004 by April 30. Applications can be obtain on the web at <<http://www.firn.edu/doe/osfa/chappiefactsheet.htm>>

Florida Funding Publications E-mail Alert:

This free service by Florida Funding Publications will provide you with information critical to grant seekers and fundraisers; it will compliment the periodic "Hot Grants" announcements on our web page <<http://www.floridafunding.com>>. Be sure to check the site to learn about the latest funding assistance opportunities.

Manatee County Hosts District Contests:

Manatee County played host this year to the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and Cooperative Education Clubs of Florida (CECF) district contests. Students came from far (Lee County) and near to compete in their annual district contests. Nerves were frayed and knees were knocking as students competed in front of a panel of judges to win the top spot as district winner, which would in turn earn them the honor of competing at their State level competitions. In many events, students took part in a written test prior to participating in the actual hands on portion of the competition in front of the judges. Both sets of scores would play a key role in the final decision of winner. Such events as Storytelling, Job Interview, Impromptu Speaking, Coping With Life, Public Speaking, Entrepreneurship and Sales Demo helped to make up the competitive areas students competed in. Club advisors play a key role in these competitions calming nerves and supporting their students while working out all of the "nuts and bolts" involved in completing the paperwork required with getting the students to this level of competition.

Middle and High School Department Chair's Come Together:

On January 24, 2002 secondary department chair's came together to discuss steps that could be taken to better vocational education in our district. SEHS hosted the ten teachers while Trish reviewed the Programs in Practice initiative and CTSO development in the county. The discussion hopped from this year's fair participation with the recommendation to open the

schedule slots and not limit days to individual schools to the forthcoming digital cameras for those who did not received one in August. Summer training opportunities will be broadened for vocational teachers this summer. Trish requested that a Mid-Year Status Report be completed and sent in by Feb 7. Trish also requested that each school complete an Improvement Plan for Next Year (2002-03). This plan is to list suggestions for vocational improvement for next year. The question was asked: What needs to be addressed at your school to move your programs to exemplary levels? It is the ACT stance to address these needs to bring about positive change. The next joint meeting will take place at 4:15 p.m. in close proximity to Lee Middle to ensure all can attend.

Wonderful 11 Day Training Opportunity Coming Your Way:

The application form is being constructed, contracted services (consultants/trainers) are being identified and it looks like we will be ready to go in June. What we are talking about is a joint project between Manatee and Sarasota County Schools to offer Instructional Technology Training to 513 Manatee and Sarasota Teachers at the K-12-TechCenter level. Level One Core Training will be divided by grade level K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, SCTI/MTI & Adult and spread over five days (one day for each group). This training will encompass: Integrating Technology, Standards, and Instructional Practice to Impact Student Learning (just to list a few). Level Two Advanced In-depth Training (Ten Days) will be June 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21. Topic's may range from a number of general hardware and software applications to specific technical applications i.e. digital imaging, global positioning systems (GPS), web design, presentation, hardware/software, spreadsheets, CAD/3-D, design, etc.). All participants will be paid at the in-service rate for the full 11 days of the training. Mark your calendars now and watch for more information in the weeks to come.

Teachers Attend Standards for Technological Literacy Workshop:

Technology education teachers were in attendance at the FTEA workshop reviewing *The Standards for Technological Literacy* held on Feb 9th at USF. Dan Crumpler, Hollis Bostic and Linda Chambers all took part in an exciting workshop learning not only how to key lesson plans to the Standards for Technological Literacy but the rationale behind doing so. Dr. Steve Shumway from Utah facilitated as participants first analyzed a lesson plan. Then participants read and reviewed *Standards for Technological Literacy* and aligned a lesson to the Standards. Dr. Shumway stressed the importance in aligning the curriculum with National Standards to enrich the curriculum to make it more standards based. He cautioned participants not to site too many benchmarks in one lesson plan (3-4) not more than 5. The day was rewarding for all in learning how to interpret the Standards. Participants were eager to get back to work on their own lesson plans. All technology education teachers in the county have received a copy of *The Standards for Technological Literacy*. It is the hope of the ACT department that all technology education teachers are aligning their lessons to these Standards.

CNC Training March 21 & 22:

For teachers that have Denford equipment in their labs be sure to sign up and submit your ATD forms for the in-service on March 21st and 22nd. The in-service will take place at MHS from 8:00 a.m.-2:50 p.m. in the room adjoining rooms 912 & 913. The in-service on the 21st will cover Micro Mills, Micro Turns, Micro Router and Mill & Lathe CAM's. On the 22nd training will emphasize NOVA Mill machines, Precision Steel cutting machines.

Congratulations To ACT Teacher Dan Crumpler:

Dan Crumpler, Technology Education Teacher at Sugg Middle School, has been selected to receive the International Technology Education Association's Middle School Program Excellence Award for 2002. This award is one of the highest professional honors a teacher can receive in the field of Technology Education. Dan will be nationally recognized and presented with an

engraved plaque during the International Technology Education Association's 64th Annual Conference in Columbus, Ohio on March 14 through 16, 2002 and during the Florida Technology Education Association Annual Conference in Indian Rocks Beach on October 18 and 19, 2002. Dan has been teaching at Sugg Middle School in Manatee County for the past 28 years, he is actively involved in his professional organization and the Technology Student Association (TSA). He hopes to take approximately two-dozen of his students to compete at both the State and National levels this year. Dan has taught night classes at Manatee High School and Manatee Technical Institute (MTI). His students also produce a daily TV show and help to publish the school newspaper. They also provide daily updates to the school web page. This year Dan's TSA organization sponsored a blood drive and received a thank you letter from the Blood Bank stating that their blood drive helped to save 33 lives. Dan gives freely of his time and energy so that his students may achieve at the highest level. Congratulations to Dan Crumpler. He brings state attention to our Career and Technical Education programs in Manatee County.

Up Coming CTSO Events

FCCLA - State FCCLA Conference, April 10-13, Location TBA, Florida.

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

DECA – State Conference - February 28 – March 3, Caribe Royale Resort, 8101 World Center in Orlando.

CECF – State Competition and Leadership Conference – March 14-17, Orlando Airport Marriott, Orlando.

FBLA – State Leadership Conference – March 24-27, Peabody Hotel, Orlando.

FFA – State Convention – June 11-14 – Location in Central Florida TBA, Florida.

HOSA – Competitive Events, April 5-6 Adam's Mark Hotel in Jacksonville.

SkillsUSA-VICA – Regional Competition March 8th, Pinellas Tech Center. MTI will be hosting 2 regional contests, Welding and Action Skills, both will be on March 1st.
State Conference April 29 - May 1, Mid-Florida Tech, and the Adam's Mark Hotel, Orlando.

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

5/30 - 6/5 2002 – Level One Core Training (one day TBA from range)

June 6,10,11, 12,13,17,18,19,20 and 21- Level Two Advanced In-depth Training (Ten Days)

8/5/2002 - Back to school ACT-Kick-Off

Last Word

The brightest future will always be based on a forgotten past, you can't get on well in life until you let go of your past failures. Mark Twain (1835-1910)

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