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DECEMBER 1, 2017

FMTTC

FORT MYERS TECHNICAL COLLEGE



Upcoming Events

FMTTC INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Every Tuesday at 9:30 A.M.
AND Thursday at 1 P.M.

12/01/17

National Technical
Honor Society Induction

12/08/17

Career Fair
9:00 – 10:30 A.M.
Cafeteria

12/08/17

Nursing Assistant
Graduation
1:00-1:30 p.m.

12/17/17

The Chef's Poker Run
9:00 a.m.
Registration

12/25/17 – 01/05/18
Winter Break

01/15/18

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Day (school closed)

01/16/18

Evening Classes Start

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Council on Occupational Education Accreditation Visit

by Debbie Krouse

Every six years, the Council on Occupational Education (COE) assembles a team to review FMTTC's programs, operating procedures, and policies. Accreditation by COE is viewed as a nationally-honored seal of excellence for occupational education institutions and denotes honesty and integrity. Accreditation is a status granted to an educational institution or program that has been found to meet or exceed stated criteria of educational quality and student achievement. FMTTC has been accredited through COE since 1978.

A team of six professional educators, representing COE, visited FMTTC November 6-9, 2017. The team traveled from Georgia, Tennessee, and Utah. The team reviewed reports written by every instructor and interviews were conducted with faculty, students, former students, and community members. They received positive reports from graduates who are now working in

their field of training which reinforces FMTTC's mission: '...to provide high quality career and technical training, in order to prepare students for current and emerging industries...'

Thank you to the instructors who spend each day working with the students to provide them the opportunity to become proficient in their field and to graduate with the skills they need to succeed.

Thank you to the Commercial Foods & Culinary Arts students who prepared dinner to welcome the team on November 6th. Also, thank you to the following students who volunteered to help serve dinner: Cassie Cayous, P.J. Johnson, Carl Abbott, Chelsyea Hibbert, Jonathan Caldwell, and Jason Guinn.

FMTTC would also like to thank our sponsor, Norman Love Confections, for the donation of gifts for the visiting team members.

The team recommended that FMTTC be reaccredited for the next 6 years and commended FMTTC's administration for a 'decidedly positive impact on the institution,' and commended the custodial staff for maintaining a beautiful facility.

CAREER
FAIR

December 8, 2017
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Save the DATE!

THANK YOU VETERANS

The students and staff at FMTTC thank their fellow students and staff members for their service to our country. You are appreciated!

STUDENTS

- **Stuart Bledsoe**—Turbine Generator Maintenance, Inspection & Repair
- **Benjamin Bolling**—Automotive Service Technology
- **Glen Button**—Electricity
- **Jonathan Caldwell**—Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration & Heating Technology
- **Edward Cayous**—Automotive Service Technology
- **Stephen Freeman**—Marine Service Technologies
- **Benjamin Fretwell**—Automotive Service Technology
- **Richard Gibson**—Marine Service Technologies
- **Jason Guinn**—Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration & Heating Technology
- **Sharoyne Harris**—Carpentry
- **David Hornby**—Electricity
- **Brandon James**—Turbine Generator Maintenance, Inspection & Repair
- **Jonathan McKellop**—Turbine Generator Maintenance, Inspection & Repair
- **Robert Melnik**—Applied Cybersecurity

- **Billy Richardson**—Web Application Development & Programming
- **Jerry Rookard**—Commercial Foods & Culinary Arts
- **Roberto Rosa-Espada**—Major Appliance & Refrigeration Technician
- **Michael Salas**—Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration & Heating Technology
- **Stephen Szwalla**—Marine Service Technologies
- **Matthew Walavich**—Web Application Development & Programming

FACULTY & STAFF

- **Steve Dougherty**, Student Affairs
- **Brian Mangan**, Director
- **Mike Mayes**, Instructor
- **Todd Robarge**, Instructor
- **Troy Ruth**, Security

Director's Message

The first full week of November 2017, Fort Myers Technical College hosted a visiting team from the Council on Occupational Education (COE) as we sought to reaffirm our accreditation. The visit was enlightening, successful, and provided opportunities for our continuous improvement.



Brian Mangan

You can read more details about this important event in this edition of the Soaring Scene. I just want to thank all of the instructors, staff, students, and stakeholders of Fort Myers Technical College for the work that went into preparing the self-study and campus for the past year and a half. Your dedication and commitment were essential to our success and will continue to be essential as we move forward while maintaining our fidelity

in educating the workforce of tomorrow, in Career and Technical Education. We expect the official results from the Council on Occupational Education after their annual commission meeting in February of 2018.

