

Participants can make reservations by calling the following hotels. Ask for **Career Academy Showcase Rates**. * These rates are based upon availability.

Marriott Palm Beach Gardens
 4000 RCA Blvd
 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410
 www.marriotthotels.com
 (561) 622-8888
 \$145

Hampton Inn Palm Beach Gardens
 4001 RCA Blvd
 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410
 www.greenparkmgmt.com
 (561) 625-8880
 \$145

Nearest Airport: Palm Beach International

Rental cars in terminal: Alamo, Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, Hertz and National are all represented with desks in the Arrivals area (Level 1).

Taxi: Average one -way fare from Palm Beach International Airport to either hotel listed is \$30. Taxis are available at airport ground transportation level.

Super Shuttle: Shared van ride is available for \$20 per person each way from Palm Beach International Airport to either hotel. For reservations call (561) 233-0500.

Transportation: Transportation will be provided for school visits scheduled on April 21-22. A complimentary shuttle van will be available from the Marriott Palm Beach Gardens for visits to downtown Palm Beach Gardens and surrounding areas. A complimentary air-conditioned motor coach will be available in the afternoon of April 22 for guests returning to Palm Beach International Airport. Sign-up and departure times to be announced.

***Participants are responsible for their own travel to and from airport and hotel accommodations unless otherwise specified.**

Showcase Agenda

Monday, April 20, 2009

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Welcome Reception/Registration

Marriott Palm Beach Gardens
 4000 RCA Blvd.
 Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
 561-622-8888

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Morning Session- School Visits

- Meet and Greet/Morning Refreshments
- Welcome/Briefing
- Academy Tours
- Interaction with Students & Teachers
- Meeting with School Academy Team
- Q & A Session

12:00 PM - 4:15 PM

Afternoon Session

Nova Southeastern University, Palm Beach Gardens

- Luncheon (Provided)
- Welcome - Constance Scotchel-Gross Manager, Career Education
- Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kathleen Weigel Principal, Atlantic Community High School
- Breakout Sessions

12:00 PM - 1:45 PM

2:00 PM - 4:15 PM

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Informal Networking Poolside at the Marriott

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Morning Session- School Visits

- Meet and Greet/Morning Refreshments
- Welcome/Briefing
- Academy Tours
- Interaction with Students & Teachers
- Meeting with School Academy Team
- Q & A Session

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Closing Session

Nova Southeastern University, Palm Beach Gardens

- Luncheon (Provided)
- Career Academy Cluster Breakouts:
 Meet with District Career Education Specialists

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



Constance Scotchel-Gross, Manager
 www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us

The School District of Palm Beach County
 Department of Choice Programs and School Choice/Career Education
 presents

2009

Career Academy Showcase Palm Beach County, Florida



Atlantic Community High School
 Forest Hill Community High School
 John I. Leonard High School
 Lake Worth Community High School
 Palm Beach Gardens Community High School
 Palm Beach Lakes Community High School
 Seminole Ridge Community High School
 West Boca Raton Community High School
 William T. Dwyer High School

April 20-22, 2009

You are invited to join the Career Education Team as we showcase our nationally recognized Career Academies in nine high schools in Palm Beach County, Florida. Atlantic Community High School, Forest Hill Community High School, John I. Leonard High School, Lake Worth Community High School, Palm Beach Gardens High School, Palm Beach Lakes Community High School, Seminole Ridge Community High School, West Boca Raton Community High School and William T. Dwyer High School, received recognition from the National Career Academy Coalition and the Association for Career and Technical Education for their exemplary career academy programs.

Atlantic Community High School's Criminal Justice Academy earned a recognition as a Model academy. This academy demonstrates the power of collaboration between the School District and the community. All Criminal Justice Academy instructors are industry certified police officers.

Forest Hill Community High School was recognized for their Environmental Science and Technology Career Academy. This Model academy offers students an innovative and collaborative approach to environmental careers. All students are involved in a learning-through-discovery approach, developing research and thinking skills.

John I. Leonard High School earned recognition as a Model academy for their Computer Science Academy. Chosen by the state in 1988 as a Model Technology School, this academy provides a career and college preparatory curriculum to students interested in a variety of fields within computer education.

Lake Worth Community High School's Medical Sciences Academy was recognized as a Model academy. The Medical Sciences Academy provides students with the opportunity to explore careers in Allied Health Assisting, Nurse Assisting, Practical Nursing, Dental Assistant, Home Health Aide, Electrocardiograph Aide, First Responder and Pharmacy Technician. These programs provide students with a skill-based curriculum that equips them with job specific medical skills, certification or licensure as well as appropriate credentials to enter college and succeed.

Palm Beach Gardens Community High School was recognized for the Tourism, Hospitality and Resort Management Career Academy. This program is a Model academy of over 550 schools nationwide established to promote educational excellence by the National Academy Foundation. This college preparatory program integrates unique high school courses with practical work experience in the field.

