HEALTH SERVICES ACADEMY -- The Health Services Academy at Deltona High School prepares students for careers in the field of health care. Through strong partnerships with the local health care community, students participate in intensive medical preparation combined with career-related activities and core academics. Academy students take part in a unique learning environment that prepares them for direct entry and/or post-secondary preparation into this growing industry. Contact Academy Director Alisha Kellett at adkellet@volusia.k12.fl.us.

SIX SIGMA BLACK BELT TRAINING -- Florida Business & Manufacturing Solutions will hold the next Six Sigma Black Belt certifications class beginning Feb. 23. The program is 13 days of instruction over a four-month period and will be led by Dr. Lois Jordan, a top rated 20-year instructor. Companies can benefit from the projects students are required to complete, thereby showing a positive ROI. The class is limited to 15 students. Registration is $5,495. For more information on the class schedule, registration and possible tuition discounts, contact julies@flbms.com or call the office at 321-305-5666.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTHEAST EUROPE -- The U.S. International Trade Administration is offering a free webinar from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, in support of this year's Trade Winds-Southeast Europe Forum and Trade Mission. Gain knowledge about export opportunities and prospects in key markets in Southeast Europe - Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Romania and Serbia. Don't miss out on this chance to connect with European business opportunities and potential partners. For information and registration, visit http://tinyurl.com/j7eue3x.

SEVEN SECRETS TO INCREASING YOUR SALES -- On Thursday, Feb. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m., SCORE will present a free seminar, “Seven Secrets to Increasing Sales.” It will be held at Daytona State College, UCF Bldg. 150, Room 100, Daytona Beach. Reservations are required. Register at www.score87.org or call 386-255-6889.

U.S. FORECLOSURE REPORT -- CoreLogic® - a leading global property information, analytics and data-enabled solutions provider - has released its November 2016 National Foreclosure Report. It shows the U.S. foreclosure inventory declined by 30 percent and completed foreclosures declined by 25.9 percent compared with November 2015. As of November 2016, the national foreclosure inventory included approximately 325,000, or 0.8 percent, of all homes with a mortgage, compared with 465,000 homes, or 1.2 percent, in November 2015. The five states with the highest number of completed foreclosures in the 12 months ending in November 2016 were Florida (48,000), Michigan (31,000), Texas (25,000), Ohio (22,000) and Georgia (20,000).

HOSPITALAR HEALTH-CARE TRADE SHOW -- The most important health fair in Brazil and Latin America, Hospitalar, will be held May 16-19 in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Nearly 90,000 professional visitors are expected to attend this show, which features products ranging from state-of-the-art medical technology to disposables. Brazil is the largest economy in South America with the highest health-care market potential. Target Sector Trade Show Grants are available to help offset your exhibition cost. Contact Business Specialist Virgil Kimball at 386-248-8048 to learn more.

GLOBAL IMPACTS OF SMOKING -- According to a new report from the National Cancer Institute in collaboration with the World Health Organization, tobacco and its side effects cost the world’s economies more than $1 trillion. Those losses exceed annual global revenue from tobacco taxes, estimated to be $269 billion in 2013-14. More than 60 authors - physicians, public health experts, researchers and other scientists - contributed to the report. Visit http://tinyurl.com/gw2rlz3 to access the study.

2016 SECOND WARMEST YEAR ON RECORD -- The average U.S. temperature in 2016 was 54.9 degrees F (2.9 degrees F above average), which ranked as the second warmest year in 122 years of record-keeping. This is the 20th consecutive year the annual average temperature exceeded the average. Every state in the contiguous United States and Alaska experienced above-average annual temperatures, according to scientists from NOAA’s National Centers for Environmental Information. For more information, go to http://tinyurl.com/zevz8wu.