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**STUDENTS AT D.W. WATERS WILL CONTINUE ON PATH  
TOWARDS SUCCESS THANKS TO SUNCOAST SCHOOLS**

*Credit Union makes donation to benefit career center and Project SUCCESS*

(April 1, 2009) TAMPA – Students of the D.W. Waters Career Center’s Academy of Baking and Pastry were overloaded with joy and baskets of edible arrangements for representatives of Suncoast for Kids Foundation and Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union during a December visit to the school. It was their way of showing their gratitude to Suncoast for Kids Foundation for the \$100,000 donation the organization made to aid the students in their academic endeavors.

News of Suncoast for Kids Foundation’s donation fueled the enthusiasm of many students at D.W. Waters. Immediately following the announcement of the new funding, 18 individual students from the career center applied for post-secondary education opportunities.

This donation will benefit the Project SUCCESS program developed by the Hillsborough Education Foundation. Through the program, high school students enrolled in one of the county’s four career centers receive financial assistance to obtain a career certificate or further their education at a district Hi-TEC Center or community college. These students, many of whom have difficulty thriving in a typical educational environment, were in danger of dropping out of school before enrolling in the career center.

Project SUCCESS is a part of the Foundation’s Career & Technical Education initiative. For more information on this and other programs implemented by the Hillsborough Education Foundation, visit [www.educationfoundation.com](http://www.educationfoundation.com).

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The Hillsborough Education Foundation is a 501(c) 3 charitable organization whose mission is to invest community resources to help students achieve academic success. The Foundation, now celebrating 20 years of serving the students, teachers and schools in our community has invested more than \$66 million for enhancement of education. The Foundation annually raises over \$5 million and fulfills its mission via programs such as College, Career & Technical Scholarships, Teaching Tools for Hillsborough Schools, Take Stock in Children Mentoring, School Enrichment, and Excellence in Education programs as well as other resource programs to benefit those we serve.