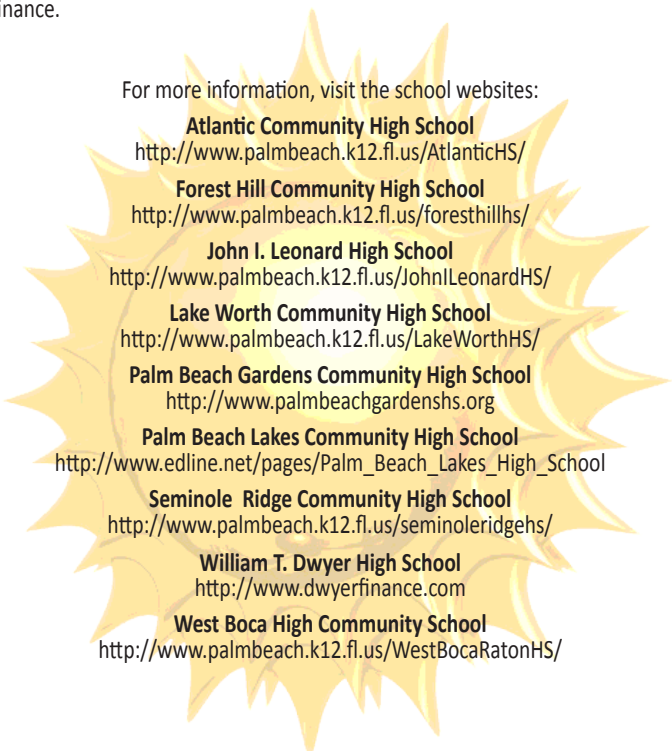
Palm Beach Lakes Community High School's Medical Sciences Academy was recognized as a "Certified Academy" in February 2007. This four-year program enables students to have access to a positive learning environment that provides them with the medical skills and training necessary to succeed in college and the work environment. Students can specialize in Allied Health Assisting (Sports Medicine), Pharmacy Technician, Nursing Assistant and Practical Nursing. After

completing clinical rotations, students can exit as seniors with certifications in Basic Life Support, Dental Assisting, Pharmacy Technician, Nursing Assistant and Practical Nursing.

Seminole Ridge Community High School is the newest high school to be recognized as a "Certified Academy" for their successful Construction Academy. This program focuses on broad transferable skills and stresses the understanding of all aspects and elements of the building construction industry. Training occurs in the classroom, lab and on actual job sites.

West Boca Raton Community High School has been nationally recognized for their Culinary Arts Academy. Students in this Model academy move through Culinary Operations 1,2,3 and 4 and gain knowledge in culinary arts and food service management. The Pro Start curriculum is utilized and is supplemented by hands-on experiences, mentoring and demonstrations by visiting chefs on a regular basis. Students can be certified by national organizations such as The National Restaurant Association, with a Pro Start certificate, ServeSafe certificate, membership in the American Culinary Federation and the National Technical Honor Society.

William T. Dwyer High School's Academy of Finance has received Model academy recognition and is a member of the National Academy Foundation which brings many opportunities to continue to gain professional development and share ideas with programs throughout the country. This academy is designed to give high school students an opportunity to learn about and prepare for college or careers in business and finance.



The Career Academy Showcase is open to all educators. Participants will tour the Career Academies, listen to formal presentations and interact informally with students and staff. This experience will provide the opportunity to identify Palm Beach County School District's Best Practices, share your experience with colleagues and network with other districts from around the country.

To register for the Career Academy Showcase, complete this form and return with a check no later than **February 27, 2009**. Please print clearly.

Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

School: _____

District: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Please select your top **four** choices of the nine Nationally Recognized Career Academies. You will be registered to attend two of the schools you select.

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

3rd Choice _____

4th Choice _____

Make your checks payable to:
Palm Beach County School District/Career Education
 Remit to: Tara Kobel, Career Education Specialist
 3310 Forest Hill Boulevard, Ibis Building Room 6007
 West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Early Registration Prior to December 19, 2008.....\$479.00
 Registration After December 19, 2008.....\$529.00
Fee Must Accompany Registration Form **SORRY WE DO NOT ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS**

REFUND POLICY

PBCSD/Career Education will grant refunds, minus a \$75 processing fee for all cancellations received prior to March 20, 2009. No refunds will be issued after this date. All refund requests must be in writing to Tara Kobel, Career Education Specialist at kobelt@palmbeach.k12.fl.us.

"The parties' performance of any duties arising herein is subject to the Acts of God, war, terrorism, riot, government regulations, disaster, fire, strikes, civil disorder, curtailment of transportation facilities, or other similar cause beyond their control, making it inadvisable, illegal, or impossible to perform their duties. The parties may cancel the Agreement without penalty for any one of the above-referenced reasons by written notice to the other."