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FORT MYERS TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Upcoming Events

FMTC Informational Meetings
Every Tuesday at
9:30 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.
Thursday at 1 P.M.

12/15/16
Career Fair
8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Cafeteria

12/22/16
End of 1st Semester

12/23/16
Teacher Professional
Duty Day (no school)

12/26/16 – 01/06/16
Winter Break (no school)

01/09/17
2nd Semester Starts

12/16/17
Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day (no school)

02/02/17
HOSA Regional Competition
Cape Coral Technical College

02/20/17
Presidents' Day (no school)

02/21/17
Teacher Inservice Day
(no school)

02/22/17
School Advisory
Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.

02/23/17
SkillsUSA Regional
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National Technical Honor Society Induction *by Gail Rieckhoff*

National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) had its fall induction on November 9th. Ten new members were inducted by returning members Ariel Vega and Chad Oxford. Each inductee received a package which included his/her NTHS certificate, congratulatory letter and NTHS card, graduation tassel, and an NTHS sticker. To become a member, students had to exhibit scholarship, character, and community service. These students maintained an 'A' average, were recommended

by his/her teacher, and had at least 6 hours of documented community service within the past year. During NTHS' first meeting, officers were elected— President: Ariel Vega (Applied Cybersecurity); Vice President: Chad Oxford (Turbine Generator Maintenance, Inspection & Repair); Secretary: Stephen Holsopple (Turbine Generator Maintenance, Inspection & Repair); Treasurer: Jobe Nance (Administrative Office Specialist). If you are interested in becoming an NTHS member and meet the above-mentioned criteria, please see Mrs. Rieckhoff in the Learning Lab for more information about the spring induction. Opportunities will be provided throughout the year for community service hours.



Back row: Chad Oxford, Tyler Mee, Stephen Holsopple. Front row: Suzanne Mueller, Claudia Alvarez, Jacob Barkley, Dennis Lynch, Cesar Torres, Jakob Stone, Ariel Vega; Right top corner: Jobelyn Nance, Denis Kaso

SOURCE Refrigeration & HVAC, Inc.

by Debbie Krouse

Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration & Heating Technology – when people see FMTC's program name, they immediately think we train air conditioning technicians, which we do. These A/C technicians keep our homes and commercial buildings cool in the summer and warm in the winter. But there's another very important part of the program: 'Refrigeration' which is a very specialized field. We take for granted that meat, dairy, and produce will be stored at the proper temperature

in the grocery store or that ice cream and frozen foods will be kept frozen. FMTC also trains these refrigeration technicians. According to David Wahl, Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration & Heating Technology instructor, "After a visit from Steve Sloan and Aaron Alfaro from Sporlan Valve Division, Parker Hannifin Corp., a decision was made to make an optional course on commercial refrigeration mandatory due to the very serious shortage of refrigeration technicians nationwide and in South Florida in particular." SOURCE Refrigeration & HVAC, Inc., a nationwide company headquartered in Anaheim, California, employs 28 service technicians in Lee County. Five of these technicians are FMTC graduates – Mike Monsalve, Paul Hensley, Jeff Bates, Dan Tatak, and Bryce Rollinson. There are only about 300 rack refrigeration technicians in the state of Florida.



Dan Tatak, Jeff Bates, David Wahl, Chris Thomas, and Paul Hensley

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Director's Message

Most educational institutions are perennial organizations that experience a traditional development of activities at various times during the school year. The Fort Myers Technical College campus shares in this experience. Back in August the majority of our students



Brian Mangan

were new. It was essential for the instructors to spend the majority of the time in theory delivery. The classroom setting was more of the traditional experience that many of us remember from our time in the secondary learning environment. However, as time has passed and we enter into the winter season, our programs are spending the greater balance of instructional time in the

laboratory settings, involved in on-campus projects, co-operative settings and other projects where students get to place their learned theory into practice. As we get ready to welcome in the January enrollees, I ask that all of the veteran students encourage the new students to pay attention to the theory and to stay focused because they will soon see a shift in their learning time to active, hands-on learning experiences. One of the major reasons students choose to enroll at Fort Myers Technical College is because they are kinesthetic learners, and they want to be actively involved in their education. Our experienced instructors know that having the theory first is critical to ensure safety, time management, material management, and project management. It prepares the student to be more successful for the hands-on aspect of our programs and eventually to be the type of employees our businesses and employers are seeking for their businesses and organizations.

