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D.A. Dorsey teams with University of Miami medical students at 12th Annual Liberty City Health Fair

Last December, for the first time ever, D. A. Dorsey Technical College partnered with the Mitchell K. Wolfson Sr. Department of Community Service (DOCS) at the University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine to host the 12th Annual Liberty City Health Fair. For over 40 years, medical students at the University of Miami have been committed to providing quality health care services to patients throughout South Florida. Last Fall, D. A. Dorsey Technical College was honored to share these free health services with people in the community. The University of Miami was able to offer a variety of free services including diabetes and cholesterol testing; male exams; female exams; skin cancer screenings; bone density tests; mental health screenings; memory screenings; emergency preparedness; pediatric educations; vision and glaucoma screenings; height, weight, and blood pressure screenings; and dental check-ups. All free services were made available to the community regardless of insurance or immigration status. As a result, the health fair was a huge success toward helping improve the health and wellbeing of hundreds of individuals throughout the community. Furthermore, everyone who participated received free groceries, books, and toys as an incentive for attending the Health Fair. Plans to sponsor this event next year are already underway. Thanks to D. A. Dorsey Technical College and the University of Miami for offering such invaluable services to the Liberty City community.





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Student Highlight - Robert Morgan Technical College: Mack Merritt

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HVAC student recieves \$2,500 Scholarship

Mack Merritt is a phenomenal student of Robert Morgan Educational Center & Technical College's Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning/Refrigeration (HVAC/R-1) Program that prepares students for successful employment in the heating, air conditioning, refrigeration, and ventilation industry. Students are encouraged to demonstrate the broad, transferable skills stressed inside and outside of the classroom. Mack has demonstrated an understanding of the elements of the heating, air conditioning, refrigeration, and ventilation industry and is always ready to learn more.

Mack started the HVAC/R-1 program in August, 2021. He was out of school for an extended period of time. Mack is a father and has a strong family support system. His desire was to return to school and learn a trade that would have a positive impact on his future. Having a strong support system has helped Mack to pursue his education with rigor.

He has proven that he will excel in the workforce, and will seek every opportunity to afford himself a career in HVAC. Thus, Mack is one of 20 students awarded a nationwide scholarship from the Trade Academy. He was the only student from Miami-Dade County Public Schools Technical Colleges to be chosen for this prestigious honor. Being one of 20 recipients of a \$2,500 scholarship, it is noteworthy that there were over 170 applicants. This is definitely "a cool opportunity" for Mack. Mr. Diaz, Mack's instructor stated, "Mack is a very dedicated student who has excelled in the training and is always eager to learn more. He accepts challenges with a positive attitude and is an asset to the HVAC field." Mack Merritt's story is one which demonstrates how career and technical education can provide individuals with opportunities to be successful in life.



Students in the HVAC class at Robert Morgan Tech







U.S. Army Chef Visits Miami Lakes Tech Culinary Arts Program miamilakes.edu



Culinary students receives the honor of prepping with U.S. Army chefs

On January 25th, 2022, the U.S. Army Miami Recruiting Company represented by 1st Lieutenant Gibram Cruz and Sergeant First Class Anthony J, Macias took over the kitchen in the Culinary Arts program at Miami Lakes Educational Center & Technical College (MLEC&TC). The Miami Recruiting Company arranged for Sergeant First Class Justin Chase from the United States Army Culinary Arts Team, and Sergeant First Class Christopher Gibson from the U.S. Army Advanced Culinary Arts School to give the students at MLEC&TC a live culinary demonstration. The Chefs introduce our culinary students to cooking on an executive level.

Some of our adult and high school students had the unique opportunity of cooking a juicy chicken cordon bleu croquette and baking delicious lemon curd tarts with talented Army chefs. This side-byside, hands-on training experience is invaluable in teaching our students teamwork, ethics, and new cooking methods. It is a one-of-a-kind collaboration which provides a great opportunity for our students to learn how to prepare large-scale meals in a fastpaced environment while keeping the kitchen a safe and sanitary learning environment. After the delicious meal, the Miami Lakes Technical College team was left with full stomachs and a craving to learn more.



Students observing live demonstration



MLEC&TC students receiving hands-on training



Army chef engaging students with thermostat



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Lindsey Hopkins Celebrates 80th Anniversary

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Leadership Team with Mr. Carter Hopkins, grandson of Lindsey Hopkins Sr.

Lindsey Hopkins Technical College (LHTC) recently celebrated its 80th anniversary of serving students in Miami. Often, we fail to realize how one person's vision and generosity can impact not only an individual, but an entire community. Lindsey Hopkins, Sr. was an exemplary man who accomplished remarkable things and understood the value of knowledge, opportunity, understanding, and compassion.

