



# CHAIR'S REPORT

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BUSINESS SEMINAR-

*Advantages of Employing Disabled Workers*

**September 22, 2010** 8:00 am—11:00 am at Spartan Manor in New Port Richey.

### JOB FAIRS

**August 19, 2010**

Rasmussen College Career Fair  
1:00 pm—4:00 pm at Seven Springs Golf and Country Club.

**September 12, 2010** 9:00am—12:00 pm at the Spring Hill Career Central.

Please contact Steve Wilson by phone at 352-200-3027 or 352-293-1123 or by e-mail at swilson@careercentral.jobs if you have any questions or would like more information about any of these events.



## THANK YOU

The PHWB would like to express it's appreciation for the leadership, hard work, and commitment of former Chairman Ed Blommel (pictured far left). His tireless efforts and never wavering support of the PHWB mission has helped insure the PHWB will be able to successfully meet its goals long into the future. Our sincere thanks goes out to him for all he has helped us accomplish. We wish Mr. Blommel much continued success in all his endeavors.

## PHWB WELCOMES NEW OFFICERS

On Thursday June 16, 2010, the Pasco-Hernando Workforce Board voted to approve the new slate of officers, as recommended by the Nominating Committee. Elected to the Chairman's position is Lex Smith, Senior Vice President of SunTrust Bank. Elected as Vice Chairman is Michael Duncan, District Manager of Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative. Elected as Treasurer was Randy Woodruff, CPA and Partner at Woodruff and Company, P.A. At this time the position of Secretary remains unfilled.

We would like to thank these individuals for their continued commitment to the goals, mission and vision of the PHWB and their willingness to take on the responsibilities and challenges these new roles present. Each of these newly elected officers will serve a two year term and we look forward to their participation and leadership in helping the Pasco-Hernando Workforce Board realize its mission.



## Summer Youth Program Participants Gain Work Experience and Valuable Certifications

In this year's TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) Summer Youth Program, **34 students successfully completed** the six

week LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) program, which is an internationally recognized green building certification system, and took the **LEED certification** test. Students also built 25 desk top computers which were donated to local non-profit organizations such as the Dawn Center, Gulf Coast Community Care, Cares, and other community service providers. Explorations into many aspects of going green were covered during this course and will help equip participants with the skills and knowledge base to compete in the technology driven, green job market of the future.



This year's WIA Summer Youth Program has been very productive, allowing the **90 youth to experience what it's really like to be employed**. Internships were developed with the interest of the students in mind, helping them gain valuable employment skills and work experience. To date, 60 of the 90 participants are involved in or have completed their Internships and an additional **30 youth are participating in our one week orientation**. Taking the time to prepare the youth for their Internships, has proven to make the experience a much more positive one. We are very thankful for the support and participation of the many employers of Pasco and Hernando County that have opened the doors of opportunity for the area's youth.

# Labor Market Information

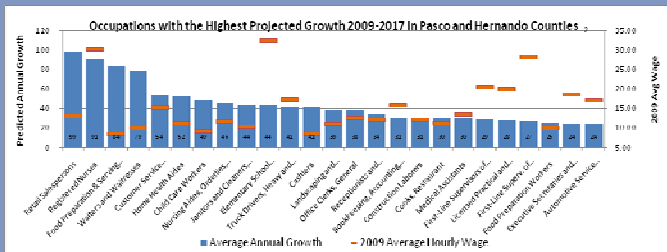
## PHWB 's New Quarterly Overview Provides Comprehensive Data to Employers and Job Seekers.

The Region 16 Employment and Workforce Overview is a snap shot report which compiles data generated locally and by the State of Florida into graphic representations of important labor-related economic factors. As such, the report explores what industries in the Pasco Hernando Workforce Region are growing and identifies those in decline. This information assists job seekers in identifying new career opportunities and provides businesses with the information they need to evaluate local economic conditions so they can grow and thrive. Other information contained in the report looks at local wage rates and how they compare to neighboring counties and the entire state. Additional graphs and charts present unemployment and education data as they relate to our local workforce.

This snap shot report will not remain static. Staff will update the report as new data is released and will explore other sources to better focus on our region's workforce and economy.



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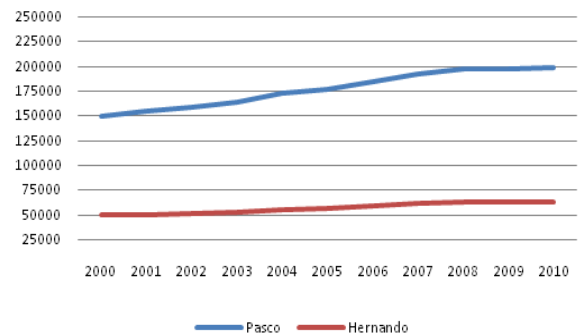


## JUNE 2010 Unemployment Rates

Location	June, 2010	May, 2010
Hernando County	14.2%	13.8%
Pasco County	12.9%	12.8%
Tampa Metro	12.0%	11.7%
Florida	11.6%	11.2%

These statistics were obtained from the Florida Agency For Workforce Innovation and are not seasonally adjusted.

Growth of Local Labor Market 2000-2010<sub>1</sub>



## A JOB WELL DONE

Dear Steve:

I would like to thank you and your staff for being so accommodating in assisting my company in recruitment efforts for the Wal-Mart remodel project in Spring Hills. You and your business services partner, Maribel, were especially helpful in reserving the facilities at both Spring Hill and New Port Richey, and coordinating the assistance of the Career Central recruitment staff in each location. We have had several very successful job fairs over the past two weeks that have allowed us to ramp up for this twelve week project.

Also, I would like to thank you for the referral of Matt Garry, who has become our Project Manager for the remodel. Matt has already gotten off to a great start and works closely with your supporting staff in both locations.

We have already interviewed over 120 potential employees, and are in the process of hiring 56 employees, most of who are starting this week. We estimate that we will continue on-going recruiting efforts through Career Central over the life of the remodel.

What is potentially just as exciting is that this could be the first of many Wal-Mart remodels in Pasco and Hernando counties that we will be asked to provide staff for over the next two years.

Steve, the efforts and hospitality of you and your co-workers is greatly appreciated by everyone at Ad-VANCE. We look forward to continuing our working partnership with Career Central on this project, and hopefully, many others.

Thank you!

Regards,

Brion Sunseri  
Owner/President



## CAREER CENTRAL CARES KICKS OFF



**Career Central Cares**, a quarterly incentive program for staff offered by the PHWB, will be holding its inaugural kick off event on Saturday, September 11, 2010, by assisting with the construction of a home through Habitat for Humanity of East and Central Pasco. Career Central encourages its employees and the employees of its contractors, to give 10 hours of community service per quarter to help make our community a better place to live.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that strives to promote self-reliance through home ownership. Participating family's provide "sweat equity" and through their hard work, the work of volunteers and donated materials from local businesses, they are able to purchase the homes through a no-interest mortgage, at a much lower cost than conventional construction. The mortgage payments of the participating families are then used to fund more homes.

The Career Central Cares kick off event will take place in Dade City at 8:00 am on Saturday, September 11, 2010. 10 -15 volunteers are needed to staff the PHWB crew. For more information on how you can take part in this event please contact Dave Hamilton at dhamilton@CareerCentral.jobs or call 352-593-2231.