

## Students prepare for future in business setting

NAPLES, Fla. (June 20, 2013) – A workshop at the Hilton Naples was the setting for students of The Immokalee Foundation to learn skills necessary to succeed in business. The lunch and reception schooled the future young professionals in the value of making a positive first impression in a business setting.

The 40 high school juniors and seniors interacted with area business executives who offered valuable insights on entering the workforce as well as the path to their current positions.

The training session began with a lunch hosted by Shula's Steak House. Lead by Brenda O'Connor, senior vice president with The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce along with Jennifer Edwards, Collier County Supervisor of Elections, and Shelley Hobbs, Naples Florida Weekly, the three-course formal meal included lessons on dining etiquette, the art of conversation and how to dine with ease, as well as how to handle table mishaps, when and how to present business cards, and being a good host.

"This is great that these students are learning skills they will need to be comfortable and confident in a business setting," said O'Connor.

Following lunch, the appropriately-attired students gathered for a networking seminar lead by Ryan Williams, Northwestern Mutual Fi-

nanacial Network, and a reception with some of Southwest Florida's most successful business leaders. They received a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet and interact with 40 businesspeople, including executives with NCH Healthcare System and Arthrex, Winn-Dixie, IberiaBank, Beasley Broadcasting

Group, Fifth Third Bank, Collier County Library and Northwestern Mutual Financial Network.

"As a recruiter, I often advise and offer guidance to young people," said Connie Byrne, Arthrex recruiting manager. "TIF is doing a great job teaching kids how to network and introducing them to possible

career opportunities."

Students gained essential networking skills, how to work a room and the art of conversation, including how to share details in an appropriate manner. They created business cards, which included their college major, in hopes of making connections that could

further their potential job opportunities. The students were also encouraged to keep in touch with the business execs they met.

Natrone Means, a TIF student since the 7th grade, will be attending Florida International University

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### Support Immokalee Little League

Parents, grandparents and our community of Immokalee. Our young men will be playing in an All-Star Tournament this weekend in Lehigh Acres beginning on Friday, June 28, at 6 p.m. and will last through July 3 or double elimination. Our young men have been practicing hard for the last couple of weeks so our community can be proud of them. Please show your support when they go out and play this week end. For our 11-12 year olds depending if they win or lose on Friday will determine what time they will play on Saturday through July 3 or double elimination. For our 13-14 year olds, their first game will be on Thursday, June 27, at 7 p.m. and will last through July 2. Please come out and show your support. For playing times after the first game please call for information: 239-324-3072. All these games will be played in Lehigh Acres. Please show your support.

TOP: 13-14 year old All-Stars: Manager - Hector Ramos Jr., Asst. Coaches - (Not Shown) Juan Aviles, Greg Betancourt. Players (Not in Order) Alex Arreaga Jr., Christian Aviles, Greg Betancourt, Nathaniel Betancourt, Jose Canales, Oscar Flores, Juan Ramirez, Christian Ramos, Jorge Ramos and Ramiro Rodriguez.

BOTTOM: These are our (Major) 11-12 year old All-Stars (Names not in order: Manager - David Flores Jr. Asst. Coaches - Roberto Ayala and Juan Jose Alvarez. Players: Juan Alvarez IV, Michael Alviar, Tomas Ayala, Ethan Balentine, Tyler Crabtree, Joel De Leon, Filemon Leon Jr., Erik Martinez Jr., Joshua Ortega, Jamie Ozuna, Philip Ramos, AB Ruiz, Victor Soto and Nicolas Turubiarte. For playing times after the first game please call for information. 239-324-3072. All these games will be played in Lehigh Acres.



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and majoring in athletic training, "TIF gave me a chance of hope." Means was a freshman at Immokalee High School when his father passed away, "My dad instilled the need to go to college but I didn't know how I could manage it. TIF's Take Stock in Children program provided me with the skills, confidence and opportunity to make our dream come true."

"All of these students are so eager and open to learning the skills necessary to make a good first impression in the busi-

ness arena," said Michael Reagen, Ph.D., president of The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. "Congratulations to The Immokalee Foundation for providing this valuable opportunity."