While the watershed visit has occurred, we have a number of activities that have occurred since and will happen prior to the upcoming Winter Break. We recognized our veteran students and staff on November 10, 2017, in honor of Veterans Day. Fort Myers Technical College hosted a successful Open House on November 16, 2017. We are filling the open program slots for the next general start date of January 9, 2018. A new select group of academic standouts will be inducted into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) on December 1, 2017. We will hold our career fair on December 8, 2017, with over thirty-five employers expected to attend. A number of our students will be completing their programs by December 22, 2017. Amongst these events, there are a number of activities that happen at the program level, as well as at the individual level at FMTC. While the events of the Council on Occupational Education Team Visit were important, the main focus of Fort Myers Technical College remains firmly fixed on achieving our mission on a daily basis:

The mission of Fort Myers Technical College is to provide high quality career and technical training, in order to prepare students for current and emerging industries, delivered by a professional and caring staff in a positive learning environment.

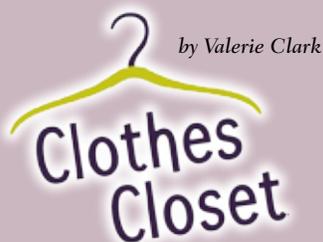
I remind every student that attending a technical college is a unique and rewarding experience. We seek to educate and train you in the industry that you are preparing to enter. While it is easy to see the number of hours ahead of you as something that is more than enough, in reality, it is very finite and will come and go very quickly. The industries that look to Fort Myers Technical College as a source of skilled workers are expecting educated and skilled candidates that can come into their businesses and make a difference right away. The outstanding instructional and support staff at Fort Myers Technical College have a track record of success in preparing our students to meet this demand. I urge students to take advantage of all that Fort Myers Technical College has to offer, as it will position you for a better life and a fulfilling career.

I do also want to take this time to wish everyone Happy Holidays. Remember that we come back a day early as we are still making up the time lost due to Hurricane Irma. Enjoy the Winter Break; we look forward to getting back to campus and learning on Monday, January 8, 2018.

AUTHORIZED TRAINING FACILITY by Armando Gomez



FMTC's Major Appliance & Refrigeration Technician program has earned designation as an Authorized Training Facility by both Whirlpool Corporation and LG brands. Today's appliances are continually advancing in engineering, function, and design. A strong relationship with manufacturers is very important to keep up with technology. The projected employment for appliance repairers in Florida is expected to increase 16% through 2024 with hourly rates in excess of \$27 per hour for experienced technicians.



FMTC has partnered with The Clothes Closet, a ministry of Faith United Methodist Church, as a means of assistance for our students. The Clothes Closet provides

clothing, shoes and accessories to men, women, teens, children and infants in need in Lee County. In partnership with 70 social service agencies and churches in Lee County and through their referrals only, their clients may come and shop for up to seven outfits, plus underwear, socks, shoes and accessories. If you need appropriate attire for an interview, or are in need of clothing, please stop by the Career Services office.

STUDENTS GIVE PROFESSIONAL DRESS PRESENTATIONS by Jesslyn Woolsey



Students in the Administrative Office Specialist (ADAS) and Medical Administrative Specialist (MAS) programs recently worked in teams and gave presentations on professional dress. The presentations included examples of appropriate professional business attire, for both men and women, suitable for a job interview.

Students identified appropriate clothing, shoes, hair styles, and accessories for a successful, professional appearance. In addition, students gave examples of inappropriate interview attire and styles.

The information presented will prepare students to dress successfully for the upcoming FMTC career fair, as well as for future job interviews upon completion of their respective programs.



Left to right: Rosalinda Slusser (MAS), Alejandra Duenas (ADAS), Carolyn Cotillo (MAS), and Vernon Brown (MAS).



DID YOU KNOW?

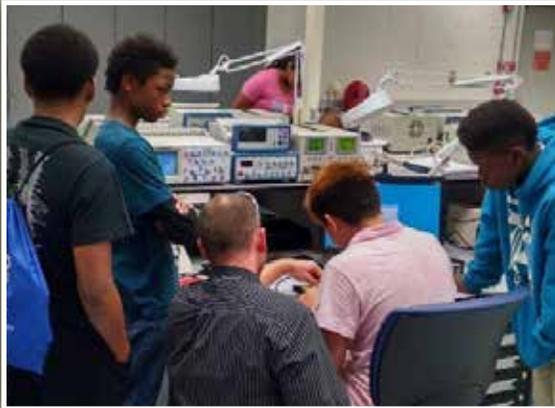
- Every two seconds someone needs a blood transfusion
- One pint of blood can save up to three lives
- A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood



October 6, 2017 - Julie Rios and Ashley Trapp, Practical Nursing students, donate blood.



