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## CareerSource Tampa Bay Announces Business and Education Summit

*~Vision 2022 to highlight demands of the Tampa Bay job market~*

**TAMPA, FL –** CareerSource Tampa Bay (CSTB) will hold an education and business summit on Monday, January 10, 2022. **Vision 2022: Shaping the Future of Work** will be held at the Tampa Marriott Water Street in downtown Tampa. The event will start with coffee and networking at 8:30 a.m. with the first speaker to start promptly at 9 a.m.

There have been 275 people registered to attend the event which includes individuals from government, business, education, and the workforce industry.

CSTB has reduced the capacity in the main ballroom by more than 25-percent which will allow us to spread out the tables due to concerns about COVID-19 and the Omicron Variant. Protective masks are also recommended for those participating in the event. CSTB will provide protective masks and hand sanitizer.

For more information about the event, please visit CareerSource Tampa Bay's Vision 2022 website at: [www.careersourcetampabay.com/vision2022](http://www.careersourcetampabay.com/vision2022). Registration for the event is now closed. The event is funded through sponsorships. A full list of sponsors can be found on the event website.

"We held the Vision 2020 event in February 2020, just before the pandemic hit," said CEO John Flanagan. "This will be the first time we've had a major event since the pandemic. This will be a great opportunity to get the pulse of the community as it pertains to our workforce in Tampa Bay." This event was originally planned for October 2021 but was postponed until January 10, 2022 due to concerns about COVID-19.

The keynote speaker for the event will **Chef Jeff Henderson**, an award-winning chef, *The New York Times* best-selling author, entrepreneur, television personality, and highly sought-after speaker on personal and professional development.

Jeff started his culinary career in the unlikeliest of places: prison. While serving nearly ten years, he discovered an untapped passion for cooking, which led to executive chef positions at Bellagio and Caesars Palace.

Other confirmed speakers include Hillsborough County Commissioner Gwen Myers who will take part in a Women in Business Panel, Tampa Mayor Jane Castor, who will speak on her workforce initiatives in Tampa, and Dr. Chris Laney from Emsi – Burning Glass speaking on workforce trends.

This year's event will feature seven industry breakout sessions and three-panel discussions. The panel discussions will feature:

- CEO PANEL
- WOMEN IN BUSINESS PANEL
- EDUCATION PANEL

Attendees will gain feedback on industry needs, the vision for the future of work, talent challenges and skills required to take businesses to the next level. Experts from growing industries will share their insights on current economic positions and what the future may hold. This event will be a regional Think Tank allowing a variety of discussions focusing on workforce trends in Tampa Bay. A complete list of panelists and speakers can be found at [www.careersourcetampabay.com/vision2022](http://www.careersourcetampabay.com/vision2022).

Reporters interested in covering the event can contact Doug Tobin, VP Marketing/Public Relations at 813.397.2054.

### **About CareerSource Tampa Bay**

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CareerSource Tampa Bay works with businesses and candidates to leverage their training, retraining, and competitive opportunities in the workforce. CareerSource Tampa Bay provided 173,319 services to 37,054 active Wagner-Peyser individuals during the program year 2019-2020. CareerSource Tampa Bay, with our five career centers, is the single largest source of job candidates in the region, from entry-level to executive-level candidates. We work closely with all Veterans.

Businesses can access CareerSource's wide range of services that include recruiting, training for new and existing employees, targeted hiring events, and retention support strategies. All resources and services are provided at no cost to both businesses and job candidates. Programs funded through CareerSource Tampa Bay are equal opportunity programs with auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Persons using TTY/TTD equipment use Florida Relay Service 711. A proud partner of the American Job Center network to learn more, visit [www.careersourcetampabay.com](http://www.careersourcetampabay.com).

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