The Immokalee Foundation has a range of programs that focus on building pathways to success through college and post-secondary training, mentoring and tutoring, and opportunities for broadening experiences, life skills development and economic independence. To learn more about TIF, the Charity Classic Celebration, volunteering as a mentor or for additional information, call 239-430-9122 or visit [www.immokaleefoundation.org](http://www.immokaleefoundation.org).



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# Get up to speed with Collier Connects'

The Immokalee Library, at 417 N. First Street, will offer the following computer classes in the month of July:

- PC Basics on Wednesday, July 10, at 10:00 a.m.
- Microsoft Word Basics on Wednesday, July 10, at 1:00 p.m.
- Internet Basics on Wednesday, July 17, at 10 a.m.
- Microsoft Excel Basics on Wednesday, July 17, at 1:00 p.m.
- Email Basics on Wednesday, July 24, at 10:00 a.m.

Please call 239-252-4534 to register for classes.

Collier County Public Library was awarded a \$27,000 grant money to teach computer skills to job-seeking individuals who have little or no experience with electronic resources. This project is funded under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered by the Florida Department of State's Division of Library and Information Services. Named "Collier Connects", this training project runs

from November 2012 through September 2013. The grant money is being used to fund computer instruction for 49 hands-on computer classes at the East Naples, Estates and Immokalee Branch Libraries. These classes include PC Basics, Internet Basics, Email Basics, Word and Excel Basics and are geared towards beginners.

Some of the money is being used to purchase a mobile lab of laptop computers for the classes. Additionally, grant money funds workshops on career assessment, resume writing and interview skills. Workshops will be presented every other month and rotate between the three locations.

As part of the grant project, the library is partnering with Southwest Florida Works and the Department of Children and Families. East Naples, Estates and Immokalee Branch Library staff have attended training sessions to better assist people with online applications for employment and social service needs. The three libraries are having weekly two-hour eGovernment assistance

labs.

"This is a very exciting project for the Collier County library system and has the potential to make a significant difference in people's lives in our community" said David Chalick, Branch Manager, who was responsible for writing the grant.

A brochure titled "Collier Connects" listing the computer courses, career workshops and eGov assistance schedule is available at any Collier County Library location.

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## Volunteer now for the American Cancer Society

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Goodwill Industries has recently and understandably come under fire after a report on the NBC news program "Rock Center" about the Federal Government's Special Minimum Wage Certificate. The story may have given some viewers the false impression that all people with disabilities working for Goodwill earn less than the Federal minimum wage while its executives are personally profiting. This could not be further from the truth.

Allow me to assure you that Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida does not hold the Minimum Wage certificate. All of our 700+ employees earn over the Florida state minimum wage of \$7.79 per hour. In fact, for the last several months, our organization has been conducting an extensive wage and salary survey to ensure that our employees in every position, including our leadership team, are earning a wage competitive with people in similar jobs across the region. Hundreds of our employees will see pay increases in the coming months as a result of this study.

While it is true that some Goodwill organizations are among the 3,400 employers nationwide that use the wage certificate, every Goodwill agency makes decisions about services and employment policies based on the community's needs, available resources and its organizational capabilities. The services and employment opportunities we provide at Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida don't fall in line with the use of the certificate.

Our Goodwill agency serves Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties with programs and services that provide opportunities for people with disabilities and disadvantages to become more independent. These programs include ADA-approved barrier-free housing; the Goodwill L.I.F.E. Acad-

emy, a charter school for students with intellectual disabilities; Job-Link Centers, which provide employment and family strengthening services; and much more. In 2013, we helped 30,000 Southwest Floridians to become more independent. That's one in every 38 people living in our region.

Nationwide, four out of five people with disabilities are out of the workforce, and Goodwill is working very hard to change this unfortunate statistic. Here in Southwest Florida, your continued support of Goodwill is necessary to allow us to sustain our mission. If you have further questions about what Goodwill does in our community, we encourage you to visit our website at [www.goodwillswfl.org](http://www.goodwillswfl.org), or attend a Breakfast with the President meeting where we can meet face-to-face.

