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**VOLUSIA COUNTY QUARTERLY ECONOMIC BRIEFING THIS FRIDAY** – The next quarterly economic development briefing from the Volusia County Economic Development Division will be held at 7:45 a.m. this Friday, Aug. 9, in the Dennis R. McGee Room at Daytona Beach International Airport. These free quarterly community briefings, known as “Q” meetings, present the most recent economic indicators and trends that impact our county. With our economic growth comes the challenge of meeting increasing demands from business and industry for ready and capable workers. Don’t miss the opportunity to hear from our featured presenter, Robin King, president and CEO of CareerSouce Flagler/Volusia. Reservations are not required. For information, call 386-248-8048.

**FIBERGLASS FABRICATION BOOT CAMP AT DSC** – The Fiberglass Fabrication Boot Camp will introduce students to fiberglass manufacturing including: safety, manufacturing processes and standards, tools and equipment, lamination techniques and final part finish and inspection. The class now accepts 17-year-old students with a signed waiver. This will be a four-day class, Fridays and Saturdays, from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 23, 24, 30 and 31. It will be held at the Daytona State College Fiberglass Fabrication Lab, 1601 Tionia Road, New Smyrna Beach. The class fee is \$595. Tuition assistance is available but subject to eligibility requirements. Contact CareerSource Flagler/Volusia concerning tuition assistance at 386-561-9750 or [Training@CareerSourceFV.com](mailto:Training@CareerSourceFV.com). For registration and information, email [Joanne.Parker@DaytonaState.edu](mailto:Joanne.Parker@DaytonaState.edu) or call 386-506-4224.

**MEGA JOB FAIR 2019** – Don’t miss this opportunity to meet and interview with the top hiring companies in Volusia and Flagler counties. The Daytona Beach News-Journal’s Mega Job Fair will connect you with businesses and offer on-site interviews. Admission is free. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, at the News-Journal Center, 221 N. Beach St., Daytona Beach. For details, call 386-681-2365 or visit [www.gatehouselive.com/expos/jobfair/daytonabeach/](http://www.gatehouselive.com/expos/jobfair/daytonabeach/).

**MILITARY, DEFENSE & VETERANS OPPORTUNITIES SUMMIT** – The Florida Chamber Foundation’s 2019 Military, Defense & Veterans Opportunities Summit will gather leaders from Florida’s military and defense industry, economic development experts, policymakers and the business community to examine the challenges and opportunities facing this important industry. Increasing the resiliency and competitiveness of Florida’s military, defense and veteran industries are key to our region and to Florida’s economic development. Don’t miss out on adding your voice to the conversation on tomorrow’s opportunities, emerging technologies and expanding industries. The summit will take place in Jacksonville Aug. 13 and 14. For more information and registration, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yxkbunbq>.

**PREPARE YOUR BUSINESS NOW FOR THE PEAK STORM SEASON** – The Atlantic Basin hurricane season typically peaks between August and October, and there is still time to make sure your business is prepared. Visit Volusia County Emergency Management’s website at [www.Volusia.org/emergency](http://www.Volusia.org/emergency) for disaster planning checklists, maps and links to other emergency resources. For further business preparedness assistance direct from FEMA, explore the Ready Business Hurricane Toolkit at <https://tinyurl.com/yaogotqz>. The toolkit offers step-by-step guidance to help you create your business continuity plans and address key concerns such as critical staff communications; structure protection; and mitigation activities for electrical, fuel and water systems.

**ACADEMY OF HOSPITALITY AND CULINARY ARTS** – This academy at Mainland High School is designed to prepare students in the hospitality and tourism career cluster. The curriculum is sponsored by the National Restaurant Association Education Foundation. The divisions offered in this academy are culinary arts and lodging/tourism. Students gain hands-on experience in venue operation, culinary operation, entertainment management and lodging. For more information, contact Dan Lundy at [djlundy@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:djlundy@volusia.k12.fl.us).

**U.S. PATENT OFFICE REPORTS WOMEN STILL A MINORITY OF PATENTED INVENTORS** – Earlier this year, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office released “Progress and Potential: A profile of women inventors on U.S. patents,” a report on the trends and characteristics of U.S. women inventors named on U.S. patents granted from 1976 through 2016. The report shows that women still comprise a small minority of patented inventors and highlights an untapped potential of women to spur innovation in the United States. The report delivers several important findings. The share of patents that include at least one woman as an inventor increased from about 7% in the 1980s to 21% by 2016. Even with this increase in patent counts, women inventors made up only 12% of inventors on patents granted in 2016. Gains in female participation in science and engineering occupations and entrepreneurship are not leading to broad increases in female inventors earning a patent. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/y2lr7slf> to access the full report.

**PARK FOR 3 DAYS, GET 1 DAY FREE AT DAB** – You can get your third day of parking for free in the long-term parking lot at Daytona Beach International Airport (DAB). To claim the free third day, park for three consecutive days, print the coupon found at <https://tinyurl.com/y5gtt352> and present it when exiting the lot. The offer expires Dec. 31, 2019.

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