

# FMTC

## FORT MYERS TECHNICAL COLLEGE

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### FMTC INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Every Tuesday at 9:30 A.M.  
AND Thursday at 1 P.M.

**04/05 – 04/08/18**  
HOSA State Competition

**04/06/18**  
Advisory Committee Breakfast  
7:00 a.m.

**04/12/18**  
National Technical Honor Society Induction

**04/18/18**  
School Advisory Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.

**04/27/18**  
Career Fair

**04/29 – 05/01/18**  
SkillsUSA State Competition  
Pensacola, Florida

**05/04/18**  
Student of the Year Brunch

**05/10/18**  
FMTC Open House 3– 6:30 p.m.

**05/11/18**  
Blood Drive

**05/17/18**  
FMTC Graduation Ceremony  
Fort Myers High School, 6 p.m.

**05/28/18**  
Memorial Day (school closed)

**05/30/18**  
Last Day of School  
(most programs)

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### Biomedical Equipment Repair Technology

by Debbie Krouse

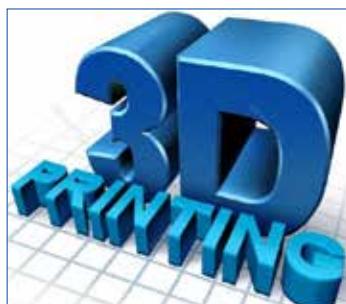
A biomedical equipment repair technician specializes in calibrating, maintaining, and repairing the medical machinery used in a healthcare facility. They handle complex machinery such as ventilators, infusion pumps, cardiac monitors, and defibrillators. They also perform safety checks on electrical equipment, wheelchairs, and radiological diagnostic testing machines. The biomedical technician contributes enormously to successful patient outcomes, working on equipment that grows more advanced and vital all the time. Biomedical technicians prevent mechanical and computer errors that could harm



patients or lead providers to the wrong diagnosis. Hospitals depend on biomedical technicians in order to meet local, state, and federal regulations governing the use of medical equipment.

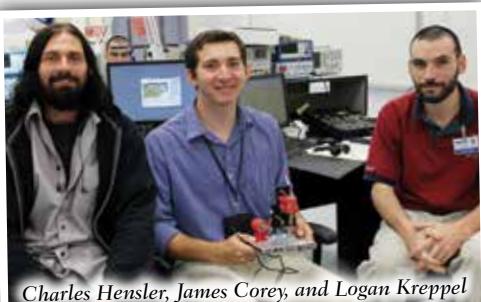
FMTC is currently enrolling for the new Biomedical Equipment Repair Technology program that starts on July 13th. The content of this 1,140-hour program includes, but is not limited to, hydraulics, pneumatics, optics, and mechanics to troubleshoot, service, and repair equipment commonly used for treatment, diagnosis, and monitoring of patients in a medical environment. Students will be prepared to earn Biomedical Electronics Technician certification through the Electronics Technician Association.

To find out more about this program, please visit [www.FortMyersTech.edu](http://www.FortMyersTech.edu) or stop by to see an admissions officer.



by Ernest White

Students in the Electronic Technology and Mechatronics



Charles Hensler, James Corey, and Logan Kreppel

Technology programs were challenged to produce an original 3-D printed project that met the following criteria: two moving parts, wired (no circuit boards), a technical report, schematics, and all parts (other than wiring and the motor) had to be printed on the 3-D printer. The students formed four groups and were given two months to complete their project.

The four projects were titled: Star Gazer, Gears, Useless Box, and Drill Press. FMTC's administration served as

judges and agreed that each project was outstanding. The overall winner was the Drill Press created by the team of James Corey (Team Leader), Charles Hensler, and Logan Kreppel. The project featured a working miniature drill press and grinder.



by Janice Fischer

Mr. Gene Cope, owner of Michelina's Salon-Spa-Boutique, is being recognized as FMTC's Business Partner of the Year at the State of Our Schools – Partners in Education breakfast on May 25th. Mr. Cope is a successful stylist, salon owner, and Matrix educator. For the past two years, Mr. Cope has allocated time every month to share his skills and techniques with FMTC's Cosmetology students. Mr. Cope teaches "How to Succeed in Salon Operations" with the Michael Core Educational Platform, which includes salon operations, marketing techniques, improving the student's skill set, building clientele, and being a team player.