Thank you,  
**Tom Feurig**

## Thank You

### Helping hearts and hands

On June 20 we had to call emergency for my dad. His diabetes was out of control and he needed help right away.

I need to commend our emergency personnel. They were at the house before I could even get there myself. They were in control, taking care of everything with that calmness and expert knowledge and I knew my dad was in good hands.

Deputy Carver, medic Laura Christianson, EMT Brian Dicket, Immokalee Fire Department personnel James Eidel and Javier you all showed concern but were completely professional - came right in, got the information with everything all in order and didn't leave until everything was done right. Maybe people don't realize how hard you work, but you are all heroes in my eyes.

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# Entrepreneurs graduate from SWFL MicroEnterprise Institute

Naples- The Goodwill Southwest Florida MicroEnterprise Institute graduated seven hopeful entrepreneurs on June 19. The ceremony was held at the Naples Chamber of Commerce (2390 Tamiami Trail North, Naples). The session marks Collier County's first graduating MicroEnterprise class. Classes have previously been held throughout Lee and Charlotte Counties.

The Goodwill Southwest Florida MicroEnterprise Institute is a training program to help emerging entrepreneurs start new ventures and grow small businesses. Graduates complete a 12-module business and management training course over six weeks and work with mentors who are successful businesspersons.

Chuck E. Cheese founder and Naples resident Gene Landrum, Ph.D. delivered the keynote address, entitled, Follow Your Bliss for a Remunerative Life. Landrum has started five businesses and is a member of the CEO Entrepreneurial Hall of Fame.

"I know success," Landrum says of his years in business. "You deserve the right to chase your dream, go down your own road. Never ever listen to experts. Experts have a psychological aspect of being stuck on what is- go to what can be. Go to where the pack

isn't."

Landrum is the author of 20 books on entrepreneurship and currently is a teacher on entrepreneurship as part of the MBA program at Hodges University in Southwest Florida.

Graduates Doris Dunmars, Travis Hanrahan, Debroah Lasek, Shemnon Miyamoto and Stephanie Robbins were all on hand to receive the certificates symbolizing their completion of the small business training course. Marla Benoist and Nicholas James also completed the class but, were unable to attend the graduation.

"I have the greatest admiration for those that helped out during this class," says graduate Robbins. "The MicroEnterprise Institute represents hope and collaboration. I was struggling and then I found this class."

Session facilitator Joanne Show and session coach Neftail Espinosa also attended the graduation and received certificates of appreciation. This session of the MicroEnterprise program was sponsored by Central Bank Southwest Florida.

The next MicroEnterprise session starts August 19 and will be held in Cape Coral. To apply visit [www.goodwillswfl.org/microenterprise](http://www.goodwillswfl.org/microenterprise).



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The 2013 graduates of Goodwill Southwest Florida's MicroEnterprise Institute.

The Goodwill Southwest Florida MicroEnterprise Institute is administrated by Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida and is part of Goodwill's mission to help people with disabilities and disadvantages overcome their barriers to employment and

independence. To learn more about the SWFL MicroEnterprise Institute, please visit [www.goodwillswfl.org/microenterprise](http://www.goodwillswfl.org/microenterprise) or (239) 995-2106 ext. 2219. For more information about Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, visit [www.goodwillswfl.org](http://www.goodwillswfl.org).

## When thunder roars, go indoors!

When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors! Summer is the peak season in Florida for one of the nation's deadliest weather phenomena – lightning.

Lightning accounts for more average deaths per year than tornados and we have people working outdoors in this county every day. Remember, the safest place to be during lightning activity is a large enclosed building. If you are away from a building, the second safest location is an enclosed metal vehicle, car, van, etc., but not a convertible, bike or other topless or soft top vehicle. If caught outdoors, and no shelter is nearby, stay away from tall trees. Crouch in the open, keeping twice as far away from a tree as the tree is tall.

Historically, the months of June, July, and August are the deadliest months for lightning strikes in South Florida. This is due to the combination of our region's near daily thunderstorms and the plethora

of outdoor activities held during this time when children are out of school. Nevertheless, lightning is a threat year-round in South Florida.

