

# **Pathways to College and Careers**

## **Hosted by OIC of South Florida and Broward College**

Join OIC of South Florida President & CEO, Newton B. Sanon and Broward College President, J. David Armstrong, Jr., for the formal articulation agreement announcement.

Our collective goal is to expand career pathway opportunities to the community and strengthen the South Florida Workforce. Committed to elevating the competencies and skills of South Florida's workforce as aligned with the skills that employers require, and working to conduct upskilling which can serve to support the rebuilding of the Middle Class, OIC of South Florida views promoting transitions to post-secondary learning opportunities as being critical to achieving this end. The Georgetown Center on Education and the Workforce, reports that 59% of all Florida jobs by 2018 will require some form of a postsecondary credential. Additionally, detailed in the Aspen Institute's "Courses to Employment, Partnering to Create Paths to Education and Careers" it is noted, based upon evaluating workforce development projects nationwide, that when colleges and community based organizations (CBO) partner, college enrollment, persistence and completion outcomes increase in general, and particularly amongst those groups impacted by some of the most complex employability barriers.

The College-CBO partnership is considered a replicable best practice that provides individuals a range of supports that better assure postsecondary navigational resiliency, both academically and personally. Thus, partnering with Broward College to encourage college access and credential attainment is significant in offering a solution to the nagging skill gaps amongst jobseekers of all ages in our community and the growing need for workers with higher levels of academic, employability and specialized technical vocational skills for both current and emerging demand occupations. With this new strategic partnership, students enrolled in OIC's various Youth and workforce training programs, will have the opportunity to earn up to 11 college credits towards earning an Associates or Bachelor's degree at Broward College.