A big supporter of technical and career education, Mr. Cope also volunteers at iTech in Immokalee. He encourages people to attend a technical college instead of a private cosmetology school that costs two to three times as much. He values the quality of education taught at a technical college and believes the students graduate with the skills needed to succeed in the workforce.

Students are encouraged by Mr. Cope to attend a day of shadowing stylists in his salon so they can get real-world experience. He gives accomplished students an employment opportunity with his company upon graduation.

Mr. Cope's passion for education and consistent encouragement of FMTC's Cosmetology students to "be the best they can be" is truly an inspiration.



Gene Cope demonstrates a bob haircut on Cosmetology student, Chelsea Brown

## Director's Message

BRIAN MANGAN

As we return from Spring Break, we have a variety of activities that are going to occur over the next couple of months. The FMTC students who were regional winners in SkillsUSA and Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) will be competing at the state level competitions. The National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) will induct the newest academic all-stars to this prestigious organization, and FMTC will honor several instructor recommended-students for the annual FMTC Student of the Year award. FMTC will host our bi-annual Advisory Breakfast on April 6, 2018, with well over seventy-five business partner members expected to be in attendance. The last School Advisory Committee meeting will take place on April 18, 2018. FMTC will also host a Spring Career Fair on April 27, 2018, for all programs; there are more employers expected at this Career Fair than the record-breaking number of employers that participated in the December Career Fair. All of these events emphasize the importance of our students being prepared to enter into their career with the right set of technical and employability skills.

SkillsUSA, HOSA and the NTHS all stress the importance of not only being proficient but also being the type of employee that adds value to the business by being on time, coming to work every day, intelligently managing company resources, and positively interacting with fellow employees and customers. Our program and school advisory members have a vested interest in FMTC and their businesses; they want the best coming to work for them and in their industry. FMTC is committed to providing the best trained and soft skill equipped people ready to start their careers. This is one of the reasons why more and more employers are seeking to partner up with FMTC to hire their workforce of the future. Honoring the nominees, and eventual winner, of the FMTC Student of the Year award is an annual exclamation point to recognizing the dually capable students who are the best blend of technical expertise and possess those crucial employability skills.

On a separate note, March 29, 2018, was the last day of our Hurricane Irma modified daily schedule. By our daily diligent effort, all of the lost time has been made up and all programs will return to a 2:30 p.m. dismissal. Six months have passed since the storm and in just two short months we will enter into another hurricane season. Now is a great time to start planning for the 2018 hurricane season in order to ensure the best for you and your family.

Lastly, I wanted to let everyone know that recently I received the official confirmation letter notifying us that the Council on Occupational Education (COE) Commission granted Fort Myers Technical College/ the Southwest Florida Public Service Academy approval for another six years of Accreditation! This is the maximum amount of time the COE Commission grants. I also want to say thank you to everyone for putting in the extra effort it took to achieve this major accomplishment. This is validation of the great work that goes on every day on our campuses. COE still reserves the right to make surprise visits anytime. It is incumbent upon us to continue to work with fidelity, and maintain our daily dedication to our students and our stakeholders.



## MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC Changes for the Better

February 23, 2018 – Mitsubishi Electric US, Inc. – Cooling and Heating division, donated a Zoned Comfort Solutions™ ductless mini-split air conditioner to the Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration & Heating Technology program. Frankie Valle, the Area Manager for South Florida, explained how these systems are up to 40% more efficient than conventional air conditioners. Because these systems don't use ductwork,

ceilings can be higher and windows can be larger. Every room in the house can be controlled independently so each person can maintain the temperature that keeps him or her comfortable. These systems have been widely used in Europe and are being marketed in the United States to homeowners who want to be more energy efficient.



