

EDUCATION CONNECTION

WHEN BUSINESS AND ACADEMIA WORK TOGETHER
BRILLIANCE HAPPENS

Imagine a community where leaders in academia and commerce meet to determine how they can change the community and their respective industries for the better. Where educational institutions work with business leaders to determine what makes employees effective, what skills are needed in the workplace, and what curriculum give the student the best possible chance at being successful. Where academia provides research and expertise to local business to establish a competitive advantage found nowhere else. Some might say this sounds like ancient Greece, a utopian society, or maybe even Silicon Valley – but it’s happening in Tampa Bay via Education Connection!



- > **WORKFORCE & INTERNSHIPS** – Identifying the available career opportunities and providing exposure to our communities best and brightest.
- > **CURRICULUM INFLUENCE** – Convening public schools, colleges, universities, students and business leaders to determine what skills are needed in the workforce and how to best educate the leaders of tomorrow.
- > **LOCALLY APPLICABLE RESEARCH** – Taking advantage of opportunities to perform industry research with local business – helping to create a community or renowned experts!
- > **COMMUNITY** – Building a respected community that is known for innovation, application, and commerce!



OUR PARTNERS



STETSON LAW





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Education Connection is a partnership that represents the majority of business interests and educational institutions in Hillsborough County. The partnership was created to develop workforce talent, encourage industry leading research, and inspire meaningful relationships to create one of the most respected communities in the world.



Hillsborough Community College delivers teaching and learning opportunities that empower students to achieve their educational goals and become contributing members of the local community and a global society.



Hillsborough County Public Schools is the 8th largest school district in the nation and 3rd largest in Florida. The district operates with more than 202,000 students, 25,000 employees, and a \$2.8 billion budget.



Founded in 1889, **Saint Leo University** is a leading Catholic teaching institution that enrolls nearly 16,000 students across our traditional Florida campus, more than 40 education center locations, and online degree programs.



STETSON LAW

Founded in 1900 as Florida's first law school, **Stetson University College of Law** has educated outstanding lawyers, judges and other leaders for 113 years. The law school is located in the Gulfport/St. Petersburg area with a satellite campus in downtown Tampa.

THE UNIVERSITY
OF TAMPA

The University of Tampa is a comprehensive, independent university that delivers challenging and high quality educational experiences to a diverse group of learners. Four colleges offer more than 150 areas of study through a core curriculum rooted in a liberal arts tradition.

USF UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH FLORIDA

The University of South Florida is a high-impact, global research university located in beautiful Tampa Bay on Florida's spectacular west coast. It is one of the largest public universities in the nation, and among the top 50 universities, public or private, for federal research expenditures.



The Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit business membership organization dedicated to providing its members with innovative leadership, influential advocacy, inside access and increased opportunities. As the most influential business organization in Tampa Bay, the Chamber brings businesses together to grow, connect and take the lead in shaping the region's business community.