



Greetings CareerSource Central Florida Board Members and Happy Leap Year!

It has been a busy and productive past couple of months here at CSCF, thanks largely to your commitment to our mission and being BOLD.

This past quarter, we have achieved many milestones, which I am proud of and the work we are doing as an organization. We hosted a first-of-its-kind State of the Hospitality Summit with Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association (CFHLA), collaborated with Bridg, which resulted in a \$1.2 million grant, and celebrated many of our CSCF staff who were recognized in the region for outstanding excellence, which you will read more about below.

As we spring forward towards the remainder of the program year, we have much to look forward to, including our CSCF Board Retreat on April 26. It will take place at the 4Roots Foundation in Orlando's up and coming Packing District, an emerging neighborhood in the heart of Orlando. Look forward to seeing you all soon.

Best,
-Pam

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

Central Florida Wins Inaugural NSF Regional Innovation Engines Award

Osceola County's NeoCity was selected as a recipient of inaugural NSF Regional Innovation Engines from the U.S. National Science Foundation. The Central Florida Semiconductor Innovation Engine will initially receive up to \$15 million for the next two years and a potential \$160 million over the next ten years. It will bring together major Central Florida partners to support the reshoring of the semiconductor advanced packaging industry. CSCF will also receive \$1.2 million over two years. We collaborated with Bridg throughout the proposal period and are excited to be part of the future collaboration.

[Read the press release](#)

Central Florida Education-Industry Collaborative

CSCF has joined forces with The University of Central Florida to launch the "Central Florida Education-Industry Collaborative" which will unite business leaders, employers, and the community to discuss the programming needed to meet the demands of the future workforce in Central Florida. The group will also facilitate a connection between educational programming and industry requirements. The meeting will be on March 19, 2024 at the UCF Downtown, Dr. Phillips Academic Commons.

Partnerships With Purpose

In December 2022, CSCF partnered with the non-profit foundation Aeras Technologies, a collaboration aimed at repurposing used technology equipment for donating to individuals in need. CSCF is the leading contributor at Aeras Technologies having donated over 200 desktop computers, 50 HP laptops, and numerous cell phones.

Summer Youth Program Launches

The Summer Youth Program application period kicked off on February 5 with more than 1,300 applications received so far. Our goal is to enroll 1,500 young adults ages 14 to 19 to gain work-ready skills and exposure to different career fields. We are excited for this year's Summer Youth Program and connecting more youth to careers than ever before.

Leaving a Legacy with 4Roots Foundation

Recently, the Senior Leadership team met at the 4Roots Foundation for their quarterly offsite planning meeting. On site we learned about an initiative to plant trees around the Packing District and the upcoming site of their upcoming 4Roots Farm Campus. The team pledged a donation on behalf of CSCF to show our commitment and support for their commitment to fight food insecurity and building a strong local food system. Tree #62 will have a plaque with our organization's name.



SPOTLIGHT MOMENT

Super Star Staff Recognitions



We are proud of our staff for receiving many recognitions from various organizations in Central Florida. Yolanda Green, CSCF Business Engagement Representative, was recognized as Ambassador of the Year by the Leesburg Chamber of Commerce. Congressman Daniel Webster's office also acknowledged and presented her the award. Janee Olds, CSCF Director of Workforce Special Projects, was named in Orlando Business Journal's 40 under 40 List of people to watch. CSCF also voted Best Employee Staffing Company 2024 by Lake County in the South Lake Chamber of Commerce Business Awards.

GET TO KNOW THE BOARD

Meet Guilherme Cunha

Administrator, Office of Economic Development and Tourism
Seminole County Government



How long has you been with the Board? For more than 2 years.

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

Engaging with the Summer Youth Program

What are your hobbies?

Weightlifting, Jujutsu, and Muay Thai

Can you share your best work tip or inspiration?

A quote that says "The darkest hour is just before the dawn"

UPCOMING REMINDERS

Mark Your Calendars

The National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) Forum is coming up on March 23-26 in Washington, D.C.

CSCF Board of Directors retreat | Friday, April 26

The CSCF Board retreat is scheduled for Friday, April 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the 4Roots Foundation located in Orlando's Packing District.

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