Frankie Valle, Pat Stott, and David Wahl

## Practical Nursing Graduates — March 9, 2018



(standing from left to right)  
Christina Brunel,  
Blake Romig,

Yolesmeta Oscar, Bettina Orevil, and Stephanie Wallace. Seated from left to right: Patricia Occely, Judith Betty, Sandon Francis, Teresa Woods, and Yadier Caruncho.



March 29, 2018 – For the sixth consecutive year, members of the Vietnam Brotherhood Bravo Company awarded scholarships to military veterans at Fort Myers Technical College (FMTC). The money to support these scholarships is raised through dues and fundraisers. Bravo Company sponsors Honor Flights to Washington D.C. every year and the annual Pride and Patriotism program held at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.

The scholarship recipients are Glen Button and Shane Ailant. Mr. Button, an Electricity student, is a veteran of both the US Marine Corps and US Coast Guard. Altogether, he has over twenty years of military service. Mr. Ailant served in the US Marine Corps for seven years and is a student in the Marine Service Technologies program.

Thank you to all the veterans for their service to our country!



## Nursing Assistant Graduates—February 15, 2018



**(pictured from left to right)** Nancy Redenius, Health Science Department Chair; Meghan Miller; Candice Oliver; Marilyn Giesel, Nursing Assistant instructor; Michelove Erazus; Carolyn Spitzer; Brian Mangan, FMTC Director; Jacob Zander

**March 13, 2018** – Congratulations to the first graduating class of the combined **Fire Fighter/Emergency Medical Technician** program at the Southwest

Florida Public Service Academy (SWFSPA). For more information about the programs at SWFSPA, please visit their website: [www.SWFSPA.org](http://www.SWFSPA.org).



### GRADUATES

Bryce Dearstyne  
Shawn Foley  
Casey Gee  
Paul Johnson  
Daniel Kallies  
Parker Klump  
Gary Kreps  
Brendan Phillips  
Carlos Phillips  
Matthew Stacey  
Donte Sweeting



**It is Not Too Early to Apply for Financial Aid for Next Year! And It is Not Too Late to Apply for Financial Aid for This Year!**

by Sandy Shimp

### TAKE ACTION NOW!

The Financial Aid Application (FAFSA) is your starting point to determine eligibility for federal student aid. Many people assume that they will not qualify for financial aid, but the FAFSA form considers many household variables in determining eligibility, **so apply today**.

1. Complete the 2017-2018 Application for the current academic year.
2. Complete the 2018-2019 Application for the upcoming academic year.

#### NOTE:

- The FAFSA Application is available on the web: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- Enter the school code for FMTC: 007558.
- Financial aid is a two-step process. After you complete the FAFSA, **PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTACT THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE IN 3-5 BUSINESS DAYS**.
- Please check with financial aid prior to withdrawing from school, changing your scheduled hours, or changing programs. YOU may owe back money.
- A financial aid representative is available to answer your questions Monday-Friday from 7:45 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

## Program Earns PSA Accreditation

by Armando Gomez

The Major Appliance & Refrigeration Technician program has been granted accreditation through the Professional Service Association (PSA). This trade organization was formed to represent the independent appliance service industry and works with FMTC and other technical schools across



the country to improve access to support from manufacturers and to provide products for classroom instruction.

Students in the Major Appliance & Refrigeration Technician program are prepared to test for Graduate Technician Rating (Gcap) through PSA. By passing the Gcap exam, students can be proud of the fact that they have the most extensive and comprehensive training available to appliance technicians today. This serves as proof that the graduate has attained the knowledge necessary to perform in accordance with national skill standards. This certification is good for a period of two years. After successfully completing two years of employment as an appliance service technician, the graduate can request an upgrade to Master Technician with the approval of his employer.



by Valerie Clark

**February 23, 2018** – Members from Leadership Lee County visited FMTC on their “Education Day” to learn more about the school and the programs we offer to the community. Leadership Lee County is a proactive series of retreats, seminars and site visits designed to expose current and emerging leaders to Southwest

Florida’s greatest challenges and opportunities. The 14-week program addresses topics including our community history, economic bases, healthcare, transportation, education, growth management, social challenges, law enforcement and criminal justice, agriculture, local government, media, the developer’s perspective, the arts, cultural diversity and the role of volunteerism within our community. Programs are held at various locations throughout Lee County, providing participants an opportunity to view some of our community’s unique facilities and assets.





