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CareerSource Tampa Bay Announces Business and Education Summit

~Vision 2020 to understand business and education demands for the Tampa Bay job market~

TAMPA, FL – CareerSource Tampa Bay will hold a business and education summit on Friday, February 28, 2020. **Vision 2020: Business and Education Summit** will be held at the Tampa Marriott Waterside. Check-in starts at 7:30 a.m. with business networking – continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m. followed by the event kickoff at 8:30 a.m.

This year's forum is expected to attract more than 250 business, education and community leaders and will feature industry recognized speakers sharing their insights on the current economic positions and vision for the future of work.

In addition, attendees will be asked to participate in interactive discussions focused on growing the most skilled talent and best trained workforce in our area and engage in feedback regarding industry needs, talent challenges and skills required to take their businesses to the next level.

Confirmed speakers for the event include:

- Hillsborough County Commissioner, **Sandra Murman** (*welcome remarks*)
- Mayor of Tampa, **Jane Castor** (*morning keynote speaker*)
- Chairman & CEO Sage Policy Group, Inc. **Anirban Basu** (*lunch keynote speaker*)

The event will also feature a roundtable discussion with Tampa area CEO's. The CEO Roundtable will be moderated by the National Association of Workforce Boards, President & CEO Ron Painter and will include the following:

- **John Couris** – CEO, Tampa General Hospital
- **Marie Chinnici Everitt** – CMO-Regional Manager, DTCC (Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation)
- **Craig Richard** – President & CEO, Tampa Bay Economic Development Council (EDC)
- **Dave Pizzo**, – Market President , Blue Cross and Blue Shield
- **Mercedes Young** – CEO, Vivid Consulting
- **Kevin Carr** – CEO, FloridaMakes
- **Mark Sharpe** – Executive Director, Tampa Innovation Partnership

- **John Flanagan** – CEO, CareerSource Tampa Bay

The Vision 2020 summit will feature a morning breakout session where business leaders can offer input into the business and education needs for the following industry sectors:

- Finance/professional services
- Trades/transportation
- Hospitality/retail/tourism
- Manufacturing/logistics
- Information Technology
- Life sciences/healthcare
- Entrepreneurs
- Military Affairs

“This event will allow CareerSource Tampa Bay and our training and education partners to hear directly from industry leaders on their job demands, the skills and education needed for successful on-boarding of new talent as well as their incumbent workforce,” said John Flanagan, CEO CareerSource Tampa Bay. “We have a great lineup of local CEO’s who can offer insight and direction on improving Tampa Bay’s talent pipeline.”

Click on the link below to learn more and register for the event which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. <https://www.careersourcetampabay.com/vision2020> The cost to attend is \$50.00 and space is limited. CareerSource Tampa Bay also has sponsorship opportunities available for this event.

About CareerSource Tampa Bay

CareerSource Tampa Bay works with businesses and candidates to leverage their training, retraining, and competitive opportunities in the workforce. CareerSource Tampa Bay provided 240,269 services to 36,960 active Wagner-Peyser individuals during program year 2018-2019. 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.

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.

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