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### Upcoming Events

## Note from the President

Spring is always a time to put winter (as such in Florida) behind us and look forward to renewal and re-invigoration. (It's also baseball spring training, which is important enough in its own right that we had to include it in our quote this month below.)

At the Foundation we are going through our planning process. This means reaching out to folks in the community and school district to get feedback on the impact of our existing programming and explore future areas of involvement. We will be engaging different constituencies in a variety of ways. If you haven't been contacted, but would like to share some thoughts, please [email me](#) here or reply to this Core issue. We'd love to hear from you.



## Launching Careers

The Foundation's Career & Technical Committee includes passionate business leaders who work to raise awareness of the importance of engaging students in the industries that support our region; and to raise resources to assist. On March 22<sup>nd</sup> Clint Childress, Sr. VP of Corporate Services & CHRO, TECO Energy, was the guest speaker at a committee-hosted luncheon. Clint's story is very similar to many of



**Hooked on Education  
Fishing Tournament  
April 21-22, 2011  
Westshore Yacht Club**

This popular "catch & release" fishing tournament is hosted by WILDERARCHITECTURE and Allstate Construction, with proceeds benefiting the Foundation. Join us for a Captain's Dinner on Thursday, April 21. The tournament is Friday, and features a goodie bag for all fisherman as well as food & refreshments. Awards are given at a catered ceremony. Contact [Cheryl Hedrick](#) at (813) 574-0273 and get ready to fish!

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

The Foundation Board of Directors' annual fund raiser, the Apple Appeal, will take on a new form this year with an evening of fun casino gaming including unbelievable prize packages!

It will be held at our new home - Historic *Centro Español de West Tampa!* To learn more, click here to [email Cheryl Hedrick](#).

**February Success Story**

the students in Hillsborough County who don't have a desire or the means to go to college. Clint graduated from Brewster Tech before he joined TECO Energy & Peoples Gas. He shared that Brewster was just his first stop. He decided he wanted more and went on to get his degree. It doesn't have to be career & technical OR college, many times it's both!

Last year more than 2,000 students benefited from some type of financial aid provided by Foundation CTE programs. These programs would not be successful without the support of our local business partners and their passion to help raise awareness of the need for career & technical programs. We are especially thankful to The Nielsen Company for underwriting this event.

Join the Achiever's Circle and help launch careers! [Learn more here](#) or contact [Tami Milner](#).

**Golfers compete in the 2011 Play "Fore" Education  
Charity Golf Classic**

The Foundation, along with Presenting Sponsor Batson-Cook Company, was pleased to host the annual Play FORE Education Charity Golf Classic. This year's tournament also featured a morning Executive Shootout, which partnered local business leaders with leaders in Hillsborough County Public Schools. Thanks to the support of the tournament sponsors and participants, *more than \$90,000* was raised to benefit the Foundation's programs.

Congratulations to this year's big winners!

**1st Place Gross Team**

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Don Reagan  
Mike Roberts  
Dave Seward

**1st Place Net Team**

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**2011 Executive Shootout Champion**

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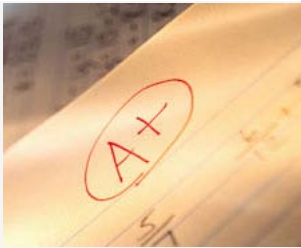
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**Kristen Johnson**  
**USF Intern**

Kristen Johnson is currently a senior at the University of South Florida. She is an intern with the Foundation and works with our scholarship program assisting with the Take Stock in Children program.

She recently coordinated a student scholarship interview day. Students had the opportunity to come and interview for the chance to receive a college scholarship. From city officials to public figures, Kristen helped draw in the mentors and interviewers that made the event successful. With plans on becoming a mentor herself, she hopes the internship will better equip her with the knowledge to train potential mentors in the future.

"Interning with The Hillsborough Education Foundation thus far has made a tremendous impact on my success [sic] journey," she said. "With hopes of being an international advocate for youth, I have been learning a lot of skills that will help me in my career."

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## Engaging the Universities

The Foundation has partnered with various post-secondary schools and organizations to provide a work-related experience for students. Not only does the internship program benefit these students, it's helped the Foundation continue to thrive and move projects forward while continuing to operate lean. From finance to marketing, programs to development, our interns are utilized to fulfill the daily mission of the Foundation.

Kristen Johnson is currently a senior at USF. She interns with our Programs Department and assists with the Scholarship Program. Read about her experience in the *February Success Story* below.

Krystal Younman assists with finance and accounting. The accounting major from USF specifically focuses on grant reporting. Another USF student, Michelle David, an English - professional and technical writing major, is the current marketing and public relations intern. Her daily tasks include writing press releases, preparing design elements for the Foundation and marketing for various events. She is a second-semester intern and hopes to pursue a career in public relations. "This opportunity has prepared me for the workforce and the internship is the experience of a lifetime," she said.

The program also extends to Hillsborough Community College and Brewster Technical Center students. There are honors students from HCC. To fulfill their assignment for a class leadership project, Patrick, Franco and Kayla currently work in systems management for the Foundation.

"There aren't any coffee grabbing interns here," Johnson said. "We are able to work on professional projects that interest us."

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## Financial & Retirement 101

We thank the Planned Giving committee and the panel of professional advisors for their hard work and planning of the February 28<sup>th</sup> Financial & Retirement 101 seminar. The open Q & A forum provided employees of the district the opportunity to ask questions about how to formulate and chart their personal financial and retirement plans.

We are so thankful for those members of the Foundation's Heritage

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who hate you away from the guys who are undecided. -  
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Sincerely,



Bill Hoffman  
President  
Hillsborough Education Foundation