**March 12, 2018—**

For over 30 years, FMTC students have benefited from the generosity of the residents of the **Indian Creek Park**

located at Fort Myers Beach. The residents of Indian Creek Park recycle newspapers and aluminum cans, sell coupon booklets, and hold fundraising events throughout the year. 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](http://www.FortMyersTech.edu).



## Making a Difference

The need for certified nursing assistants (CNA) in the United States is tremendous and even more so in Florida which has a large retirement population. According to O\*Net Online, the need for nursing assistants in Florida will increase 23% from 2014 to 2024.

Local philanthropists, Mr. **Jerry King** and Ms. **Dale Reiss** (*below*), want to make a difference in the health field in southwest Florida. They recently visited FMTC's Health Science programs. "I was aware of the shortages we're facing," Mr. King says. "After visiting

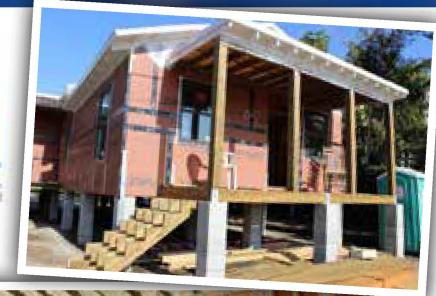


the school, it became clear that their program could school certified nursing assistants at a time when hospitals and other facilities are struggling with staff shortages. It seemed like a natural fit."

**February 6, 2018 –**



Joe Smith, owner of J.F. Smith, Inc., invited the Carpentry students to visit a couple construction sites on Matlacha. Mr. Smith specializes in building and remodeling fine homes and commercial buildings on Pine Island, Captiva, Sanibel, and Matlacha. He talked to the students about all the extra strapping and hurricane protection needed in these coastal communities plus the challenges of building on sandy, waterfront lots (this property sits on 26' pilings!).



**March 9, 2018 –** Awesome braiding by Marcela Medina, Cosmetology student.



Mr. King and Ms. Reiss established the Jerome L. King Scholarship Fund at FMTC. The fund provides scholarships to students pursuing their Certified Nursing Assistant credential at FMTC. The scholarship will help jump-start careers for students who otherwise might not be able to afford to go to school. Students who receive a CNA credential may choose to continue their education and become a licensed practical nurse (LPN) or registered nurse (RN). The possibilities are endless!

"Those of us who have been blessed with the ability to help sometimes forget how relatively small amounts of money can have a tremendous impact on the lives of others who may not be so fortunate," says Ms. Reiss, who devised the idea of giving back to the community in honor of Mr. King's 80th birthday.

The couple says they hope the fund will change lives and give young people an opportunity.

*Editor's Note: This article is based on an article in "Our Community," a publication produced by the Southwest Florida Community Foundation.*

## FMT Students Win 17 Medals at Regional Competition



**February 22, 2018 –**

Congratulations to the Region VI SkillsUSA winners in competitions that took place at Manatee Technical College.

SkillsUSA is a nationwide career and technical education student organization serving more than 300,000 high school, college and postsecondary students—and their instructors—in technical, skilled, and service occupation instructional programs.

The contests are planned by technical committees made up of national experts from labor and management; they are designed to test the skills needed for a successful entry-level performance in given occupational fields.

