

# The Enlightener

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## Martin County School District Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for new Bulldog Bank at South Fork High

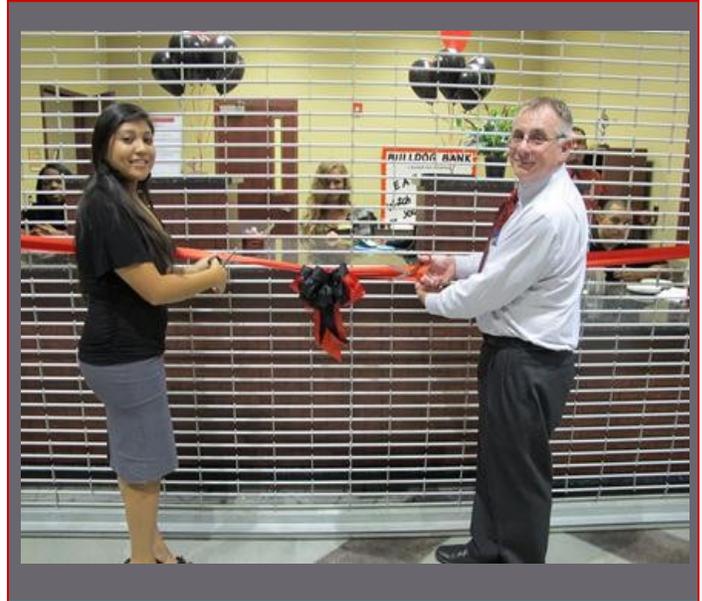
A special Grand-Opening took place today at South Fork High as the school's Bulldog Bank kicked off its operations for the 2011-2012 school year. This afternoon, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to mark the opening of the bank in its new location on the campus! Bulldog Bank now operates out of a brand new facility in the school's newly constructed administration/classroom building. "It's beautiful! It's a big upgrade," said South Fork High School senior Juana Mendoza, who also serves as the student President of the Bulldog Bank.

Bulldog Bank is a student-run enterprise operated in partnership with Seacoast National Bank. Students enrolled in the school's Finance Academy have the opportunity to intern at the bank, working as customer service representatives and bank officers, including President and Vice President of Operations, as well as Director of Marketing.

"We're so proud of the work being done by our students with the Bulldog Bank. It benefits the entire school. The students in the Finance Academy who run the bank gain real-world

career experience and all of South Fork's students have the opportunity to learn about the importance of saving," said Superintendent Nancy Kline.

"I think that Bulldog Bank is tremendous. It is a great opportunity for our students no matter what their career path," said School Board Vice Chair Laurie Gaylord.



**Top Photo:** Juana Mendoza (Student) and Matt Kennedy (Seacoast National Bank Senior Vice President) **Bottom Photo:** (Left-Right) Charles Moody (SFHS Athletic Director), Brandon Pajkuric (Student), Emilio Gonzalez (Asst. Principal), Debbie Banta, (Teacher), Bob Stevenson (Owner/Operator M&M Petroleum/Dairy Queen/Track Enterprises), Constance Scotchel-Gross (Coordinator of CTE), Nancy Kline (Superintendent), Laurie Gaylord (School Board Vice Chair), Dave Hall (Principal), Maria Gonzalez (Student), Nico Ciccone (Former SFHS student/Bulldog Bank President and Seacoast National Bank employee), Leslie Warren (Seacoast National Bank Vice President, Senior Branch Manager), Matt Kennedy (Seacoast National Bank Senior Vice President), and Nick Wood (Teacher).



## CTE CENTRAL TO SUCCESS OF AMERICAN JOBS ACT

Alexandria, VA – President Obama’s announcement of a \$447 billion American Jobs Act to help revive the economy provides resources for several important career and technical education initiatives that will support education and skills training needed to get individuals back to work. The president’s plan also provides positive investments to build the backbone of the nation’s education system, a critical component to the nation’s long-term health and stability.

Specific proposals that ACTE supports include:

A \$30 billion initiative to prevent layoffs of up to 280,000 teachers. Often non-academic teacher positions, such as career and technical educators, are the first eliminated, despite the fact that these courses keep many students engaged and involved in school. ACTE is pleased that the president’s initiative applies to other important educators such as school counselors who are essential personnel related to student career development.

\$25 billion to modernize school facilities, including a \$5 billion investment in community colleges. Enrollment in career and technical education programs, community and technical colleges, area career and technical centers and other CTE-related

programs is at an all time high. All of these institutions need support as laid off employees seek to address retraining needs. The infrastructure needs of secondary schools is important too.

Components of the Pathways Back to Work for Americans Looking for Jobs plan, including the “Bridge to Work” initiative, which will provide long-term unemployed workers receiving UI benefits an opportunity to pursue work-based training.

Also a part of the Pathways Back to Work for Americans Looking for Jobs plan, the fund that would support low-income youth and adult retraining needs through summer youth jobs programs, subsidized employment opportunities built off of the TANF Emergency Contingency Fund wage subsidy program, and innovative local work-based job training.

“As Congress focuses on jobs and matching worker skills with employer demands, career and technical education (CTE) provides the solution,” said Janet Bray, Executive Director of ACTE. “We commend the president for including important CTE initiatives and we encourage him and other policymakers to provide more focus and investment in the CTE system as a whole.”

Despite the president’s jobs plan, the Obama Administration has

proposed to reduce the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act by \$264 million for Fiscal Year 2012. The Perkins Act supports both secondary and post-secondary institutions to help develop career pathway strategies, updating equipment, improving curricula and training teachers. “Most of the Administration’s focus has been on immediate job openings, which is understandable,” said Bray, “But, more needs to be done to help students and adults develop long-term career pathways. That’s a large part of what CTE does and the Perkins Act supports these activities. We encourage the Administration to rethink its Perkins proposal and are asking Congress to fully fund the program.”