Lightning safety tips for inside the home include:

- Avoid contact with corded phones.
- Avoid contact with electrical equipment or cords. If you plan to unplug any electronic equipment, do so well before the storm arrives.
- Avoid contact with plumbing. Do not wash your hands, take a shower, wash dishes, or do laundry.
- Stay away from windows and doors; stay off porches.
- Do not lie on concrete floors nor lean against concrete walls.

For more information visit [www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov](http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov). Think ahead to keep your family safe. When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!

## Identify tree species in Florida

The Arbor Day Foundation has a booklet that helps people identify trees in a simple, step-by-step process. The booklet, What Tree Is That?, is available for a \$5 donation to the nonprofit tree-planting organization.

What Tree Is That? is a fun, easy-to-use tree identification guide that features hand-drawn botanical illustrations highlighting the distinctive characteristics of many tree species.

Nature lovers and professional arborists alike have called this pocket field guide one of the most user-friendly resources to have. Its beautiful, full-color illustrations are in precise detail to depict natural colors, shapes and textures, so users can make a positive species identification in just a few easy steps.

The Arbor Day Foundation offers this booklet to help people identify trees in Florida and throughout the Eastern and Central regions of the United States. What Tree Is That? uses a unique step-by-step approach

for identifying the species of each tree, explaining what to look for in the shape of the leaves, differences in the leaf stems and twig structures and specific characteristics of fruits, flowers, buds and bark.

"Our What Tree Is That? pocket brochure is an ideal resource for developing a greater appreciation for trees," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The Arbor Day Foundation strives to help people enjoy and appreciate trees, and we feel our pocket field guide will do just that."

What Tree is That? is also available as an online interactive version at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

To obtain a tree identification guide in full color, send your name and address and \$5 for each guide to What Tree Is That?, Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410. You can also order the book online at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

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# Leadership Collier Foundation graduates Youth Class of 2013

The Leadership Collier Foundation (LCF), in coordination with the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, held a graduation for the Youth Leadership Collier™ Class of 2013 on Friday, June 14 at the Community School of Naples.

The keynote speaker, Peter Cuderman of J.P. Morgan, gave an inspiring speech about leadership from the perspective of a recent college graduate, and each student presented what they gained from the Youth Leadership Collier program.

Youth Leadership Collier is a student leadership program that offers Collier County High School students the opportunity to learn more about themselves and their community through an intensive and rewarding seven-day program during the summer before their senior year of high school.

The LCF Board of Directors congratulates the ninth graduating class of Youth Leadership Collier:

Youth Leadership Collier Class of 2013:

Briana Allen, Lorenzo Walker Technical High School. Sarah Ashby, Naples High School. Nick Borders, Palmetto Ridge High School. Areeb Chaudhry, Lely High School. Michaela Cherney, Naples High School. Lenie Cruz, Gulf Coast High School. Victoria Diamond, Community School Naples. Sarah Geroy, Naples High School. Pierce Gleeson, Community School Naples. Libby Harris-Jones, Community School Naples. Jesus Hernandez, Lely High School. Elizabeth Hernandez, Lorenzo Walker Technical High School. Ericka Hernandez Sanchez, Immokalee High School. Carmen Hoyt, Gulf Coast High School. Guerds Jean, Lely High School. Indjina Jean, Lorenzo Walker Technical High School. Julie Kuper, Lely High School. Joy Lormeus, Gulf Coast High School. Adam Morrison, Palmetto Ridge High School. Daniela Munoz, Lorenzo Walker Technical High School. Kimberly

Nguyen, Golden Gate High School. Alexander Nunner, Barron Collier High School. William Rasmussen, Barron Collier High School. Eleanor Reidy, Naples High School. James Sanders, Naples High School. Antonio Sorhegui, Barron Collier High School. Kristina Svatos, Naples High School. Christian Tormey, Barron Collier High School. Grant Ullrich, Saint John Neumann. Ember Warren, Golden Gate High School. Anissa Williston, Golden Gate High School. Rachel Wright, Community School Naples.

