



## American Youth Policy Forum Study Tour to Miami, Florida

Thursday, March 31 – Friday, April 1, 2016

### ***How Career Pathways Lead to Student Success***

Hotel: Courtyard Miami Lakes  
15700 NW 77th Court  
Miami Lakes, Florida 33016

#### **Thursday, March 31, 2016**

- 7:30am Breakfast Available  
Courtyard Miami Lakes Hotel
- 8:00am Opening and Orientation, Background on Career Pathways  
*Betsy Brand*, Executive Director, American Youth Policy Forum  
Courtyard Miami Lakes Hotel
- 8:30am Depart Hotel for Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS)  
1450 NE 2nd Ave, Room 916, Miami, FL 33132
- 9:30am Presentation  
*Mr. Alberto Carvalho*, Superintendent, MDCPS
- 10:00am Presentation  
*Dr. Lupe Ferran Diaz*, Executive Director, MDCPS Dep. of Career and Technical Education  
*Mr. Robert Gornto*, Asst. Superintendent, Adult/Technical Programs, School Operations
- 11:00am Depart for Miami Lakes Educational Center  
5780 NW 158<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33018
- 11:30am School Tour (*Boxed lunches will be available*)  
Miami Lakes Educational Center  
Principal: Ms. Lourdes Diaz  
Description: Established in 1998, MLEC is a public magnet school serving over 1,500 students, almost all of whom are either Hispanic or African-American. MLEC is a dual-delivery school in Miami-Dade County, providing adult technical training in conjunction with a full-service high school. Within the high school lies the prestigious Cambridge Academy, which includes sub-academies in Engineering, Journalism, and Forensic Science, and five separate career-focused academies: Communication and Entertainment, Entrepreneurship, Health Science, Information Technology, and Trade and Industry. Each academy is subdivided into several career pathways or “strands” that foster the development of a professional community by providing students with experience in the workplace. At the end of their four years, students complete 24 credits and are eligible for a High School Diploma as well as a Vocational/Technical

Certificate in their career of choice as well as Merit designation upon successful completion of an industry certificate. MLEC has a 95% average graduation rate, and math and reading proficiency scores (74% and 68%, respectively) that are significantly higher than state and city averages. MLEC's Academy of Health Science was designated a NAF Distinguished Academy in 2015.

- 2:00pm Depart Miami Lakes Educational Center
- 2:30pm Return to Hotel and Break
- 3:30pm Presentations  
*Dr. Donnie Hale*, Director, The Education Effect, Florida International University  
*Ms. Cheryl Baldwin*, Executive Director, Workforce Education and Partnerships, Miami Dade College  
Invited: Representative from CareerSource South Florida  
Courtyard Miami Lakes Hotel
- 5:00pm Break
- 6:00pm Dinner and Presentation  
Invited: Representative from Beacon Council  
Courtyard Miami Lakes Hotel
- 8:30pm End

### **Friday, April 1, 2016**

*Participants will be asked to check out of the hotel and bring their luggage on the bus.*

- 6:45am Breakfast Available  
Courtyard Miami Lakes Hotel
- 7:30am Depart Hotel for Hialeah Gardens Senior High School  
11700 Hialeah Gardens Boulevard, Miami, FL 33081
- 8:00am School Tour (*Beverages will be available*)  
Hialeah Gardens Senior High School  
Principal: Dr. Louis Algaze  
Description: Hialeah Gardens High School is a large, traditional public high school made up almost exclusively of Hispanic students (97%). The school offers several advanced academic programs, including the Cambridge Academy, sponsored by the University of Cambridge in England, offering the Advanced International Certificate of Examination (AICE) in a multitude of subject areas, as well as the school's five National Academy Foundation (NAF) career-focused academies in the areas of International Finance, Information Technology, Hospitality & Tourism, Health Science, and Engineering. In addition to these NAF-affiliated academies, the school offers Academies of Biomedical

Sciences, Law Studies, Arts and Entertainment, and Education. Within these academies, students are free to explore strands related to their field of interest, with the opportunity to earn industry certifications and/or postsecondary credentials. Students also have the opportunity to complete leadership-focused community service projects for credit. HGHS was named both by Newsweek and US News and World Report as one of the top high schools in the nation, and four of its NAF Academies have been recognized as NAF Model Academies and its Academy of Information Technology is a NAF Distinguished program.

- 10:30am Depart for George T. Baker Aviation Technical Academy  
3275 N.W. 42 Avenue, Miami FL 33142
- 11:00am School Tour (*Boxed lunches will be available*)  
George T. Baker Aviation Technical College  
Principal: Mr. René Mantilla  
Description: The mission of George T. Baker Aviation Technical College is to provide training to persons interested in aviation maintenance, electronics, and avionics to become an integral part of the industry. To accomplish this mission, the technical college must enhance the curriculum, utilize industry resources, and encourage students to obtain their Federal Aviation Administration certificates or Federal Communication license, and place students in jobs that are related to their training. Any high school student attending Miami-Dade County Public Schools may enroll on a shared-time dual enrollment basis with a recommendation from a high school counselor. Representatives from the aviation, electronics, and avionics industries serve as advisory committee members to ensure that the course of study is relevant to the actual conditions found in the workplace. The school has 1,000 students, nearly 100% minority enrollment, and a graduation rate of 68%.
- 2:00pm Debrief for Trip Participants
- 2:30pm Depart for Airport