

An Update from the Central Florida Development Council

Polk County's Economic Development Partnership

2018 ANNUAL MEETING



Thank you to all of those who attended CFDC's Annual Meeting earlier this month. We are especially grateful for our sponsors. During the evening, the prestigious George Harris, Jr. Economic Development Award was given to two businesses who have helped shape Polk County through expansion or job growth activities. Congratulations to **Peterson & Myers, P.A.** for being honored with the Success in Small Business Award and to **CenterState Bank** for their honor as the Success in Large Business awardee. Keynote speaker, **Rowdy Gaines**, Olympic gold medalist and Winter Haven native, empower attendees to persevere in the face of adversity and always chose courage.

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MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY EVENT



October is **Manufacturing Month** and to close out the month, Central Florida Development Council’s Competitiveness & Advocacy Committee and the Manufacturing and Supply Chain Alliance of Mid-Florida (MSCA) hosted an event to offer a glimpse into manufacturing in Central Florida and a chance to identify future training needs. Panelists included Steve Wasko (MaxPak), Ed Baranski (Givaudan), Howard Drake (Polk State College) and Drew Wilcox (Nucor). Patti Gander with MSCA moderated the morning’s conversation.

See Photos from the
Event

PAYCHECKS for PATRIOTS JOB FAIR



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Veterans' Job Fair

Wednesday, November 7, 2018
10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Lake Mirror Center Auditorium
121 S. Lake Ave. ,
Lakeland, FL 33801

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with current positions openings in Florida to the table
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POLK GOES GLOBAL

Polk Goes Global IV, a Half-Day International Exporting Conference, is set for **November 9th, 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at Polk State College, Lakeland Campus.

\$25 each for members of CFDC, Lakeland Chamber, Winter Haven Chamber OR \$35 each for non-members

To register email rfortier@lakelandchamber.com



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| <i>Mon., Nov. 5</i> | CFDC November Investor Meeting
4:00 PM, Ferrera Tooling, Lakeland |
| <i>Fri., Nov. 9</i> | Polk Goes Global
7:30 AM, Lakeland Linder International Airport |
| <i>Wed., Nov. 14</i> | CFDC Community Stakeholders
3:00 PM, Winter Haven Chamber |
| <i>Mon., Nov. 26</i> | CFDC/Polk Vision Education & Talent Pipeline Committee Meeting
11:00 AM, BB&T Bank, Bartow |
| <i>Fri., Nov. 30</i> | CFDC Competitiveness & Advocacy Committee Meeting
9:00 AM, Citizens Bank & Trust, Bartow |

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