

FALL 2015 EMPLOYERS SUMMIT
St. Petersburg Community College
DRAFT AGENDA

Location

MEETING GOALS

- Introduce new employer partners to the college's STEM pathways programs and to three current students in the pathways;
- Provide a forum for employers to discuss workforce needs (valued workforce readiness skills, identification of hard to fill positions, hiring trends) to promote stronger employment outcomes; and
- Explore internship opportunities and ways in which employers can strategically engage with the college to produce a more qualified workforce.

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- 8:30-9:00 am** **Breakfast Session – Meet the Students in the college's Middle-Skills STEM Pathways Initiative**
While enjoying breakfast, three of the college's STEM students will share their experiences, hopes, and career aspirations as they progress along their STEM pathways
- 9:00-9:10 am** **Welcome, Introductions, and Overview**
Lara Sharp, title, provides a welcome, introductions, overview of the college's STEM pathways
- 9:10-9:30am** **Building a Strong St. Petersburg Regional Economy**
Discussion with employers about key STEM trends, workforce readiness skills needed, hard to fill positions, and projected occupational demand.
Barbara Endel, Senior Director, Jobs for the Future
- 9:30-10:00 am** **Value of Internships and Employer Partnerships, and Next Steps**
This discussion will highlight the benefits of internships for employers; what can be gained by investing in interns; myth busting; and opening the door to explore ways the college can engage employers earlier in the STEM pathways with more connection points to students.
Internship Office Dir, Lara Sharp
- 10:00-10:05 am** **Break**
New employers transition out of the meeting and employers who are part of the Advisory Council stay for the rest of the meeting.

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10:05-10:30 Employer Advisory Meeting

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