

# **Charlotte County Economic Development**

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## **Charlotte Technical College Students place at NBAA Maintenance Competition**

Last month students from the Charlotte Technical College competed at the NBAA's Maintenance Competition in Miami-Opa-Locka. They won second place in the Electrical Troubleshooting and VRTowing competitions. Congratulations to the students for this achievement!

The Airframe & Powerplant (A&P) school was started at Charlotte Technical College with a grant for the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Job Growth Grant Fund. A&P mechanics are in high demand in the aviation school. We are proud to support this growing program.

# **AeroEngines Americas Aviation Week Conference**

Business Recruitment Manager, Kay Tracy, and Business Retention & Expansion Coordinator Amanda Benton attended the AeroEngines Americas conference in Dallas last month. The conference was a great opportunity to network with aviation businesses and let them know about the opportunities here in Charlotte County.

When polled, attendees of the conference said that the shortage of A&P mechanics and MRO (maintenance, repair, and overhaul) capacity was the biggest problem facing aviation today.

That information made a great conversation starter! Charlotte County has a pipeline of A&P mechanics being trained at Charlotte Technical College and opportunity for an MRO to be opened at Punta Gorda Airport.



#### **Charlotte County Chamber Business Expo**



Amanda and Janet exhibited at the Charlotte County Chamber's Business Expo. They enjoyed meeting local business owners, and residents. They talked about current issues that the Economic Development office is tackling and how we can support local businesses.

## **Charlotte County Chamber 3rd Wednesday Coffee**

Economic Development Director, Dave Gammon, spoke at the Charlotte County Chamber's 3rd Wednesday Coffee last month. He shared all the exciting growth happening in Charlotte County and the possibilities in the future.