**UPCOMING
BLOOD DRIVE
MAY 11, 2018**



Carl Abbott, Mechatronics Technology student, works with students on a breadboard experiment.

July 17, 2017 – Giving youth a hand up instead of a hand out is one of the major goals of AFCAAM's mentoring programs. Most of the youth they serve live in high-crime neighborhoods plagued with acts of violence. Through structured group mentoring, at-risk youth ages 11 to 18 are provided opportunities to improve in the areas of academics, self-esteem, social competence, at-risk behavior, and community awareness, thereby empowering them to make good life choices.

Advanced students in Mr. Ernie White's **Electronic Technology and Technology** programs set up hands-on projects for the AFCAAM summer camp students to work on. The students learned how to solder, learned about robotics, and got an overview of the two programs. Several students indicated they would like to pursue a career in electronics.



CONSTITUTION DAY

by Debbie Krouse

October 2, 2017 – FMTC's students and staff celebrated the ratification of the Constitution that took place in September 1787. FMTC students were given a pocket-size copy of the Constitution of the United States. Representatives from Lee County Elections signed up new voters.

BARE ROOTS

Salon & Apothecary
by Phyllis Hunter

November 6, 2017 - Katelyn Gravel, a 2006 graduate of Cosmetology, visited the program and demonstrated how to apply airbrush makeup. Ms. Gravel is an owner/stylist of Bare Roots Salon & Apothecary located in downtown Fort Myers.

Elita Barfield and Katelyn Gravel



September 27, 2017 - Congratulations to the eight dedicated part-time Practical Nursing students who recently completed their program. They attended class two days per week for the past 23 months along with 12-hour days spent in clinical facilities. Most of the students work and have



families so it took a lot of perseverance in order to complete the program.

Laura Dasta, Denese Saunders McKinnon, Maria Rodrigues, Gloria Ramirez, Kayla Lowndes, Rachelle Mode, Denise Lashbrook, and Suzanne Mueller.

CAREER TRAINING THEN AND NOW

Fort Myers Technical College is proud of the thousands of students who have graduated throughout the past 50 years and have become successful business owners, entrepreneurs, and skilled professionals in all walks of life.



13 students enrolled in the Practical Nursing program. Classes are held at the Andrew D. Gwynne Institute building in downtown Fort Myers

1967



Campus expansion of Buildings C, D, and E. New programs included TV Repair, Culinary Arts, Printing, Electronics, Law Enforcement, Machine Shop, and Air-Conditioning.

1969

Campus expansion of Buildings F, G and H. New programs included Electrical Wiring, Marine Technology, Horticulture, Masonry, Diesel Technology, Carpentry, and Small Gas Engine Repair.

1974



New program offerings include: Data Processing, Hospital Ward Clerk, and Clerical Occupations.

1980

- By 2020, 65% of all jobs will require postsecondary education and training beyond high school
- 55 million job openings through 2020:
 - 24 million newly created jobs
 - 31 million due to baby boomer retirements
- At the current production rate, the United States will fall short by 5 million workers with postsecondary education by 2020.

1966

Lee County Area Vocational Technical School (Lee Vo-Tech) chartered by the Florida Department of Education



1968

Lee Vo-Tech's first graduation—13 Practical Nursing students



Permanent facility (Buildings A & B) open at 3800 Michigan Avenue. FMTC offers 10 vocational/technical programs including: Cosmetology, Auto Mechanics, Auto Body, Plumbing, Welding, Practical Nursing, and Secretarial.



1978

Lee Vo-Tech earns accreditation through the Council on Occupational Education.



A Burroughs computer (which took up most of a room) was purchased for instructional and internal accounting purposes.

1983

New program offerings include: Typesetting and Layout, Medical Assistant, and Secretarial Operations. Office staff prepare documents on state-of-the-art Exxon Word Processors.



The Automotive Service Technology program becomes ASE certified.