The mission of Youth Leadership Collier is to develop ethical leaders committed to active community involvement. During the program week, students learn valuable team-building and communication techniques to help them become effective leaders. They tour area businesses and interact with leaders from businesses, government agencies and civic organizations, where they learn about career opportunities as well as the issues and solutions facing the Collier County community.

## About Leadership Collier Foundation

The Leadership Collier Foundation (LCF), in coordination with the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, educates local business leaders about the societal and economic challenges facing the community today through the programs it governs: Leadership Collier™, Growing Associates In Naples™ (GAIN™), The Leadership Institute™, Youth Leadership Collier™ and The Campaign for Leadership™. Through the work of the LCF Alumni Association™, graduates continue to build alliances, foster goodwill and civic trusteeship that will strengthen Collier County through nonprofit organizations, local government boards and our schools while enhancing relations with other like-minded, influential community leaders. For more information, contact Amanda Beights at [amanda@napleschamber.org](mailto:amanda@napleschamber.org).

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Many rural residents do not have access to county or commercial solid waste collection services for yard waste. Accordingly, rural residents have two options: (1) Self-hauling yard waste to neighborhood trash and recycling centers, or (2) Burning yard waste. Burning yard waste can be a cost-effective alternative to hauling debris away. Burning small amounts of yard waste does not require an authorization from the Florida Forest Service, but you should check with your local city, county or Florida Forest Service officials to see if there are any restrictions in your area.

Many people are not aware of Florida's outdoor burning regulations. Familiarize yourself with the burning regulations in your area. If you plan to burn, here a few tips to keep in mind:

- Never leave a fire unattended, and make sure it is out before you leave.
- Keep a shovel and water hose handy.
- Do not burn on windy days or when the humidity is below 35%.
- Yard waste intended to be burned

must be generated on the premises of the burn site.

- Fires must not cause smoke, soot, odors, visible emissions, heat, flame, radiation, or other conditions to the degree that they become a nuisance or safety hazard. Fires that become a nuisance or hazard must be extinguished immediately.

- Fires must be started after 9:00 a.m. and be out by one hour before sunset.

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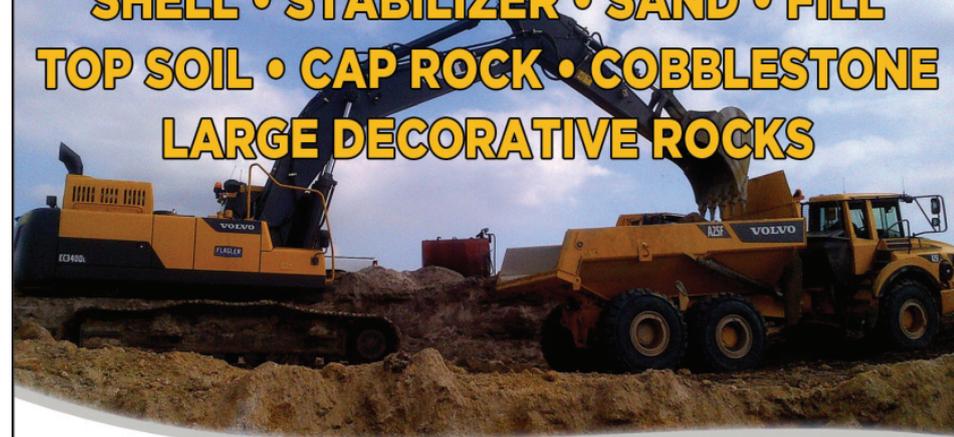
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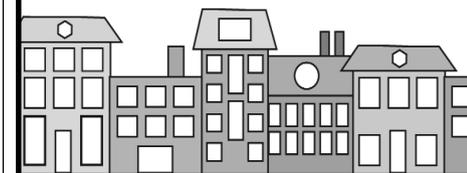


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# Community Briefs

## Family/Friends worship service

Come to the Allen Chapel AME Church, 208 S. 3rd Street Sunday, June 30, at 4 p.m. for a Family and Friends Day Worship Service. Rev. Eddy Moise Jr., Greater Bethel AME Church Pompano Beach, will be guest speaker. Enjoy great preaching, fellowship, singing and a soul food dinner.