As the years went by, the school continued to facilitate learning and opportunity for countless students; however, we lost the story of how it all started. It took a curious and detailed-oriented teacher with a passion for history to connect the past, present, and future. Mr. John Karayan, an extraordinary math teacher at LHTC, used his skills to track down Lindsey's grandson, Mr. Carter Hopkins, and slowly developed a wonderful and respectful friendship



with him. Carter Hopkins was extremely pleased to have someone genuinely share the impact his grandfather's generosity had on the community.

As we look to the future, we are excited Mr. Hopkins accepted recognition at our ELITE 2022 and shared his desires to see LHTC expand its horizons. This recognition reminded us how one man's philanthropy more than 80 years ago and another's determined interest collided over time to take us into the future.



Mr. Carter Hopkins, Ms. Chantal Osborne and staff of Lindsey Hopkins Technical College



Ms. Osborne and Mr. Carter Hopkins (Left), Commissioner Rebecca Sosa with Mr. Carter Hopkins (Right)





History of Lindsey Hopkins Technical College

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Lindsey Hopkins, Sr. was born in Reidsville, North Carolina, in 1879. After college, he started a family with Leonora Balsey, and they moved to Atlanta. Investing in the stock market allowed him to become a millionaire. He became the director of Coca-Cola and had investments in Sperry Corporation, North American Aviation, several banks, and insurance companies, leading eventually to his philanthropy.

Lindsey Hopkins, Jr. continues his father's legacy with business ventures in automobile racing and the NFL, as well as philanthropic endeavors.

In 1940, the Miami Dade County School System approached Lindsey Hopkins, Jr. to purchase the Roosevelt Hotel and create a vocational school. Hopkins sold the building for a whopping \$225,000. The school eventually became the largest vocational institute of its time.



Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Hopkins, prominent Atlantans who are spending the winter season in Coral Gables, Fla., are pictured in the patio of the San Sebastian hotel, where they are staying. Photograph by Coral Gables News Bureau.

News clip of Lindsey Hopkins, Sr. and his wife



Lindsey Hopkins, Sr. (Left), Lindsey Hopkins, Jr. (Right)







Miami Beach Adult Education Center Accomplishments

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Faculty and staff at Miami Beach Adult

On January 3rd , 2022, Miami Beach Adult and Community Education Center worked collaboratively with Lindsey Hopkins Technical College (LHTC) to enroll the first cohort of Integrated Education Training (IET). These students registered in the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and Adult Basic Education (ABE) classes for the opportunity to enhance their English language acquisition skills while receiving Health Science Instruction. One class from Fienberg Fisher K-8 and two other classes from the North Miami Beach (NMB) campus attended the field trip to LHTC. Teachers and students were engaged as well as motivated to pursue this workforce training program and to ensure long-term success for all.

On March 8th, MBA staff celebrated Women's International Day by recognizing all the wonderful and talented MBA, women, who wore purple.

Miami Beach Adult (MBA) has a new administrative team consisting of: Principal, Ms. Cristina Ugalde; Vice-Principal, Mrs. Eida Herrera; and new Assistant Principal, Ms. Madeline Mendez. Together they celebrated reaching MBA's milestone by surpassing one-thousand students in the winter term of the 2021-2022 school year. This is the first time, in over five years, that the school enrolled this many students.



Administrative Team strategising at MBA



Women wearing purple celebrating Women's International Day



MBA program at Biscayne Elementary





Industry Partners Visit Major Appliance Repair Program

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Students in Appliance Repair program at Miami Lakes Tech and Robert Morgan Tech

he annual Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technician Region V SkillsUSA Competition" was held at Miami Lakes Educational Center on February 23rd, 2022. The contest, consisting of nine stations, featured students from Robert Morgan Educational Center & Technical College as well as Miami Lakes Educational Center & Technical College. Six of the stations were designed to test the participants competency in diagnosing mechanical and operating problems. Students were given several challenges in which a fault was purposely assigned to an appliance which prompted them to display their troubleshooting abilities. The remaining stations – brazing, job interview, and the written technical test also played a major role in the SkillsUSA Competition.

Several Major appliance service companies were represented at the contest as they served as contest judges and advisory committee members. The advisory committee consisted of LG, Hobart, TMM Appliance Services, RR Appliance Services, Laser Appliance, and Flamingo Appliance.

Miami Lakes Tech's Evelio Horta won 1st place as his classmate Mr. Jorge Diaz came in 2nd place. They were followed by Robert Morgan Tech's student Kevin



Appliance company representatives serving as judges and committee members

Restrepo who came in 3rd place to round off the top three finalists. On April 19th through April 21st in Jacksonville, Florida, the winning students will have an opportunity to compete at the state conference against two other schools – Fort Myers Technical College and Orange Technical College. The firstplace winner will have a chance to compete at the national contest held in Atlanta, Georgia this June.



Appliance repair student competing in SkillsUSA contest

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