Other portions of the president’s jobs plan are encouraging such as the tax credit provisions and modernization of the nation’s ailing infrastructure system. Many such proposals will depend on the nation’s CTE system to deliver the workers needed to fill those jobs.

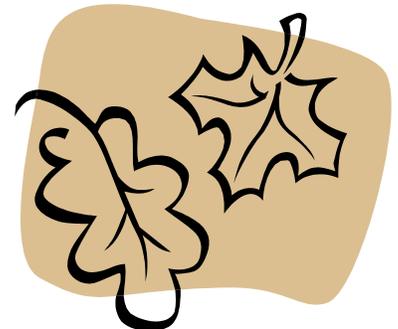
ACTE looks forward to learning more details about the American Jobs Act as details are released.

# September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 <i>Labor Day</i>	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 	13 	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 	22 	23 <i>Fall</i> 	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

## Schedule of Events

- September 5th— The FACTE Office will be closed for Labor Day.
- September 12th—FACTE’s *Web Conferencing* course begins online. See the FACTE website for more information.
- September 13th—FACTE’s *Technology Basics* course begins online. See the FACTE website for more information.
- September 13th—FACTE’s *Career Academy Division: Building Successful Foundation—Component I* course begins online. See the FACTE website for more information.
- September 19th-23rd - Committee Week.
- September 21st—FACTE’s *Classroom Management for CTE* course begins online. See the FACTE website for more information.
- September 22nd—FACTE’s *Standard-Based Instruction: How I Know What I Teach?* course begins online. See the FACTE website for more information.
- September 23rd is the first day of Fall.



# Carl D. Perkins Fund

## *Our State...*

*Florida CTE had an 8.35% reduction this year which represented a loss of \$5,361,067.*

Career & Technical Education	2010-2011 Appropriation	2010-2011 % of Total	2011-2012 Appropriation	2011-2012 % of Total
Carl D. Perkins	\$59,377,699	92.5%	\$58,832,505	100%
Carl D. Perkins - Tech Prep	\$4,815,873	7.5%		0%
<b>Total Perkins (consolidated)</b>	<b>\$64,193,572</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$58,832,505</b>	<b>100%</b>

## *Nationally...*

*The following information was prepared by the Association for Career and Technical Education*

### Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act Fiscal Year 2012 Budget

#### Cuts to Perkins and CTE: A Problem for Business & Industry

- CTE programs in secondary and postsecondary institutions are developing **America's most valuable resource— its people**; helping them gain the skills, technical knowledge, academic foundation and real-world experience they need to prepare for high-skill, high-demand, high-wage careers.
- CTE is developing a **skilled, sustainable workforce** for American business and industry.
- Baby boomers will be retiring at the rate of thousands per day over the next two decades.
- Experts predict **47 million job openings** in the decade ending 2018. About two-thirds will require an associate's degree or certificate, and nearly all will require real-world skills that can be mastered through CTE.
- Secondary, postsecondary and adult CTE programs are developing the skilled workforce companies need to increase **productivity and competitiveness**.
- A workforce educated through CTE represents a complete range of career areas across the entire economy— and is **driven by the needs and demands of employers**.
- Well-trained and highly-skilled workers will be best positioned to secure high-wage jobs over the next decade.

#### Cuts to Perkins and CTE: A Problem for Business & Industry

- Perkins was flat-funded from 2002 through 2011, and as a result, the program **lost 21 percent of its buying power** over that period due to inflation.
- Perkins was cut by \$140.2 million (11 percent) in the FY 2011 budget, bringing total appropriations for CTE down to \$1.1 billion.
- President Barack Obama's FY 2012 budget proposed to increase overall Department of Education funding by \$2 billion, yet there were **significant cuts to Perkins** that would decrease total FY 2012 appropriations to \$1 billion.
- Cuts to Perkins-funded CTE programs will reduce the number of educated, skilled workers entering the workforce at a time when the nation needs to create jobs and rebuild its economy.
- Without critical Perkins funding, CTE programs will not be able to feed the productivity of local employers, **reducing Business and Industry profitability and limiting expansion** of the community base of corporate and payroll tax revenues.

# Career Opportunities

## First Coast Technical College

### Job Vacancies

Full-Time

LPN Instructor

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Part-Time

Medical Assisting Instructor

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Part-Time

Dental Instructor

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Part-Time

Massage Therapy Instructor

.....  
Part-Time

Pharmacies Technician Instructor

.....  
Contact JoJean Ponce  
for more information

904-547-3302

[www.fctc.edu](http://www.fctc.edu)

Engineering teacher position available at

Chiles High School in Leon County.

Visit the website below for more information:

<https://pats.leon.k12.fl.us/pats/pats.nsf/MainWebFrameset?OpenFrameset>

Carver Middle School in Lake County has an opening for a Family and Consumer Science instructor. Interested participants should apply online on the district website at

[www.lake.k12.fl.us](http://www.lake.k12.fl.us).

Eustis High School in Lake County has an opening for a Pathways to Engineering instructor. Interested participants should apply online on the district website at

[www.lake.k12.fl.us](http://www.lake.k12.fl.us).



## Apprenticeship May Solve the Skills Gap

Listen to the story online from National Public Radio (NPR) at

<http://www.npr.org/2011/09/08/140279170/reviving-apprenticeships-could-solve-skills-gap-spark-economy>.



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