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## Office of Postsecondary Career and Technical Education Opening of Schools 2022-2023

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The 2022-2023 Postsecondary Career and Technical Education (OPCTE) Opening of Schools Meeting commenced this year in robust fashion on August 9, 2022, at Lindsey Hopkins Technical College with the timely themed message: “Upskill and Get There; Connecting Students to their Maximum Earning Potential.” The theme is particularly appropriate and resonates well in light of the nation’s current needs and demands for skilled workers at all levels. Since one of the primary directives this year is being informed (upskill) and forming connections,

several district presenters from various departments were given the opportunity to inform our team of their function and services.

Attendees included the new entire administrative team for OPTCE, notably Assistant Superintendent René Mantilla; Administrative Director Reginald J. Fox; district directors Dr. Susana Mauri and Dr. Angela Thomas-Dupree; principals; vice principals; assistant principals; honored guests; and district presenters as well as the planning committee and emcee.

The event itself was flawlessly executed at Lindsey Hopkins Technical College under the able direction of Mr. René Mantilla and staff with support of Ms. Chantal Osborne, Principal, and her team. Everyone involved worked tirelessly to ensure all aspects were prepared and ready for a successful presentation, from the design to the décor, all was beautifully displayed.

Recognitions and awards were given to select staff members who have recently moved on to new opportunities and advancements. A special thanks to our remarkable guest, Dr. Jose L. Dotres, Superintendent of Schools, who honored us with his presence, acknowledging his commitment and support for the division. It was notably the first time in a long time since the Superintendent of Schools attended our department’s Opening of Schools Meeting. Congratulations and thanks to everyone that contributed to what was a very successful event.





## Winners and Runners-up: Office of Postsecondary Career and Technical Education

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Dr. Susana Mauri, Principal of The Year



Mr. Jean C. Saint-Phard, Assistant Principal of The Year



Mr. Derrek Bostick, Teacher of The Year



Ms. Latisha Lewis, Paraprofessional of The Year



Mr. Jesus C. Lopez, Support Personnel of The Year



Mr. George Nieves – AFSCME Security Support Personnel of The Year

During the 2021-2022 school year, candidates from various strategic positions within our division, Office of Post Secondary Career and Technical Education, were selected for their exemplary achievements and professionalism in their assigned positions. Professionalism is a powerful quality. It encourages you to fulfill your role to the best of your ability. Being recognized helps you impress and inspire those around you. Moreover, it offers to those gifted individuals a deep sense of satisfaction to know that they have met and often exceeded their career goals and objectives.

We are extremely proud and honored to acknowledge six of our staff members, who have successfully fulfilled those requirements and have been chosen as the 2021-2022 school year winners/runners-up for the positions they hold within our division. They are all to be congratulated for their undaunting contributions and efforts that fuel the highest possible educational standards.

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## 2022 Graduates: Turner Tech Adult & Community Education Center

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Turner Tech graduates on their big day

July 25th, 2022, was a memorable day for William H. Turner Technical Arts Adult & Community Education Center. Our Class of 2022, comprised of CTE and

High School graduates, was celebrated and honored for its hard work. The graduates achievement did not come without hardship, but it was all well worth it! With tears in their eyes, they received their diplomas from administrators and dignitaries. In addition, our ESOL and Senior Learners students' academic progress was acknowledged.

Graduates celebrated this milestone with family, loved ones, friends and school staff. Immediately after the ceremony, our graduates received a gift and enjoyed refreshments. A 360 Photo Booth was available for all attendees to capture that special moment. They provides classes to adult students in a variety of programs. These programs include Barbering, Construction, Electricity, HVAC, Plumbing and Welding. They also offer Adult ESOL, Citizenship, Course Recovery, GED®, and Adult Intro to Computers. These amazing programs are led by highly experienced teachers, certified in their program. At Turner Tech Adult, we are more than just a school, we are a family!

