

# HERNANDO ADULT EDUCATION

## Hernando Adult Education

Our goal is to train the workforce of Hernando County, while pulling together our community resources to keep students in school until completion.

## Co-Starters

This 10-week program equips business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs with the insights, relationships, and repeatable steps they can use to transform their business ideas into action. This is a facilitator led course, which includes materials. Cost is \$295. Applications are available through March 17th at [hernandochamber.com](http://hernandochamber.com).

## Volunteer Orientation

If you have always wanted to volunteer with Hernando Adult Education, now is your chance! Our next orientation is scheduled for February 16th at 9am. Call us at 352-797-7018 to reserve your seat!

## Literacy Coalition

The Literacy Coalition is for all Hernando county agencies interested in eliminating illiteracy amongst adults in Hernando County. We meet quarterly at our Brooksville Office. If you, or someone from your organization is interested in attending, please call 352-797-7018 for details.

## Adult High School

Hernando Adult Education is excited to announce that it will be launching an Adult High School program. This program is for students who have withdrawn from their formal education and have at least 13 credits towards graduation. Participants who successfully complete all requirements will earn a Hernando Adult Education diploma. The program is scheduled to launch February 6th. Interested applicants, please call 352-398-3817 to make an appointment to meet with a counselor.



## Thank you to our dedicated volunteers!

Lesley Steer, Florence Seaman and Justa Bozman have 19 combined years experience volunteering with Hernando Adult Education. They have helped many students achieve their dreams of literacy through out the years!

## Hernando Adult Ed programs include:

- Adult Basic Education
- Community Education
- Adult High School & Co-Enrolled
- English Speakers of Other Languages
- GED Prep courses
- GED Testing Center
- Suncoast Technical

For more information, please call 352-797-7018

**Graduation is May 25, 2017!**

## Latest News!



Suncoast Technical Education Center hosted its initial accreditation visit December 5-7, 2016 with the Council on Occupational Education. The three day visit was lead by Dr. Warren Laux, Director, Tennessee College of Applied Technology, McMinnville, Tennessee. Present also was Mr. James Taggart, VP of Instructional Services, Ogden Weber Applied Technology College, Ogden, Utah.

Our exit report went well. In each of the 10 standards they can issue a finding, a recommendation, a suggestion or a commendation. For standards 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 we had zero items. In standard two we had 2 minor suggestions .

Our Team Leader, who has been doing this for 27 years, stated he would have never guessed that everything would have been so thorough on our first time around.

We now wait patiently until COE meets in February for their vote...



## Workforce Summit

Suncoast Technical Education Center (SunTech) held its first Workforce Summit at the Florida National Guard Armories on October 12, 2016. Representatives from local employers, business partners, the Office of Economic Development and the Chamber of Commerce were present in force to discuss workforce trends.

Pertinent points raised were a shift towards automation, utilizing social media to attract a wider pool of workers, employee needs driving workforce hours, the need to instill a solid work ethic in employees, mentorship schemes and a greater need for internships and apprenticeships locally. SunTech Machining student, Darren Altimari spoke at length about his study experience at SunTech and how the skills learned have helped him progress in the workplace. Without doubt it has enhanced his skill base and increased his marketability within the manufacturing industry. He stated that more people should consider skills based training to enhance their career path.

We appreciate the feedback provided from our employers—this has resulted in SunTech exploring internship opportunities with local company 5 Star Refrigeration. We are also mentoring students who attendance habits need improving to ensure we instill good work habits into our educational training.

**Registration for the Spring Semester is 12/1/2016 - 1/27/2017**

## Student Survey Results

A recent survey of our student body revealed students were pleased with the quality of instruction, the facilities were clean and well maintained, good health and good safety procedures are in place. Media services were varied and easily available to all students.

Areas to improve upon are our campus tours, our website and contact with the business office. More counseling is needed about payment reminders and options. Many of our students are not yet working in their field of study. This coming semester we will be contacting local employers to establish class to work employment links—thanks to all students who participated—your feedback is invaluable to improving our outcomes at SunTech.

***Mission: The mission of Suncoast Technical Education Center is to specialize in developing and promoting innovative programs for our students to meet the evolving needs of the community.***

***Vision: Together we will make aspirations a reality.***