### GOLD

- Robert Melnik (Information Technology Services)
- James Corey (Electronics Technology)
- Chelsea Brown (Job Skills Demo "A")
- Jacob Burns (Carpentry) Jon Story (Industrial Motor Control)

### SILVER

- Marcus Sarivannara (Electronics Technology)
- David Hornby (Industrial Motor Control)
- Team of Logan Wisnieski, James Landis, Colton Flake, Aaron Catala (Welding Fabrication)
- Francisco Coffigny (Marine Service)
- Chesney Cox (Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology)
- Justin Sanford (Automotive Service Technology)

### BRONZE

- Donna Swanson (Information Technology Services)
- Matthew Williams (Welding – High School)
- Aaron Moody (Plumbing)
- Cassie Cayous (Automotive Service Technology)

Students who won Gold and Silver are eligible to compete at the state level in Pensacola, April 29th through May 1st.





## HOSA Regional Winners

**February 6, 2018** – Congratulations to FMTC's regional Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) winners. The students are eligible to compete at the state competition to be held in Orlando April 5th-8th.

- **Dershay Brown**—1st place, Extemporaneous Health Poster
- **Sheena Chatterjee**—1st place, Extemporaneous Writing
- **Sheri St. Clair**—1st place, Medical Terminology
- **Shardazia Williams**—1st place, Nursing Assistant
- **Ruth Jean**—2nd place, Medical Terminology
- **Metuschelah Petit-Frere**—2nd place, Nursing Assistant

HOSA: Future Health Professionals is a National (and International) Career and Technical Student Organization endorsed by the U.S. and Florida Departments of Education and the Health Occupations Education Division of the Association for Career and Technical Education.

The rapidly changing healthcare system needs dedicated workers who, in addition to their technical skills, are people-oriented and capable of playing a leadership role as a member of a healthcare team.

HOSA has more than 218,000 members in 48 states, Canada, Mexico, Italy, Germany, American Samoa, and Puerto Rico. Florida HOSA has the second largest membership at over 15,700!



*Sheena Chatterjee, Sheri St. Clair, Metuschelah Petit-Frere, Ruth Jean, Shardazia Williams, and Dershay Brown*



## Harry Chapin Food Bank OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

**March 5, 2018** – Four members of FMTC's National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) volunteered at the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida. The students packed over 2,400 pounds of tomatoes that will feed over 2,000 people. Through



**February 28, 2018 – Dr. Dante Ciolfi**, the instructor of the .Net/ Web Application Development & Programming programs, and also a former dentist, taught the Fort Myers Tech Tots how and when to brush their teeth and to practice good dental hygiene. He also talked about eating healthy food to prevent cavities and to have a healthy heart.



**February 2, 2018 –** Students in **Cosmetology** were given the challenge to create hairstyles from the 1940's, 1950's, 1960's, or 1970's. Carla Mateo created the overall winning hairstyle from the 1940's and Marcela Medina won 2nd place with a 1950's style.



*Jonathan Caldwell, Michael Salas, Roberto Carmona, and Jason Guinn*

food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters and disaster relief agencies, the food bank keeps hunger at bay for nearly 160,000 individuals (50,000 of them children) each year. To learn how you can donate, volunteer, or receive services, please visit [www.harrychapinfoodbank.org](http://www.harrychapinfoodbank.org) or call (239) 334-7007.



**March 28, 2018 – The Automotive Collision Technology Technician** students are making progress on the 1929 LaSalle they are building. They created foam templates for the outer doors, then cut positive and negative templates out of wood. The door was then cut out of 18-gauge steel and enforced with a welded steel frame.





**February 6, 2018** – Tiny homes are all the rage. But could you live in less than 200 sq. ft.? Shandon Anderson, a student in the Carpentry program, plans on doing just that. And he plans on building it himself.

Mr. Anderson, along with his classmates in the Carpentry program, visited two tiny homes at Matlacha Tiny Village owned by Dean Calhoun. The tiny homes are being rented to tourists from Europe, Canada, and all across the United States. They were built by the Amish in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and brought down to Florida. While tiny homes are touted as sustainable, minimalist alternatives to standard housing, the price can be more expensive per square foot than standard-sized homes. The cost of these tiny homes in Matlacha was around \$70,000 each.