## Childcare available

A Step Up Immokalee, operated by Collier Child Care Resources, Inc., provides childcare for teen parents, school district teachers and staff, county workers. They care for infants to four years of age Monday through Friday 6:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. with extended hours till 3 p.m. There is a warm and inviting atmosphere with nurturing childcare providers, free childcare tuition to members of the Teenage parenting Progrm. Located at

701 Immokalee Drive. Phone 239-377-1172; cell 239-980-9021 or go to [www.collierchild-care.org](http://www.collierchild-care.org).

## Get your athletic physical

The Immokalee Seminole League will be offering league participants sports physicals on Friday, June 28, at the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce office located at 1390 North 15th Street Suite 200 from 5-8 p.m. Physical fee is \$20. For more information call 239-867-1859.

## iGeneration

Coming this fall a new charter school (grades 6-12). Limited space - enrolling now! iGeneration Empowerment Academy, 1411 Lake Trafford Road. Call 239-304-1221 Irma Miller, Campus Director.

## Small business workshop

The US Small Business Administration is holding a brown bag workshop to help small businesses in the area learn how to land government contracts. his is your oppotrtny to learn how to win some of these government dollars. Friday, July 19, noon till 1:30 p.m. at the Southwest Florida Works Building (One Stop), 750 S. Fifth Street, Immokalee.

## Park closed for construction

Immokalee South Park, located at 418 School Drive, is closed. A new community park building will be under construction throughout this summer and fall. Construction is expected to be complete by January 2014.

The new building will house programs such as voluntary pre-kindergarten, after school programs, summer camp, senior programs, arts and crafts, and special events. The building will have classrooms and a community room for residents to enjoy. For more information, contact Annie Alvarez at (239) 867-4121 ext 206, or (239) 252-4449.

## Conference at Ave Maria

All high school age youth from rising freshman to graduating seniors are invited to the 6th Annual Ave Maria University Youth Conference "BELIEVE" July 12-14, 2013. Join youth from all over the country for this dynamic, fun and faith filled weekend! The cost is only \$150 and includes conference fee, lodging and meals, PLUS a t-shirt!

Speakers include; Catholic Answers, Matt Fradd, Founder of All4Him Ministries, Mary Bielski, FOCUS and nationally known abstinence speaker and author, Pam Stenzel. The weekend will be hosted by Mike "Gomer" Gormely with music provided by Martin Do-man and the Band. Register today by visiting [www.avemariayouthconference.com](http://www.avemariayouthconference.com), email [conferences@avemaria.edu](mailto:conferences@avemaria.edu) or call (239) 348-4725 for more information.

## Breastfeeding mothers group

Learn about the many benefits of breastfeeding, get advice and tips, speak with breast-feeding peer counselors Myda and Noemi, meet and share experiences with other breastfeeding mothers. Pregnant women welcome.

Come to the Collier County Department of Health Room 133 every Tuesday from 10-11:30 a.m. For additional information call 239-252-7347 or 239-252-7312.

## Commissioner Nance office open

Collier Commissioner Tim Nance opened his new office in the Immokalee Government Center, 106 South First Street. Regular office hours for Nance at the government center will be established soon.

# ESC offers personal trainer certification prep course

June 18, 2013 – FORT MYERS, FLA. –Edison State College Continuing Education is offering a prep course for individuals who wish to become certified ACE (American Council on Exercise) Personal Trainers.

This course is designed to give students the knowledge and understanding necessary to prepare for the ACE Personal Trainer Certification Exam and become effective personal trainers. To register, or to learn more about this course, visit <http://www.edison.edu/ce/health/>.

Students who complete this course will be able to assess an individual's level of fitness using the recommended guidelines of ACE.

They will be able to design and customize exercise programs for individuals based on their current fitness level, future needs and fitness goals.

They will also be able to demonstrate proper execution of all types of exercises from free weights to strength machines as well as proper stretching and isometric exercise techniques

"The Continuing Ed department at Edison State works hard to provide courses to the community that are helpful to current or future careers," said Adrian Kerr, Associate Dean and Director of Continuing Education for Edison State College. "This course shows that we are always moving to improve not only our minds, but our physical well-being as well."

