



Greetings and Happy Holidays CareerSource Central Florida Board Members!

I am thankful and proud of the work we have accomplished together and for your dedication and commitment to our organization and mission.

Reflecting on this year, it has been truly remarkable – from the launch of our BOLD initiative and hosting an energized All-Staff meeting in the fall to the addition of new Board members and the introduction of our rebranded podcast, Boldline, and to the achievement of record-breaking Summer Youth Program participants. We also welcomed a new COO and VP of Development, successfully placed thousands into meaningful careers, formed new partnerships, and achieved numerous other milestones. We have undoubtedly soared to new heights and are now gearing up for an even BOLDER future.

I wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season filled with peace, joy, and happiness. HappyHolidays and Happy New Year!

Best,  
-Pam

## MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

### Powerful Impact: CSCF Board Members and Pam Nabors shine with recognitions

Orlando Magazine recognized several CSCF Board members, including our own Pam Nabors, in their prestigious list of the 50 Most Powerful People in 2023. Congratulations to Gaby Ortigoni, Tanisha Gary, Dr. Maria Vazquez, Wendy Brandon, and Jeff Hayward, who were recognized for their commitment to transforming Central Florida's economic landscape and making Orlando 'The City Beautiful.'

Steven "Snak" Nakagawa, Sheri Olson, David Sprinkle, Gaby Ortigoni, and Dr. John Gyllin were honored in the Orlando Business Journal's Power Players list. Pam was named a 2023 Power Player in the Heavy Hitter category for her longstanding leadership and powerful influence in shaping Central Florida's narrative. The Power Players event recognizes leaders who grow and innovate business strategies in the metro Orlando region.

Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition celebrating the impactful work that elevates our Central Florida community.

[50 Most Powerful People](#)

[OBJ's Power Players](#)

### Hope Partnership Presentation in Tallahassee

Pam was invited to Tallahassee by Katie Crofoot, director of the Executive Office of the Governor's Office of Reimagining

Education and Career Help (REACH) to present in front of the legislative committee on the collaboration with CSCF and the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) through the HOPE Florida partnership to provide career consultation services to families being supported by DCF. The presentation gave us the opportunity to share CSCF's vision, the industries we serve, and the services offered to career seekers and businesses.



### Bold conversations, big impact: CSCF podcast BOLDLINE receives a boost



We are excited to announce the launch and reveal of the fresh new look of our podcast BOLDLINE, a podcast where bold conversations drive big impact. On this podcast, Pam will chat with dynamic business leaders and influential experts about what's impacting today's workers and communities. Listeners will hear fresh perspectives on talent strategies, career development, and market trends shaping the future workforce in Central Florida and beyond.

[Listen Here](#)

### CSCF staff receive behind the scenes tour at the Hyatt Regency Orlando

CSCF Board member Mark Havard hosted CSCF staff at the Hyatt Regency Orlando for an immersive, on-site tour of the hospitality industry this December. Several CSCF staff, including Vice President of Workforce Operations Nilda Blanco, gained first-hand knowledge about Hyatt Regency Orlando's operations, culture, and career opportunities in the industry. The purpose of this tour was to help staff learn more about the hotel's operations, discover open roles and positions, and gain information on the hospitality industry overall.

Thank you Mark for creating this one-of-a-kind experience for our staff and being a continuously engaged Board member.



# SPOTLIGHT MOMENT

## Your contributions are making waves

A heartfelt appreciation to several of our Board Members who made generous donations and contributions to CSCF during the first half of our program year. We would like to say thank you to the following Board Members for their donations: Joe Battista, Wendy Brandon, Gui Cunha, Wendy Ford, Tanisha Nunn Gary, Mark Havard, Jeff Hayward, Stella Siracusa, Michelle Sperzel, Richard Sweat, DeAnna Thomas, Maria Vazquez. We are sincerely grateful for your outstanding generosity and helping CSCF to continue making a prosperous community for our businesses, career seekers, and partners. Thank you Board Members for making a BOLD impact on CSCF and our community!

## GET TO KNOW THE BOARD

### Meet Steven "Snak" Nakagawa

Program Director, Cenfluence  
Florida High Tech Corridor



#### Where does your nickname "Snak" come from?

In one of my previous career lives I was a Naval Flight Officer, flying A-6E and EA-6B mission from Navy aircraft carriers. I always had Jolly Rancher candies in my flight suit so I could give my pilot a "Scooby snack" ~15 minutes before our land time, to increase the likelihood they'd actually get us safely back aboard the aircraft carrier... Somehow my nickname "Nak" turned into "Snak!"

#### What is something important to you about being on the CSCF board?

I'm proud to be on a great team of innovation ecosystem builders at the Florida High Tech Corridor. Joining the CSCF team helps me understand and support the talent pipeline side of the business -- it's great locking arms to build economic prosperity for the people of our region.

#### What are your hobbies?

Searching for golf balls, exploring on a mountain bike, supporting our vibrant locally-owned farm-to-table chefs, exploring Florida, appreciating bourbon, and serving others!

#### Favorite holiday tradition if any?

Nakagawa family Tripoley battles! (It's a game we've always all played together, all ages from ~5 to 95!)

#### What advice do you like to share with others?

Community building is a team sport, and relationships matter.

#### What do you look forward to seeing from the Board this year?

I am looking forward to supporting CSCF's mission in partnership with The Corridor's industry clustering initiative, Cenfluence.

## UPCOMING REMINDERS

### Mark Your Calendars

State of Hospitality & Tourism Summit | January 22, 2024

Save the date to join us as we team up with the Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association (CFHLA) for the first of its kind State of Hospitality & Tourism Summit on January 22, 2024.

### **CSCF Board Meeting | February 29, 2024**

Stay tuned for more details on the CSCF Board Meeting on Thursday, February 29. We'll be sharing more details soon.

### **CSCF Board of Directors retreat | April 2024**

The CSCF Board members retreat will be held in April 2024. We'll be sharing more details soon.

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