Mr. Anderson was born and raised in Atlanta and graduated with a degree in sociology from the University of Georgia. He has traveled extensively and along the way completed culinary school in New York, became a certified raw chef in California, and learned Thai cooking in Bangkok. Mr. Anderson owned several businesses in Atlanta including a salon/spa and a vegan restaurant. His life in Atlanta was fast-

paced; he lived in a three-story loft and rented a storage unit that was full of his possessions. Living in a loft without walls made him think differently; he realized furniture could be multifunctional and you could live with a lot fewer possessions.

Looking for a more moderate climate and a simpler way of life, Mr. Anderson moved to Fort Myers where some of his extended family lives. He purchased two acres of land and promptly began clearing it himself. He had grown a few vegetables in Atlanta but unexpected freezes sometimes wiped out an entire crop. Today he has fruit trees, raised vegetable beds, herbs, and about 500 hydroponic plants growing in a 10' x 30' area on the property. Mr. Anderson,

Everything is grown organically using no pesticides. Currently, he is working with Mr. McElroy and the Electricity students, to install temporary electricity on the property.

Mr. Anderson always enjoyed working with his hands and admired his father, a construction worker, who could build or fix almost anything. He started looking for a school to learn woodworking and found FMTTC. One of the first projects he built in the class was a multi-use picnic table that he designed to also serve as a bench. Having land to produce food is much more important to him than having a large home, so he will be building a permanent tiny home (approximately 200 sq. ft.) on the property. His goal is to

have it completed by February 2019. One of the requirements will be high ceilings to accommodate his 6' 6" frame. After he completes the Carpentry program, Mr. Anderson is considering enrolling in the Electricity program.

In the meantime, food and plants have always been his first love and he intends on sharing that love with the public. He is operating his own business, Rerooted

Farms, on his property and will be hosting an evening vegan market, movie nights, and other activities where he will teach people how to grow and prepare vegan meals, and live a more sustainable lifestyle.

(standing from left to right) Angel Gutierrez, John Kelly, Libni Coss, Brent Woods-Williams, Jacob Burns, and Yamari Pidilla; (seated) Sharoyn Harris, Richard Schaefer, Carpentry instructor, and Shandon Anderson.

a vegan for over 12 years, usually has dinner consisting of fresh kale, broccoli, eggplant, quinoa, celery, carrots, collard greens, or a multitude of other vegetables, seasoned with herbs grown in his garden. His goal is to eventually grow 70-75% of what he eats.



## Fishing Without Boundaries

Most of us think that going fishing is as easy as a walk down to the river but for over 56 million Americans with disabilities, it's not that simple. Mike Mayes, FMTTC's Plumbing instructor, is helping make boating and fishing accessible to people with disabilities in Fort Myers. He is the owner of ADA Boats, Inc., the maker of AbleCat boats that are designed to help physically challenged individuals get out on the water. Mr. Mayes also operates a charter boat business specifically for the disabled. His fishing guide is Blane Garrett, a graduate of FMTTC's Marine Service Technologies program.

Mr. Mayes is also 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. A portion of the proceeds from each charter helps fund the organization.

## DRESS FOR SUCCESS® SW FLORIDA

by Valerie Clark

**March 8, 2018** – Dress for Success SW Florida promotes the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support, and the career development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. When a female client secures a job interview, they provide her with one free business suit, as well as the appropriate accessories, footwear, and cosmetic/toiletry items. When she successfully lands a job, she can return to Dress for Success for up to one week's worth of business attire.

If you (male or female) are in need of professional attire, please see Mrs. Clark in Career Services.

An angler shows off his catch on a recent trip on an AbleCat boat



## DAY PROGRAMS

- Administrative Office Specialist
- Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating Technology
- Automotive Collision Technology Technician
- Automotive Service Technology (A.S.E.-Based Technician)
- NEW** Biomedical Equipment Repair Technology
- 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
- Fire Fighter
- Fire Fighter/Emergency Medical Technician—Combined
- Florida Law Enforcement Officer
- IV Therapy
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Major Appliance & Refrigeration Technician
- Marine Service Technologies
- Mechatronics Technology
- Medical Administrative Specialist
- Medical Assisting
- Medical Coder/Biller (online)
- .NET Application Development & Programming
- Nursing Assistant—Articulated
- Nursing Assistant—Long-term Care
- Plumbing Technology
- 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.

