

# SPECIAL EDITION

## CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

### WHAT IS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH?

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month is a public awareness campaign that takes place in February to acknowledge the importance of CTE and the success of CTE programs. CTE provides students with career-based skillsets to enter the workforce in specific trades and fields. Students with intellectual disabilities attending Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Programs (FPTCPs) earn meaningful credentials. Many of the programs lead to industry certification in a variety of career fields, including, but not limited to, automotive, construction, culinary, technology, and more.



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**Florida Center for Students  
with Unique Abilities**

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

- *Broward College*
- *Cape Coral Technical College*
- *Emerald Coast Technical College*
- *Fort Myers Technical College*
- *Indian River State College*
- *Lively Technical College*
- *McFatter Technical College*
- *Okaloosa Technical College*
- *Orange Technical College - Westside*
- *Robert Morgan Educational Center and Technical College*
- *Sheridan Technical College*
- *St. Petersburg College*
- *The College of the Florida Keys*

**Technical and State  
Colleges with Florida  
Postsecondary  
Comprehensive Transition  
Programs offering Career &  
Technical Education**

## **QUICK FACTS**

- There are 9 FPCTPs located at technical colleges and 4 FPCTPS at state colleges.
- One hundred forty-three students have enrolled in FPCTPs at technical colleges.
- To date, 43 students have completed their certification programs.



- Student Demographics: Black (50%), White (40%), Other (10%).
- At least 1/3 of students are of Hispanic/Latino heritage.
- At least 66% of students are male and 33% are female.

# STUDENT SUCCESS



"This program puts me in the right position to move forward for the job that I am looking for."

**Ethan, HIRE Program  
Fort Myers Technical  
College**



"If I was going to live in the real world, I wanted to do it right for me and this program has been helping me with learning how to cook for me."

**Salena, Okaloosa UP  
Okaloosa Technical  
College**



"I had help and support from my wonderful teachers who will help me reach my goal and get a job and career."

**Zuri, Project TOPS  
Robert Morgan Technical  
College**



"This program has taught me to never give up, to stay strong, do the best you can, work harder, do great things and live life to the fullest."

**Chevan, Build Your Future  
Sheridan Technical College**



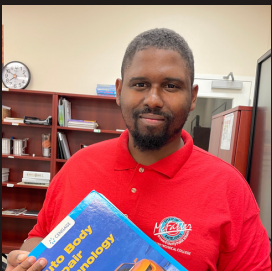
"This program is helping me with time management skills and to work with a large group of people."

**Cierra, SOAR Program  
Lively Technical College**



"My dream is to inspire the young and old to discover new accomplishments about themselves."

**Reid, Okaloosa UP  
Okaloosa Technical  
College**



"My dream is to own multiple successful businesses and ... become a damage analyst."

**Wiley, Grow Your Future  
McFatter Technical  
College**



"One thing I am proud of is the chance to experience cooking and cooking multiple things at once."

**Michael, SOAR Program  
Lively Technical College**

# WHY CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT



***"CTE courses provide students with the skills needed to work in fields that are currently in demand in our county."***

*- Cheryl Rushing, Okaloosa UP Program Director, Okaloosa Technical College*



***"The wide range of courses available at CTE colleges ensures that students with intellectual disabilities have the opportunity to pursue their passions across the state, from the Emerald Coast down to the Florida Keys."***

*- Christian Zimmerman, HIRE Program Coordinator, Fort Myers and Cape Coral Technical College*



***"Having students that receive funding from the FPCTP on campus has been a wonderful experience. I am so proud to be a part of this movement and humbled to be chosen to lead this very special population in becoming successful members of society with meaningful careers."***

*- Judith Husband, SOAR Program Coordinator, Lively Technical College*



***"We're here to help our community grow and to help people to become independent and get a career that they love. We want to help people, not just get a job, but a career that will change their lives."***

*- Jose Laverde, assistant director, Sheridan Technical College*



Hear more testimonials on FCSUA's [YouTube channel](#).

# STUDENTS IN ACTION

Take a look at the amazing work students are doing in their programs!



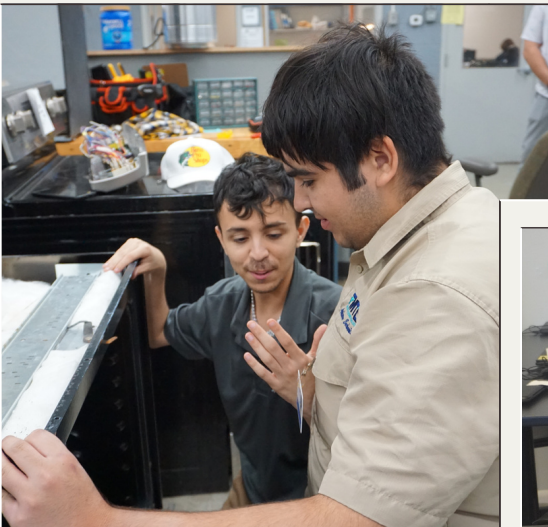
Learning how to operate a business at Okaloosa Technical College.



Preparing a dish at Robert Morgan Educational Center and Technical College



Putting the final touches on a cake at Robert Morgan Educational Center and Technical College



Learning how to repair an oven at Fort Myers Technical College.



Taking notes in class at Okaloosa Technical College.



Working on a class assignment at Robert Morgan Educational Center and Technical College