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**TSA PRECHECK ENROLLMENT EVENT AT DAB** – TSA will host a Precheck Enrollment Event from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday from April 15-19, at Daytona Beach International Airport (DAB) in the baggage claim area. During onsite enrollment at DAB, applicants will be fingerprinted for a background check. The \$85 application fee can be paid by credit card, money order, company check or certified/cashier's check. Cash and personal checks are not accepted. Applicants should pre-enroll at [www.identogo.com/precheck](http://www.identogo.com/precheck). When enrolling, enter "Daytona Beach, FL" as the location and choose Daytona Beach International Airport. To complete the on-site process, applicants must bring proof of identity and U.S. citizen documentation, such as a U.S. passport or a birth certificate and a driver's license. For specifics of required documentation, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yaqxuzr4>. For more information, call Pat O'Brien at 386-248-8030, ext. 18318.

**FIBERGLASS FABRICATION BOOT CAMP** – Daytona State College (DSC) is offering its Fiberglass Fabrication Boot Camp from April 15-18. The 40-hour boot camp is the result of a unique local industry partnership with Boston Whaler, Dougherty Manufacturing, EdgeWater Power Boats and Everglades Boats. The class will meet from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday at DSC's Fiberglass Fabrication Lab, 1601 Tionia Road, New Smyrna Beach. The fee is \$595. Assistance with paying the fee may be available for eligible participants through CareerSource Flagler/Volusia. For more information and registration, contact Joanne Parker at [Joanne.Parker@DaytonaState.edu](mailto:Joanne.Parker@DaytonaState.edu) or 386-506-4224.

**LIVE WEBINAR ON SUCCEEDING IN THE GIG ECONOMY** – SCORE will host a webinar at 1 p.m. April 9 on Succeeding in the Gig Economy. More people have become gig workers, or short-term contractors, than ever before. Some freelance in addition to a full-time job, while others manage multiple gigs to make a living. The gig economy can have many benefits – freedom and opportunity chief among them – but there are also plenty of challenges. In this webinar, USA Today small business columnist Steve Strauss will show you how to stay competitive. For details, contact Dorrie Myhre at [dorrie.myhre@score87.org](mailto:dorrie.myhre@score87.org) or 386-255-6889.

**ACADEMY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE** – The academy at Deltona High School prepares students for careers in food science and related agricultural careers. The academy blends agriculture, farm to table, food chemistry and culinary skills with core academics. Students engage with various guest speakers, take part in job shadowing opportunities, participate in field studies, and learn hands-on skills utilizing the land lab. For information, contact Academy Director Farrah Johnson at [fjohnso@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:fjohnso@volusia.k12.fl.us).

**MONEY SMART WEEK** – This week, the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago is sponsoring Money Smart Week® - a national campaign that offers thousands of free events across the country to help consumers better manage their personal finances. It runs from March 30 through April 6, and is coordinated with the help of a network of local partners who deliver lessons and coach consumers. Money Smart Week's event topics include money management, budgeting, taxes, debt relief and retirement planning, among others. The Volusia County Public Library has participated in Money Smart Week since 2013. All branches will host special financial programs in recognition of Money Smart Week. Visit [www.volusia.org/moneysmart](http://www.volusia.org/moneysmart) for details.

**2018 FLORIDA ANNUAL TRADE SUMMARY** – Enterprise Florida has released 2018 summary international trade figures from the U.S. Department of Commerce that show Florida continues to make gains as a global trade hub. Total trade with over 200 countries grew by nearly 4 percent to \$153.5 billion, with \$73.5 billion in exports and \$80 billion in imports. The state also maintained its status as the eighth largest export state in the U.S. with Florida-origin exports gaining 4.2 percent to \$57.2 billion. To view the top export and import markets and commodities traded through Florida's airports and seaports last year, go to <https://tinyurl.com/y6zgxa7o>.

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE IS BIG BUSINESS IN OUR STATE** – This month, Enterprise Florida (EFI) is featuring the Gold Key/Business Matchmaker Grant, which subsidizes the cost of meeting with pre-qualified buyers, agents, importers and representatives. The Gold Key Service is an official program of the U.S. Commercial Service, but matchmaker services can also be provided by EFI-approved contractors such as one of their international offices. The Gold Key Service trade grant is designed to assist small- and medium-sized manufacturers and services providers find overseas business partners at a reduced cost. To learn more, visit <http://tinyurl.com/y68ou5go> or contact Virgil Kimball at [vkimball@volusia.org](mailto:vkimball@volusia.org).

**FLORIDA RANKED NO. 3** – WalletHub has released its latest analysis of the U.S. tax landscape, including an in-depth look at the states with the Best & Worst Taxpayer Return on Investment in 2019. WalletHub used 30 metrics to compare the quality and efficiency of state-government services across five categories — education, health, safety, economy, and infrastructure and pollution – taking into account the drastically different rates at which citizens are taxed in each state. Florida ranked No. 3 overall, behind New Hampshire and South Dakota. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/l9empkx> to review the complete report.

**NEWS ITEMS WANTED!** – Please send your business news items to Joanne Magley, Volusia County Community Information director, at [imagley@volusia.org](mailto:imagley@volusia.org). If you wish to be removed from this weekly broadcast, please let us know.