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Upcoming Events

Note from the President

We all know the value of collaboration and at the Foundation have found that by working with other organizations we can leverage our resources for a greater impact. As many of our programs have a demonstrative impact on high school graduation and preparation for college we're very pleased with the collaboration with Hillsborough College Access Network (HCAN).

We wrote last year about this group, which was organizing around pooling resources to have a greater community impact on college access. We're pleased that membership continues to grow and the first project is under way.

If you represent a group which has efforts under way or would like to help, please [email me](#) here or reply to this *Core* issue.



Spotlight on

Armed Forces Communications Electronics Assoc.

My name is Mark McKim and I work for Cantada, Inc. one of the 140 corporations and 750 individual members that represent the Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association (AFCEA). Our mission is to support the advancement of technology education through various scholarships and classroom grants for students and teachers interested in STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) programs. According to Florida Research and Economic Database, nine out of 10 of the highest paying jobs in the state of Florida are within STEM



Let the Good Times Roll!!

**Apple Appeal "Casino Royale at Centro"
May 13, 2011**

Join our Board of Directors for a night of casino gaming at our new home - the Historic Centro Español de West Tampa - for the Apple Appeal. Relive the Centro's days as a place to socialize and play. With every flip of the cards and roll of the dice, you support our students, teachers and schools, so "ante up" for education!

Interested in attending? To learn more and to pay online, [email Cheryl Hedrick](#).

Did You Know?



By supporting the Foundation's Florida Prepaid Scholarship program (in association with Take Stock in Children) you do more than just provide college tuition. The students receive the scholarship as they enter high school and are paired with an adult mentor who helps them navigate high school and getting into college. This is one of the best stay in school programs available.

fields.

While it is crucial that young people gain valuable experience and insights into the range of exciting careers within the STEM arena we know that many times students and teachers do not have access to the funds necessary to accomplish these goals. AFCEA has been awarding scholarships and grants for more than 10 years through the Hillsborough Education Foundation. AFCEA understands the importance of producing and retaining highly-qualified STEM students and for that reason we are proud to increase the amount of scholarships awarded from \$25,000 to \$50,000 this year.

Each year we host a scholarship reception at MacDill AFB and it's always so rewarding for the AFCEA members to meet these high achieving students and their families. For the majority of these students receiving a \$1,500 to \$5,000 is just what is needed to ensure they are equipped to handle the first year expenses of attending a university.



The 2010 AFCEA scholarship recipients recognized at a luncheon at MacDill AFB.

Our Volunteers Rock!

Volunteers are an integral part of the Foundation. We just flat out could not operate the programs without them. More than 500 volunteers are involved in things like:

- Bringing resources to support our programs
- Making connections in the community
- Mentoring 200 scholarship recipients
- Tutoring struggling readers to improve their skill levels
- Staffing Teaching Tools - handling our shopping days, restocking inventory, organizing donated supplies
- Making product for the store (e.g. sewing, making dye cuts, etc.)

We appreciate our volunteers - They Rock!! Thanks to Dominos, EVOS, Panera Bread, Chick-fil-A, Caspers Company McDonald's Restaurant and South Print for making this year's Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 11-15, a special treat.

Do you have a special skill you'd like to share; **think**

This past year 92% of our Florida Prepaid Scholarship recipients are graduating high school. These are at-risk students who normally would be graduating at a 70% rate - and the overall graduation rate is 81%. These kids are succeeding!!

There's still time to donate to this program for this year. Read [more about the program](#) here, or email [Tami Milner](#) for more information.

Good4U Good4Us



Check out these great discounts and support the Hillsborough Education Foundation!

CHECK OUT THESE EVENTS AT THE ST. PETE TIMES FORUM:

Tampa Bay Storm vs. Kansas City, Friday, May 13 at 8 pm. Students free with parent's ticket (tickets starting at \$10). Call Tyler Thompson at (813) 301-6811 or Mike Flood at (813) 301-6521 to order.

Disney on Ice, Sat., May 21 at 7pm or Sun., May 22 at 5 pm. Tickets \$14.75. Deadline to

you'd like to volunteer? [Email Denise Becker](#) or submit a [volunteer form](#) online.



Hooked on Education!

WILDERARCHITECTURE and Allstate Construction organized the annual "catch and release" fishing tournament, which raises money for the Foundation. The event brought local subcontractors and construction companies out for a day of fishing on Tampa Bay. Twenty-eight teams participated. The event ended with a weigh-in and an awards ceremony. Thanks to the dedication of the planning committee, sponsors, and fishermen and women, the tournament raised more than \$83,600 for education!!

Congratulations to the tournament's big winners!

Grand Slam

Lenny Cacioppo, Rooms to Go

Snook

1st Place - Jennifer Menard, Advanced Drying Systems
2nd Place - Trenton Wilder, WILDERARCHITECTURE, INC.
3rd Place - Chuck Jablon, Borrell Electric Co., Inc.

Redfish

1st Place - Erik Nelson, Merit Professional Coatings
2nd Place - Dick Klima, Aon Hewitt
3rd Place - Bob Murray, BARD Manufacturing

Trout

1st Place - Leon Essex, Bard Manufacturing
2nd Place - Steven Hurst, J.R. Long
3rd Place - Lloyd O'Hara, J.R. Long

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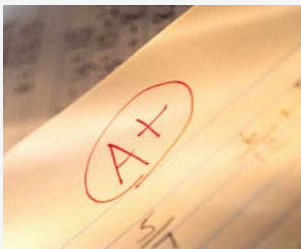
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order is Mon.,
May 16, at 5 pm.

Cirque du Soleil,
Thursday, June 23 at
7:30 pm, Fri., June 24
at 3:30 pm or Sun.,
June 26 at 1 pm. Tickets
\$30.75. **Deadline to
order is Mon.,
June 20, at 5 pm.**

[Click here](#)
for more
information and to order
tickets.

Success Story



*Scholarship winner
Jasmine and her
mentor, Joanne Salem*

Jasmine credits her
mentor, Joanne Salem,
with opening her eyes to
different things and for
her to dream big.
Joanne has mentored
Jasmine for four years.

"My priorities have
changed," the Spoto High
School senior said. "She
helped me figure out
what I want to do in
life."

Jasmine is about to
embark on her first year
of college at St. Leo
University on a 2+2
Florida Prepaid
Scholarship. Her goal is
to become a dental
surgeon. She originally
wanted to become a
dental hygienist, but
Joanne encouraged her
to dream big. Jasmine
has not always had such
aspirations.

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of Jasmine and Joanne's story.

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Bill

Bill Hoffman
President
Hillsborough Education Foundation



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