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Instructors holding up awards at students' graduation

## Student Services Sprinkles a Little Kindness: Lindsey in the Community

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National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week is held each year during the week before Thanksgiving. The counselors at Lindsey Hopkins Technical College (LHTC) conducted a drive to collect socks and blankets. More than 500 individual items were donated to include toothpaste, toothbrushes, children's products, and other sanitary items. On distribution day, additional LHTC staff aided the counselors with delivering the bags in the community. While the recipients expressed much gratitude, it caused the staff to be filled with mixed emotions which inspired a purpose to help more. Throughout the month of November, the counseling department educated staff on the causes, the interventions, and efforts to serve those in need.

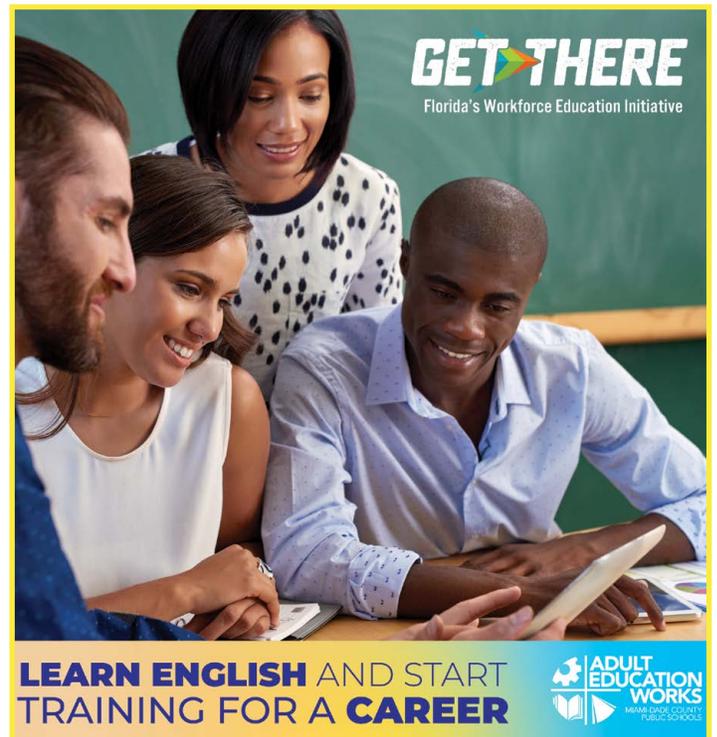


Mr. Navelle Saunders (LHTC Electrical Technician student, left), helped a displaced family

Ms. Hawkins (LHTC counselor, right), delivered a bag with a blanket, socks, and other useful items to the homeless/displaced population



LHTC Counselors: Ms. Paul, Ms. Estiverne, Ms. Martinez, and Ms. Hawkins




## Miami Beach Adult Education Center: Summer 2022 Graduation

[northmiamiadulterdu.com](http://northmiamiadulterdu.com)



Administrators showing support of students' big day

On Monday, July 25, 2022, Miami Beach Adult & Community Education Center held its graduation ceremony at the Fienberg Fisher K-8 auditorium. Families and students were greeted by the sweet sounds of the violin and cello played by Mikaela and Daniela Guzman from Miami Arts Charter School. The Miami-Dade County Public Schools Police Explorers did the presentation of colors. The graduates were provided MBA swag bags full of goodies as well as pastries donated from CAO bakery.

Excitement filled in the air for the 12 graduates that proudly walked across the stage. It was an emotional ceremony for the new principal, Ms. Cristina Ugalde. This class was in great company as platform guests included the Honorable School Board Member for District 3 Lucia Baez-Geller; Assistant Superintendent René Mantilla; District Director Dr. Angela Thomas-Duprée; Executive Director of Curriculum Rosy Ugalde; Executive Director Michelle J. Ulysses-Grant; Vice Principal Eida Herrera; and Assistant Principal Madeline Mendez. Baez-Geller shared with the students the importance of going out in the world and making a change and Mrs. Ugalde shared how important the “papelito” is, referring to their diploma, as they move forward in life. Many stories can be shared about the struggles

and sacrifices these students endured to reach this accomplishment. Most notably, one of the graduates, Alexa Carsella, waited a long time to accomplish this dream. When she was 18, she suffered a stroke causing her the inability to graduate from high school. She had attempted to obtain her GED numerous times via different adult education centers, but her time at Miami Beach Adult was the one that got her to the finish line. She attributes her success to working with her teacher, Mrs. Staci Landwehr saying Mrs. Landwehr had a lot of patience and provided her with strategies that enabled her to reach for the stars. Another important example of success and resilience is the story of Daniela Morris, the 16-year-old who was in high school wanting more and wanting it sooner rather than later. She aspires to be a “beautician to the stars” so she enrolled in our GED program amidst the Covid pandemic and completed her classes to earn her GED. She will now continue her education to achieve her goals.

