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CHARTING YOUR CAREER COURSE YOUTH EXPO

"A journey through comprehensive workshops aimed at fostering employability skills"

(MIAMI, August 3, 2011) — Young people ages 15-21 are invited to participate in Charting Your Career Course Youth Expo, a day of free workshops aimed to provide Miami-Dade's future workforce with career path information and resources that will help broaden their career options. This dynamic event will take place on Thursday, August 11, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on the North campus of Miami-Dade College, 11380 NW 27 Avenue Miami, FL 33167

The career expo will be lead by a team of career training experts. Topic of these workshops will include creating a successful resume, developing effective interview techniques, and acquiring job searching tips. At midday, Captain Barrington Irving, founder of Experience Aviation, whose appearance is sponsored by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries America, will present a one-hour keynote to tell his story and talk about career opportunities in STEM-related fields including aviation. Captain Irving is the youngest person and the first African-American pilot to fly solo around the world.

"South Florida Workforce is committed to the principle that all young people need the support and care of the entire community to become thriving successful adults. Through Charting Your Career Course Youth Expo, we hope to provide the necessary tools that will allow them to begin paving their career path," said Rick Beasley, executive director for South Florida Workforce Investment Board.

This expo is produced in collaboration with Miami-Dade College, Miami-Dade Juvenile Services Department, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Miami-Dade Department of Juvenile Justice, Miami-Dade Economic Trust and Big Brother Big Sisters of Greater Miami.

Stan Yokoi, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries America's General Manager for Aircraft Product Support, expressed enthusiasm for the South Florida Workforce's initiative, *Charting Your Career Course Youth Expo*. "MHIA recognizes the benefit and need of attracting students to careers in STEM-related fields, a message Barrington delivers in his presentations. He also informs young people that America badly needs new pilots, grounds crews, engineers, teachers, technicians, air traffic controllers and workers for literally all aviation disciplines."

ABOUT SOUTH FLORIDA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

South Florida Workforce is a public-private partnership that establishes state and federally funded workforce development and training policies for Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. Additionally, South Florida Workforce services and resources are available to everyone at no cost through a network of career centers located throughout the region.

Pre-registration is required to attend the workshop. For more information and registration, visit <http://www.southfloridaworkforce.com/w/youthExpoAugust2011.html>

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