1990

New program offerings include: Electronic Desktop Publishing, Tile Setting, Word Processing, and Banking Operations

1993



The school was renamed Lee County High Tech Center Central

1994

17,000 sq. ft. Building L constructed to house the Southwest Florida Public Service Academy



1998

SkillsUSA replaces Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA)



FMTC Directors

- Robert R. Durham 2005-2009
- Howard Scherman 1967-1978
- William B. McCormick 2009-2016
- Ronald E. Pentiuk 1978-2005
- Brian Mangan 2016-Present

1999

Programs include: Computer Electronics Technology, Health Unit Coordinator, Surgical Technology, and PC Support Services.



\$10 million renovation of campus

2001



School renamed Fort Myers Institute of Technology

2011

Southwest Florida Public Service Academy extension campus opens at the former Michigan Elementary School.



2013

Medical Coder/Biller becomes the first program offered entirely via distance education



The Health Science Simulation Lab opens



2015

School renamed Fort Myers Technical College



2017

With the 'skills gap,' rising college tuition costs and student debt, and policies pushing for credentials that translate to good jobs, the need to align postsecondary education with the demands of the local labor market is unprecedented. FMTC currently offers over 30 career training programs.



Did you know?

- 54 months—the average time a student spends getting a bachelor's degree
- 39 months—the average time a student spends getting an associate's degree
- A Career in a Year—FMTC programs range from 2 ½ months to 20 months in length
- \$40,000—average student loan debt from a 4-year college
- \$0—FMTC average student loan debt



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CAREER OPPORTUNITY

6 Reasons to Stop by the Career Services Office

by Valerie Clark

Fort Myers Technical College offers an on campus Career Services office. The sole purpose of this department is to help students and alumni with all types of career related items. Here is just a sampling of the many reasons why you should drop by:

1. Educate yourself on the available resources – College Central Network, job opportunities, employment trends, co-ops, externships, professional organizations;
2. Keep track of on-campus and local career fairs – Who, What, Where, When, Why;
3. Learn how to get hired – résumés, cover letters, portfolios, job search techniques;
4. Work on soft skills – dressing for success and resources for interview appropriate clothing, mock interviewing and interview etiquette, speaking in public, networking with local employers;
5. Discuss the real world and what work will be like post-graduation – are you prepared for taking that next step?
6. Possibly the most important reason to stop by—if you want to be referred to an employer by our Career Services office; we need to know who you are.

Career Services genuinely wants to help people like you who might be wrestling with career issues of some sort. But you won't benefit from our passion and expertise if we don't know who you are. So give your Career Services office a try. You'll be that much more likely to find a career opportunity that makes you happy for years to come.



by Steve Dougherty, Student Affairs Specialist

Diogenes is not the only person known for looking for an honest man in broad daylight. Employers everywhere continue that ancient search. Honesty isn't necessarily a job skill, but it is a trait that employers desire. The search for honesty begins even prior to a job interview. Large and small companies alike have an individual or a human resources department assigned to screen the applications received for each job opening. Part of that screening process includes scrutinizing applications and résumés for qualifications, education, experience, and training.

A simple rule of thumb is just this: Don't pad your résumé. Read the job posting. It should clearly state the minimum requirements for the position. If you don't meet the minimums, don't apply for the position until you do. The person screening the applications is usually quite adept at reading between the lines and doing math. If there is a large gap in your work history or if you "forget" to state that you didn't finish high school or earn a GED, the screener will likely catch the gap or the omission. Once that happens, your application will probably be discarded. If it isn't and you actually get an interview, padding your résumé or omitting pertinent facts will ultimately call into question your overall honesty. Someone else will get that job you want.

The same applies to criminal history. Many potential employers have the following question in some form somewhere on their application: "Have you ever been arrested for other than traffic violations?" If you have, remember that potential employers value honesty. An arrest may not necessarily kill your chances of getting hired, but lying about it certainly will. In most states, criminal arrests and court proceedings are a matter of public record. Employers routinely do background checks on new hires. Even a cursory check is likely to turn up the arrest you "forgot" to mention on your application or during the interview process. When it does, your chances of getting the job or keeping it, if you've already been hired, drop to near zero. The perception will be that you were less than truthful during the hiring process, and no one wants to hire or work with a person they believe is dishonest. It sounds trite, but the fact remains that honesty is indeed the best policy.

by Dr. Renée Rawe



To round out the 2016-17 school year, the Applied Cybersecurity and Technology Support Services students visited the Lee County Supervisor of Elections, Mr. Tommy Doyle. With the latest news reports of Russian voter espionage, North Korean ransomware, and Disney being hacked, students were interested in seeing how securely our local government is protecting our information and counting votes. Mr. Doyle told us how all of the processes from registering to vote, to candidate reviews, to creating the ballots, receiving ballots, and counting them is all regulated by the State of Florida and the Federal government. Lee County has 6 election areas and 99 community developments and homeowner associations to account to. There is a lot of security everywhere in the offices. Most of the offices have two factor authentication systems to physically access them.