After the graduation ceremony, there was a reception for the students and their families. There were refreshments and cake,

At Miami Beach Adult we are grateful to be able to provide a service that can change the future lives of so many.



Students of 2022 alongside administrators and instructors

## CareerSource: Workforce Development Education

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Did you know Miami-Dade County Public Schools' seven technical colleges are now approved training providers for CareerSource South Florida? We presently have over 45 technical programs and apprenticeships approved by CareerSource with more to come.

CareerSource Florida is the State of Florida's key contributor to efforts to develop & sustain a skilled workforce. CareerSource's ten locations in Miami Dade & Monroe counties provide, among other services, free employment services and tuition assistance to qualified South Florida residents to learn technical skills in high paying, high demand occupations.

This past June, CareerSource administrators and advisors toured Miami Lakes Educational Center and Technical College, D.A. Dorsey Technical College, George T. Baker Aviation, Lindsey Hopkins Technical College, The English Center, Robert Morgan Educational Center and Technical College and South Dade Technical College. School principals and staff had an opportunity to showcase their schools and review the career technical programs they offer. CareerSource staff met with teachers in the classrooms and workshops to experience first-hand how students build technical skills for a specific trade through instruction and hands-on training. School counselors and financial aid officers were also available to answer questions.

In July, CareerSource showcased centers in Carol City, Northside, West Miami, and Perrine to Miami-Dade County Schools. Mr. Reginald J. Fox, Administrative Director; Dr. Susana Mauri, District Director; Carlena Mitchell, Supervisor; and principals from the technical colleges met with the director and key staff members from each center and learned about the services CareerSource centers provide the area's workforce.

"I believe this relationship is critical as CareerSource

and M-DCPS work together to close the skills gap for those we serve in the community", stated Ms. Mitchel.



## Mindfulness at Turner Tech Adult Education Center

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What is Yoga? Well yoga is many things to many people. For some, it is a stress reliever. For others, practicing yoga means you learn about meditating, breathing, and mental well-being. For most people, it helps with their physical posture. William H. Turner Technical Adult Education Center started a fun and healthy initiative we have coined, “Mindfulness Mondays!” Our Mindfulness Mondays initiative kicked off with a Yin Yoga session for faculty and staff to begin establishing a culture of social emotional teaching and learning in a safe space that will incorporate strategies that facilitate stress management, brain power, and overall wellness. Our very own Vice Principal, Ms. Judy Rodriguez, taught our first session which was held on Monday, July 18th, 2022, in the campus gymnasium. Here is a little background information about the woman on the mat. Judy began to practice Bikram Yoga in April 2012, and it quickly became her preferred exercise regimen. After running another half marathon in January 2016, she developed heel spurs which was the catalyst for Judy practicing more yoga. Ms. Rodriguez is not just an administrator; she is a certified yoga instructor with training in Ashtanga, Yin, and Hot 26 + 2 style yoga since 2016. In July 2022, she was awarded a mat grant by Give

Back Yoga Foundation in conjunction with Lululemon to use with the Adult Education school community. So now we know why our first session was such a success!

With our Mindfulness Mondays kick-off under our belts, everyone was pleased, energized, and eagerly awaiting the next session Ms. Rodriguez is working on putting specific dates together to offer these sessions every month due to high demand from the participants. William H. Turner Tech Adult Education Center activities for faculty, staff, and students do not stop here, so be on the lookout! There is more to come!



Adult Education students in a group mindfulness class



Ms. Judy Rodriguez showing off new mats for students to engage in “Mindfulness Mondays”

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