I do also want to take this time to wish everyone Happy Holidays. Enjoy the Winter Break and we look forward to getting back to campus and learning on January 9, 2017.

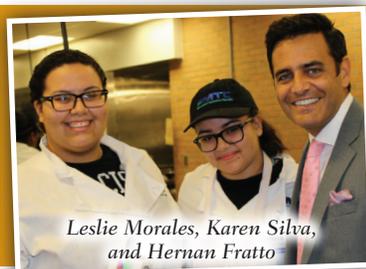
THANKSGIVING

by Chef Joe Mastrangelo

November 15, 2016—
The **Commercial Foods and Culinary Arts** students prepared 16 turkeys, 100 pounds of potatoes, 80 pounds of dressing, 50 pounds of green beans, 7 gallons of gravy, 10 pounds of cranberry sauce, and a gross of Parkerhouse rolls for FMTC's Thanksgiving feast. Thank you to Chef Jim Wakeman, Arron Wakeman, and all of the Commercial Foods and Culinary Arts students!



Ashanti Lawrence, Angel Smith, and Ryan Gonzalez



Leslie Morales, Karen Silva, and Hernan Fratto

October 12, 2016—
Several FMTC students were interviewed for segments on **Univision's D'Latinos al Dia** television. View the segments on FMTC's YouTube channel.



Cesar Torres, Turbine Generator Maintenance, Inspection & Repair student, is interviewed by Hernan Fratto

THE ARTISTIC SIDE OF WELDING by Debbie Krouse

When you think about welding – you may think trailers, swamp buggies, and large, very heavy pieces of metal; you usually don't think sunflowers. The Welding Technology students at FMTC are changing that.

Welding refers to a fabrication process that causes coalescence between materials such as metals, thermoplastics, and others. In welding, heat is used to melt the workpieces, and a filler material is used to form a weld pool or molten material. When the weld pool solidifies, a strong joint will be formed. Welding is an important process for the construction of various objects as well as works of art.

The students in Mr. Michael Landrum's Welding Technology program have added an artistic flair to their projects. Walk by the Welding lab one day and you might see brightly-colored sunflowers and a couple of butterflies; the next day you might see a few crabs and a skier. Knives, forks, spoons, and assorted nuts and bolts are being transformed into phenomenal works of art. The artwork is for sale and all proceeds benefit SkillsUSA. The students are in need of more flatware to create their projects – all donations will be greatly appreciated.



Stephen White works on a bouquet of flowers



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GOLDEN APPLE NOMINEES

by Debbie Krouse

Congratulations to FMTC's Golden Apple nominees!!!

- ▶ **Bill Bluhm**, Welding Technology
- ▶ **Dan Bristol**, Automotive Service Technology
- ▶ **Dr. Dante Ciolfi**, .NET & Web Application Development & Programming
- ▶ **Armando Gomez**, Major Appliance & Refrigeration Repair
- ▶ **Monte Hamsher**, Automotive Service Technology
- ▶ **Michael Landrum**, Welding Technology
- ▶ **Judy Smith**, Medical Coder/Biller



The Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Program™ is sponsored by The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Inc. and rewards excellence in teaching. The Golden Apple Selection Committee, made up of community and business leaders, has the arduous task of selecting Golden Apple recipients by reviewing applications and narrowing down the nominees to 30 finalists. Those finalists will be interviewed and observed in their classroom and six teachers will be chosen as recipients of the Golden Apple Award.

Good luck to FMTC's nominees – you are already winners!!!



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SOURCE services refrigeration systems in Publix, 7-Eleven, Target, and Walmart stores throughout the area. A grocery store can spend \$10,000 - \$15,000 on electricity per month on air conditioning and refrigeration so making sure these systems are efficient and optimized can produce significant savings.