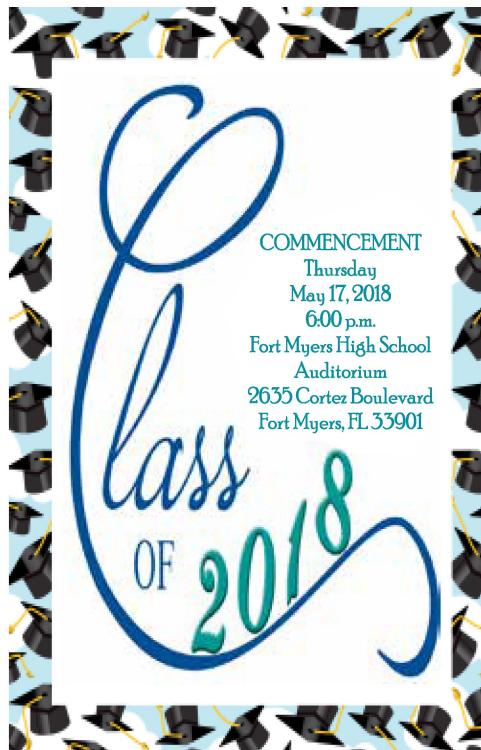
**MISSION:** The mission of Fort Myers Technical College is to provide high quality career and technical training, in order to prepare students for current and emerging industries, delivered by a professional and caring staff in a positive learning environment.

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



April showers bring May flowers. While May might bring the flowers, it also brings something even more valuable...Graduations! We are so very proud of the many recent (and not so recent) graduates of our programs and excited to see them take their next steps into productive, lucrative careers.

As you celebrate graduations this spring,



by Valerie Clark

Some of southwest Florida's largest employers will be in attendance including: Lee Health, Lee County Government, Shell Point Retirement Community, Seminole Casino Hotel, B&I Contractors, and Collier County Sheriff's Office

### Tips for Students

1. Bring many copies of your resume to submit to employers. If you need résumé help, stop by FMTC Career Services.

I hope you will take a moment to consider friends and family who could benefit from study here at FMTC. We have over 25 programs available for our fall enrollment period that could be a great next step for someone you care about. Who do you know who would make a great Nurse or Carpenter?

We are currently enrolling for all of our programs and we have spots available in almost all of them. Please urge friends and family to come to one of our Information Sessions to learn more about the opportunities we can offer to further their education and to set them on a road to a high-paying, stable career. We'd love to help.

Information Sessions are held every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and every Thursday at 1 p.m. No appointment is necessary and we look forward to welcoming them to our fabulous campus!



FMTC students **Jonathan Bartlow, Marcus Berrios, Meffy Gomez, Walid Mujahid** and **Shawn Smith**, plus their instructor **Dr. Dante Ciolfi**, recently redesigned the Edison Fairs Web site (<http://www.edisonfairs.org>). The Edison Fairs website is home of information concerning the Thomas Alva Edison Kiwanis Regional Science & Engineering Fair, Thomas A. Edison Festival of Light Regional Inventors Fair and Suncoast Credit Union Elementary Science Expo plus so much more!

2. Come prepared. Before the fair, you can review our online directory of employers and their job opportunities.
3. Dress appropriately. First impressions are important.
4. Be flexible. If the employer representative at the fair does not know specifically about jobs/internships of interest to you, ask for the name of someone who can help you.
5. Introduce yourself and be prepared to speak with potential employers.
6. Take notes when you inquire about the next steps and the possibility of talking with additional managers.
7. Respect employers' materials/sample items. Always check with employers before taking materials from their tables.
8. Be courteous & let your positive attitude show!