

# Press Release



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## CareerSource Pinellas Acquires the Science Center of Pinellas County

**CLEARWATER (June 26, 2014)** – CareerSource Pinellas is excited to announce the recent acquisition of the Science Center of Pinellas County. The acquisition will assist in promoting and enriching Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education and workforce development initiatives in the Tampa Bay region.

For over 50 years, the Science Center has offered quality educational programming to students in grades K-12. In recent years, in order to prepare students to be qualified for the 21st century workforce, the Science Center has added job training programs in Cyber Security and Advanced Manufacturing. The Science Center provides youth with STEM career exploration and educational opportunities aligned with CareerSource Pinellas' core mission of developing a stronger workforce for the region.

"Merging the Science Center of Pinellas County under CareerSource Pinellas makes sense with our similar missions," states Ed Peachey, President and CEO of CareerSource Pinellas. "We will be able to develop qualified, skilled talent for the STEM industries where there are current and projected skill shortages."

"This merger is the best way for the Science Center to continue to provide high quality hands-on STEM education to the K-12 students of Bay Area School Systems," states Michael G. Mikurak, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Science Center of Pinellas County. "It also provides the Science Center with the ability to extend these principle applications and integrate them into comprehensive training programs, delivered by highly experienced Manufacturing training professionals. I believe this will help create a future skilled workforce ready to support the growing needs of the Manufacturing community within the Bay Area"

The Science Center will continue to work closely with educators to provide a relevant curriculum that will complement the Pinellas County Schools' curriculum.

### Summer Camps at the Science Center of Pinellas County

Now through August 15, 2014 students can get a head start on next year's classroom activities in an exciting, engaging camp setting. The week-long summer camps are fun and educational, offering hands-on learning experiences for grades K-12. Camps include Lego and Sea Perch Robotics, Forensics, Rocketry, Manufacturing, Game Design, plus much more.

For more information about the summer camps please visit [www.sciencecenterofpinellas.org](http://www.sciencecenterofpinellas.org) or call (727) 384-0027.

### About CareerSource Pinellas

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