Because these systems are crucial to the operation of the business, SOURCE must have technicians ready to respond to emergencies 24/7.

Mike Monsalve attended FMTC in 2007-08 as a high school student. According to Chris Thomas, SOURCE's Southwest Florida Service Manager, "Mike set the standard for all the technicians; he's a student of the industry and always wants to learn." Today, Mr. Monsalve is an Energy Optimization Project Manager and travels the United States managing large national accounts for SOURCE.

Paul Hensley, a 2009 graduate, is now an On-Call Lead Service Technician. "People are amazed how little time he has worked in the industry," said Mr. Thomas. "He is extremely talented and has earned the respect of his co-workers, even ones with years more experience."

Jeff Bates completed the program in March 2016 and immediately went to work for SOURCE. The company uses its own assessment tests for potential employees. Technicians are ranked at Levels 1-8. Mr. Bates tested as a Level 2 technician which is very unusual for someone new in the field. He said the training at FMTC prepared him to diagnose problems and to use the tools in the trade. Mr. Bates has advice to current students, "Pay attention to everything Mr. Wahl and Mr. Stott say because one day you'll hear their voice in your head

when you need to figure out how to repair something."

Dan Tatak completed the program in 2015 and 2 days later went to work for SOURCE. He enrolled in FMTC's program because of the success rate of its graduates. Mr. Tatak said there is so much to learn out in the field in this ever-changing industry; every job is different. "Dan doesn't know the word 'no' and has a positive attitude," said Mr. Thomas. "In addition to being a great guy, he's a great technician and never turns any job down."

Bryce Rollinson, a 2013 graduate, started as a preventative maintenance technician which is the foundation of the company. According to Mr. Thomas, "What they do impacts the success of the whole division."

Brian Ratzman completed the program in 2013 and worked for SOURCE before moving to Tennessee. Mr. Ratzman possessed excellent customer service skills and developed a great working relationship with "the most challenging customer" according to Mr. Thomas. Communication skills are essential for technicians stresses Mr. Thomas.

Technicians at SOURCE have the opportunity to advance through in-house testing. On-the-job training is offered through SOURCE's training facilities in Texas and California and coming soon to Jacksonville. Technicians are also encouraged to attend advanced industry sponsored training as new technology rapidly replaces current electromechanical systems and tools.

According to O*Net Online, the demand for trained refrigeration technicians is growing much faster than average (14% or higher) from 2014-2024. Locally, SOURCE Refrigeration is turning down work because they can't find enough trained technicians. Attrition in the field is high and a qualified technician can find work anywhere in the country. Rack qualified service technicians earn well

above the state average for income and the earning potential is unlimited for someone willing to learn.

There are major changes taking place in the refrigeration industry. Glycol and natural refrigerants such as CO₂ (carbon dioxide), ammonia, and hydrocarbons are replacing hydrofluorocarbons as the industry seeks to reduce the global warming potential of current refrigerants to help minimize the industry's effect on climate change.

"Utilizing CO₂ as a refrigerant comes with higher risks for servicing technicians," said Patrick Stott, Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration & Heating Technology instructor. "It operates at very high pressure (800-1000 PSIG) which is going to require technicians to have specialized training regarding safety as well as how the pressure-temperature relationship exists at certain conditions. This is a whole new area that the refrigeration industry is about to embark on. What a great time to be in the refrigeration service trade."

The partnership between FMTC and SOURCE Refrigeration & HVAC, Inc. is a win-win; SOURCE is starting an internship program and will be visiting FMTC December 15th to recruit students. These internships will give students the opportunity to work with a skilled technician and earn money while still in school.

"With the emerging technologies in the industry and with no slowdown in site it's become critical for contractors and trade schools to work together to help the industry as a whole recruit, train and more importantly retain qualified technicians," says Mr. Thomas. "Until science comes up with a way to store food without the need for refrigeration qualified technicians will always be in demand throughout the country."

For more information on the Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating Technology program, contact a counselor at FMTC.





STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY

October 14, 2016

You had a choice and you chose FMTC—Thank you!



