

## **FLORIDA'S TECHNICAL COLLEGES FEATURED IN NATIONAL AREA TECHNICAL CENTER STUDY**

**SILVER SPRING, MD (FEBRUARY 3, 2021)** -- Today, Advance CTE released Building Better Futures for Learners: A 50-State Analysis of Area Technical Centers (ATCs), alongside five state profiles highlighting effective and high-impact models of ATCs. One of the state profiles features Florida's ATCs, known as technical colleges.

"As we look ahead at the challenges and opportunities to achieving a sustainable and equitable economic recovery, it is vital that states fully leverage existing avenues for high quality, accessible education", said Kimberly Green, Executive Director for Advance CTE. "Our work shows that area technical centers are resilient and effective institutions for Career Technical Education, and giving these institutions a larger role in postsecondary degree and credential attainment is a win-win for everyone."

Florida's 48 technical colleges served over 89,000 postsecondary and adult learners in the 2019-2020 academic year. With significant state support, over \$370 million in FY19-20, Florida's technical colleges are key players in the state's education and workforce development efforts, contributing to the state's postsecondary attainment goals by helping learners attain the skills necessary to earn credentials of value in high-wage, in-demand occupations.

"Florida has its sights set on becoming number one in workforce education and training by 2030. If we are to meet that goal, we must do everything possible to expand choice and educate our residents on the menu of available valuable, affordable, and cutting-edge postsecondary training options," said Henry Mack, Florida's Chancellor for Career, Technical, and Adult Education. "Our 48 technical colleges offer hundreds of high-quality, in demand credentials and certifications, and we are excited to receive national recognition for their valuable work."

The full state profile and additional resources can be found at [www.AreaTechnicalCenters.org](http://www.AreaTechnicalCenters.org).