This 45-hour course is completed through 30-hours of lecture, 9-hours of practical gym training, and 6-hours of study sessions for the ACE Personal Training Certification exam. The information provided in this course will help students learn how to facilitate rapport, adherence, self-efficacy and behavior change in clients, as well as how to design programs that will help improve posture, movement, flexibility, balance, core function, cardio respiratory fitness and mus-

cular endurance and strength. (Adult CPR & AED required prior taking the ACE national certification exam.)

Space is limited, and advance registration and payment are required. To sign up, call (239) 433-6963 or visit <http://www.edison.edu/ce/health/>.

# An Artful Evening

Arts of the Inland and the Gulf Coast Music School presents "An Artful Evening" at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2013, at Keiser University auditorium, 9100 Forum Corporate Parkway, Fort Myers.

The art filled evening features string performances by the GCMS students, literary readings by AOI members, soprano soloist Christine Bronson, and artwork by AOI members Joan Benner, Julie Camp, Bobbee Cera, June DeVincent, Connie Killebrew, Deborah Kik, LaVon Koenig, Peggy Parker, Douglas Patterson and Noel Skiba. The public is invited to this free event.

The Arts of the Inland is an umbrella arts organization for the visual, literary and performing artists of the inland communities of South Florida. Their artists join together to bring enriching cultural experiences to the public. [www.artsoftheinland.com](http://www.artsoftheinland.com)

Christine Hoffman is the director of the Gulf Coast Music School, formed in 1988 in Fort Myers. GCMS teachers offer Suzuki and traditional music lessons in violin, viola, cello and piano. [www.gulfcoastmusic.org](http://www.gulfcoastmusic.org).

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## Road Watch

### COLLIER COUNTY

I-75, at Immokalee Road (Exit 111): Construction project: Work is underway to replace traffic signals at the intersection.

Crews are working daytime to install advanced warning signs and silt fence. Motorists should expect nighttime lane closures from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. weather permitting.

Motorists should plan extra time traveling through this area.

Estimated project completion is summer 2013. Traffic Control Devices, Inc. is the contractor.

US 41 from State Road 29 to the Dade County Line (approximately thirty-two miles): Construction project: This project is widening the roadway shoulders from two to four feet and replaces curb, guardrail and railing on 41 bridges. Work also includes paving side street connections and installing pavement markings. Weather permitting; crews will continue installing guardrail and sod at the bridges. Activities are planned for daytime, Monday through Friday.

Drivers will encounter two lane closures. Motorists are advised to observe posted speed limits, look out for pedestrians and bicyclists, obey flagging operations and drive with caution in the construction zone. Completion is estimated for spring 2014. The contractor is Wright Construction Group.

US 41 from Rattlesnake Hammock Road and St. Andrew's Boulevard: Maintenance permit project: Crews are working on resurfacing the turn lane.

The inside through lanes of both south-

bound and northbound US 41 will be closed until work is completed. Motorists should expect slow moving traffic and possible delays.

SR 84/Davis Boulevard from west of Radio Road to Santa Barbara Boulevard: Construction project.

Crews are expanding the road to six lanes, adding sidewalk, bike lanes, and street lights, and building a noise wall. During the week of June 23, motorists should expect a new traffic pattern from east of Madison Park Drive to Santa Barbara Boulevard for crews to construct the eastbound roadway.

This new traffic configuration is expected to be in effect through fall 2013. Please use caution when traveling throughout the work zone as well as when entering and exiting SR 84. Crews will continue placing fill dirt, installing drainage structures and pipe along the north roadway of the project.

Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during these activities. Project completion is estimated by end of 2013, weather permitting. The contractor is Guymann Construction.

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## Employee of the month

Christopher Wiggins, from the Airport Authority, Immokalee Airport, is the Collier County Employee of the Month for May 2013. Christopher, a Maintenance Specialist, has been an employee of the County since 2008. He is the first face of Collier County to many fly-in customers and his welcoming smile and genuine enthusiasm for the Immokalee Airport is evidenced by many positive customer comments on aviation information sites. Christopher's positive attitude and exceptional customer service make him truly deserving of the Employee of the Month award.

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