Noe Garcia and Anthony Morrison,
Mechatronics Technology
Student Appreciation Day Games
Grand Prize Winners

Just prior to the start of this school year, the School District of Lee County instituted the **Code of Conduct for Adult Students**. The Code is structured on the premise that our students are mature and responsible citizens and that by enrolling in Ft Myers Technical College, students agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the District and by all applicable federal and state laws. High school students enrolled at FMTC are subject to the Code of Conduct for Students Grade 6-12.

The Adult Code of Conduct clearly outlines specific District policies regarding drugs, tobacco, sexual harassment, and bullying. In addition, the Code stipulates disciplinary sanctions and consequences for violations which can range from a written warning to withdrawal from school. Discipline infractions are identified and defined in detail, as are the offense consequences.

The infractions can be as simple as a dress code violation or as serious as behavior that could result in criminal prosecution. Many

of the discipline problems encountered at FMTC do not rise to the level of a crime but are serious enough to require corrective action. Cheating, computer misuse, disruptive behavior, academic integrity, insubordination/disrespect, cell phone use, safety violations, and profanity are more likely to occur and are addressed by a referral and sanctions as provided in the Code.

The Adult Code of Conduct as it applies to Ft Myers Technical College is not punitive, but it is in keeping with our goal of preparing our students for the work place. Just as we require students to adhere to rules and regulations, employers require their workers to abide by company policies and safety rules. Policy compliance is an important employability skill that is highly valued on any job.

The Adult Code of Conduct can be found on the FMTC website, the Student Sharepoint site, and on pages 33 through 42 of the student handbook. I strongly recommend that students take the time to read and familiarize themselves with our Code of Conduct.

A Family of Healthcare Professionals

by Debbie Krouse



Since she was a child, Karine Charles knew she would one day become a nurse. It would take a while for that dream to come true. Mrs. Charles met her future husband when she was 12 years old and he was 13; they recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Managing a home and raising three children didn't leave any time to start training for a nursing career.

Helping others was a passion she imparted on her children. Early on, they also dreamed of a career in healthcare.

In 2013, daughter Tiffani Charles completed the Nursing Assistant program at FMTC. She completed the Practical Nursing program at Cape Coral Technical College in December 2015 and is employed as an LPN in the emergency room at Gulf Coast Medical Center. Ms. Charles also works part-time at Gulf Coast Village in Cape Coral. She will be getting married in March to Curtis Mere, a student in the Fire Fighter/Emergency Medical Technician program at the Southwest Florida Public Service Academy. She plans on enrolling in a Nursing (BSN) program in May. After that she plans on enrolling in a Masters/PhD program to become a nurse practitioner.

In 2014, as soon as her youngest child graduated from high school, Mrs. Charles now 43 years old enrolled in the Nursing Assistant program. Upon completion, she enrolled in the part-time Practical Nursing program at FMTC. She still works full-time managing her home and caring for her mother-in-



The Charles Family

law. Her husband has adjusted his work schedule and takes over 2 days per week so she can attend classes. According to Mrs. Charles, "He has become a fantastic housewife, the kind everyone dreams of having!" Without his support, she would have never been able to complete this rigorous program. The part-time Practical Nursing program takes 2 years to complete and requires a lot of dedication from the student and support from family members. Mrs. Charles graduated on October 25, 2016, and plans on enrolling at Florida SouthWestern State College in January to become a registered nurse (RN). Her goal is to become an RN within 3 years.

After high school, son Tyler Charles served 4 years in the Army. He completed the Nursing Assistant program at FMTC in 2015. He works full-time at Lee Memorial Hospital as a Certified Nursing Assistant. In February, he will be attending FMTC's Practical Nursing program. Ultimately, he would like to work at the Veterans Clinic in Cape Coral.

Mrs. Charles' youngest son, Travis, completed the Nursing Assistant program at FMTC in May 2016 and is employed at HealthPark Medical Center. He is pursuing an RN degree at Florida SouthWestern State College. After that he plans on continuing his education to become either a pediatric doctor or surgeon.

According to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the need for nurses in our region will increase by over 25% between 2014 – 2022. The Charles family is helping fulfill this need and will have lifelong careers helping others.

Best wishes to the entire family!

FutureMakers Coalition

by Dianne Fabii

The FutureMakers Coalition, founded in 2013, is a group of education, civic, business, and government leaders in Southwest Florida. Their goal: "To transform the workforce by increasing the number of college degrees and post-secondary certifications from 27% to 40% by 2025." By 2020, 60% of the jobs in Florida will require a post-secondary degree or certificate. By increasing post-secondary attainment, the region will attract higher-paying industries and businesses, which will generate economic development. For more information, please visit www.FutureMakersCoalition.com.

The FutureMakers Coalition recently awarded the Lee County Technical Colleges a grant to increase the positive perception of career and technical education in Lee County, as well as to make progress toward increasing enrollment in post-secondary

technical education. This grant allows for each of Lee County's 13 high schools to arrange for eligible students who meet specific criteria to spend a day at the campus of their choice.

During their visit, high school students attend a presentation, tour the campus, and mingle with instructors and students. They also enjoy lunch prepared by the culinary arts students. Students participating in these visits complete a pre-survey to gauge their interest in technical education; after their campus visit, they complete a similar post-survey. Data gathered from this research will assist the technical colleges and high schools in developing strategies for attracting and retaining qualified students into career and technical training programs.

Please welcome these groups when you see them on campus and feel free to talk with them about your experience at FMTC.



Students from South Fort Myers High School visited FMTC on October 28th

Hertz

by Dr. Renée Rawe

October 12, 2016 – The **Applied Cybersecurity and Technology Support Services** students visited Hertz Global headquarters in Estero. The field trip was coordinated by Mr. Pete Nicoletti, Chief Information Officer at Hertz Global. The students toured the beautiful new, environmentally-friendly building and attended a presentation by Vormetric, an encryption software and hardware company. Students then had the opportunity to work with Hertz technicians who showed them how they manage help desk calls, organize the workflow in the Information Technology department, and answer help desk calls.



Pictured from left to right: Ariel Vega, Dominic Mango, Chris Wolff, and William Reynolds



PRINTING

September 26, 2016– 3D printing, also known as additive manufacturing (AM), turns digital 3D models into solid objects by building them up in layers. The students in **Electronic Technology** and **Mechanics Technology** were challenged by their instructor, **Mr. Ernest White**, to design a project from scratch using the 3D printer. They also had to create a schematic, design a circuit board, wire, and light the finished project.



The team of James Griffith (Team Leader), Carl Abbott, Noe Garcia, Billy Pollock, and Collin Kliewe created Pacman.



The winning team of Eugene Santillan (Team Leader), Diego Garza, Anthony Morrison, and Eric Rhyneanson printed this model of the human brain on the 3D printer. They also designed and printed the display stand.



by Mike Mayes, Plumbing Technology instructor

Editor's Note: Mike Mayes, Plumbing Technology instructor, is also the owner of ADA Boats, Inc. the maker of AbleCat boats that are designed to help physically challenged individuals get out on the water. He is actively involved with the Florida Chapter of Fishing Has No Boundaries, Inc., a non-profit organization whose goal is to open up the great outdoors for people with disabilities through the world of fishing.

I have always been a "water person." Being on or in the water whether it be swimming, fishing, surfing, water skiing, SCUBA diving or just riding in a boat are my favorite things to do. My experience with boating started at about the age of four, fishing with my dad and grandpa. I have had "boat fever" for over 58 years and haven't found a cure. Building radio control model boats led to larger boat projects and different boating experiences.

After owning or operating all kinds of boats, I can honestly say it didn't matter what kind of boat it was - big, small, power, sail, fast, slow; they all made me smile and were my therapy for a busy world. Going to therapy, for me, was as easy as walking down to the marina or lake. Unfortunately, for 56 million Americans with disabilities, it's not that easy.

One afternoon I stopped at a local lake that I hadn't visited in a long time and found that the park had been renovated and a brand new Americans Disability Act (ADA) accessible restroom had been installed. I was enjoying the view, thinking about my

James Alvarez III, Devlin Collins, and Gabriel Alvarez, Marine Service Technology students, rig an engine on a brand new AbleCat boat.



A child with the fish he caught at a Fishing Has No Boundaries event

next boat project, plans in hand, and realized that anyone in a wheelchair could come here, and use the restroom and only fish this lake from a boat. I couldn't remember ever seeing a wheelchair accessible boat and started searching

the Internet. Nothing was built in the United States. Thinking of friends and family with mobility challenges, I decided to design and build a stable, safe, electric powered, shallow draft craft that was easily boarded with a wheelchair and "Accessible" was born. Our current boat incorporates the best of "Accessible" and improvements suggested by disabled friends. For these friends and many others, ADA Boats, Inc. exists.

August 28, 2016 – Congratulations to Mrs. Anita Tokie, Practical Nursing instructor, on receiving the Master of Science degree in Nursing from Chamberlain College of Nursing.



November 14, 2016 – Congratulations to Ingrid McCall (l) and Samuel Harrell (r), Major Appliance and Refrigeration Repair students, who recently passed the Professional Service Association's (PSA) Graduate Certified Appliance Professional battery of 8 tests.



Nursing Assistant Graduates – October 19, 2016

(left to right): Elizabeth Isma; Yadier Caruncho; Joanne Brand; Jade Duval; Alexandria Davis; Brian Mangan, FMTC Director; Laura Brooks; Nathalie Pierre-Louis; Glenda Salters-Manning; Nancy Redenius, Health Department Chair; Marilyn Giesel, Nursing Assistant instructor; Tamarah Musasaet; Courtney Crews. Not pictured: Michelle Macom-Whipple



Get Ready for Career Fair 2016

Counselor's Corner

by Dianne Fabii

We will be hosting our next Career Fair on December 15th from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. With limited time to meet employers, here are some tips to prepare so that you make the most of your opportunities to talk with recruiters:

Bring résumés and a portfolio or folder to hold job search materials that you collect.

Learn about the companies that will be represented before the day of the career fair. Use the Internet and news sources, and also tap the knowledge of your instructors.

Use your time wisely. Determine which employers you want to meet. Focus on the top three you want to visit, and then see the others as time allows.

Be aware of the time demands on employers. Try not to monopolize an employer's time. Ask specific questions and offer to follow up after the fair as appropriate.

Introduce yourself, using the three point imperative of a good introduction: Eye contact, smile and firm handshake. State your name and career interests. If you are interested only in gathering information, politely ask for materials and get a sense of what their future hiring needs will be.

Ask the employer about next steps in the recruitment process. Obtain business cards so you know whom to contact for follow-up discussions.

Network with as many people as possible, including the recruiters, fellow job-seekers and other agencies that may be represented at the fair. Building a network is vital to expanding sources of information.

Remember that you never get a second chance to make a first impression! Image is important! Dress for success! Wear clean uniforms, with shirts tucked in. Shoes should be clean and polished. Make sure you are well-groomed from top to bottom. Hair should be neat. Minimal jewelry and makeup as appropriate. Present a positive and confident attitude. Speak clearly and professionally.

Courtesy and good manners go a long way. Remember to say 'thank you' for the information and time that is provided. If you are standing in line, keep voices low and conversation to a minimum so as not to distract employers and students who are ahead of you. Address the employer respectfully, using Mr. or Ms. before their name.

Follow up with key recruiters. Within a day or two of the fair, send an email to thank the employer for their time in meeting you, and restate your interests and qualifications. Ask when you might make an appointment for further discussion.

By following these tips, you will maximize your career fair experience, and pave the way for additional discussions with recruiters. Keep the end goal in sight: **Employment!**

DAY PROGRAMS

- Administrative Office Specialist
- Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating Technology
- Applied Cybersecurity **NEW**
- Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing
- Automotive Service Technology (A.S.E.-Based Technician)
- Carpentry
- Commercial Foods & Culinary Arts
- Correctional Officer
- Cosmetology
- Crossover Correctional Officer to Law Enforcement Officer
- Crossover Law Enforcement Officer to Correctional Officer
- Early Childhood Education
- Electricity
- Electronic Technology
- Emergency Medical Technician-ATD **NEW**
- Fire Fighter
- Fire Fighter/Emergency Medical Technician-Combined **NEW**
- Florida Law Enforcement Officer
- IV Therapy
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Major Appliance & Refrigeration Repair
- Marine Service Technologies
- Mechatronics Technology **NEW**
- Medical Administrative Specialist
- Medical Coder/Biller (online)
- .NET Application Development & Programming
- Nursing Assistant-Articulated
- Nursing Assistant-Long-term Care
- Plumbing Technology
- Technology Support Services **NEW**
- Turbine Generator Maintenance, Inspection and Repair
- Web Application Development & Programming
- Welding Technology

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Lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation. The district may assess each student's ability to benefit from specific programs through placement tests and counseling, and, if necessary, will provide services or referrals to better prepare students for successful participation.

MISSION: The mission of Fort Myers Technical College is to provide high quality career and technical training, in order to prepare students for current and emerging industries, delivered by a professional and caring staff in a positive learning environment.

VISION: All students enrolled in vocational/technical programs will obtain workforce credentials through certificate programs and, where applicable, industry certification and/or licensure.

October 1, 2016 – The elementary art classes from **Dr. Carrie D. Robinson Littleton Elementary School**, under the direction of **Scott Whipple**, designed and executed their plan for this colorful Chihuly-inspired chandelier that will now be enjoyed by many visiting the lobby of the Lee County Public Education Center. If you look closely, you will see that this project is constructed of plastic water bottles! Learn more about Chihuly artwork at www.chihulygardenandglass.com.

Michael Landrum, FMTC's **Welding Technology** instructor, designed and his students fabricated the aluminum stand. Michael Adcock's Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing students painted the stand.



December 6, 2016 – **Ariel Vega, Stephen Holsopple, Jobelyn Nance, Katie Heinzman, Keily Garcia, and Cesar Torres** deliver poinsettias to students and staff. Monies raised will be used to send students to SkillsUSA competitions.



October 28, 2016 – **Jemiqua Major**, **Carpentry** student, is pictured with the flip top bench that she and **Macie Bireley** built.

December 2, 2016 – Congratulations to **James Griffiths**, who graduated from the **Electronic Technology** program in October, on earning the Certified Electronic Technician Associate (CETa) certification. James had to pass a 2-hour competency test through the Electronics Technicians Association in order to attain this certification.



November 3, 2016 – **Michael Esterline**, **Marine Service Technologies** instructor, and student **Jason Dahlquist** represented FMTC at the 22nd Annual Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Award luncheon. The annual event recognizes successful, small business owners who have overcome adversity to achieve success. **Larry Brudnicki**, legendary U.S. Coast

Guard Captain, was the keynote speaker. Captain Brudnicki was the Commanding Officer of the USCGC TAMAROA in New Castle, New Hampshire, where he performed two dramatic rescues during the worst weather in more than 100 years. This event became known as "The Perfect Storm" and inspired The New York Times best-selling book and the blockbuster movie starring George Clooney and Mark Wahlberg.



(left to right): Jason Dahlquist; Michael Esterline; Captain Larry Brudnicki; Gary Trippe, co-founder of Oswald Trippe and Company and the Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award; and John Pollock, Regional Insurance President-Florida, Pennsylvania, Tennessee – BB&T Insurance Services, Inc.

STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

by Debbie Krouse

November 21, 2016 – For over 28 years, FMTC students have benefited from the generosity of the residents of the Indian Creek Park located at Fort Myers Beach. So far this school year, 57 students received scholarships that they can use for tuition, fees, and other school expenses. To obtain scholarship funds, the residents of Indian Creek Park recycle newspapers

and aluminum cans, sell coupon booklets, and hold fundraising events. Many of the residents live in Canada and spend the winter months in Florida. The partnership between FMTC and the Indian Creek community is proof that positive relationships between schools and the community are invaluable necessities. We thank the residents of Indian Creek Park for their continued support and generosity.

For more information about scholarship opportunities, please visit www.FortMyersTech.edu.