Mr. Stephen Brittain, the Information Technology Director for the Supervisor of Elections, hosted the tour and showed everyone the network and business systems within the elections office. Mr. Brittain was very helpful in explaining all the aspects of the process and even simulated a dummy vote for us to learn with. The elections office has had many updates within the

past three years to help with continuance of operations according to documented plans. The long lines to vote at the polls have been reduced by the successful vote-by-mail campaign. The new phone system (call center) saves the voter time by routing the call directly to a person they can speak with on the specific topic of interest. Passwords and log in credentials have been established and utilized on a regular basis; new servers, operating systems, and application software have been installed and updated. The closed voting system does not allow any of the voter ballots to have contact with any other agency, person, building or even room in the same building! The ballot room is a floating room of its own!

Tips for keeping yourself and your computer safe:

- ▶ Use passwords that are not proper names or words someone could easily guess if they knew you. The lengthier the password, the better protection you have. Combine letters, numbers and special characters in your password. Use www.howsecureismypassword.net to help you create a good password. Never share your password with anyone—not even your mother!
- ▶ Keeping your application software and operating system up to date is of number one importance when deterring cybercrime. Antivirus and antimalware programs are essential to help mitigate threats.
- ▶ Keep all your data on a separate portable hard drive or USB drive.
- ▶ If you get a ransomware notification, turn off your computer and modem immediately. Do NOT pay the fine or call the phone number on the screen.



Esther Carey, Janette L'Heureux, and Ethan Aiosa

November 15, 2017-
Congratulations to Commercial Foods & Culinary Arts students Esther Carey and Ethan Aiosa, the first recipients of the Joshua L'Heureux Scholarship Fund. The scholarship was created by Janette L'Heureux in memory of her son Joshua who had planned on attending FMTC's culinary program before his untimely death in 2016.

The L'Heureux family is sponsoring The Chef's Poker Run on Sunday, December 17th with all proceeds going to the scholarship fund to

THE CHEF'S POKER RUN

FIVE STOPS
RAFFLES
DOOR PRIZES
FOOD TRUCK

1 RIDER @ \$20
RIDER + 1 @ \$25

Register in advance @ www.eventbrite.com
Sunday, December 17th
All proceeds benefit the Fort Myers Technical College Joshua L'Heureux Scholarship Fund

RIDE STARTS AT FORT MYERS TECHNICAL COLLEGE
REGISTRATION 9-9:30AM
RIDE STARTS AT 9:30AM

RIDE ENDS AT SIX BENDS HARLEY-DAVIDSON®
ZZ TOP TRIBUTE BAND @ 1pm

Joshua L'Heureux SCHOLARSHIP FUND

help other students in the Commercial Foods & Culinary Arts program.

Please contact FMTC's Financial Aid office for more information on scholarship opportunities.

Student APPRECIATION DAY

October 13, 2017



Taylor Reeves, Mirela Muresan, Mrs. Janice Fischer, Julia-Claire Franzen, and Kiley Edwards



Miguel Preciado and Christopher Moore, winners of the Student Appreciation Day games



Diamond Thomas, Nursing Assistant student, smashes old computer equipment



Kristen Ralston & Jessica Feliciano from FMTC's Bookkeeping Department

November 15, 2017 – Mr. Bob Feathers, who recently retired as a Technical Training Specialist with Emerson Climate Technologies, presented a seminar on Compressor Operation and Service to students in the Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration & Heating Technology program. Mr. Feathers emphasized that students will need to be lifelong learners in order to keep up with changes in technology in their field.



November 15, 2017- Congratulations to **Carl Abbott** and **Noe Garcia**, Mechatronics Technology students, for passing the Certified Electronics Technician Associates exam.



Poinsettias for Sale
 Large, florist-quality plants **\$12 each or \$10** for multiple orders.
 Money to benefit National Technical Honor Society.
 Contact Mrs. Wakeman in Commercial Foods & Culinary Arts to place an order.



Artwork created from silverware by the Welding Technology students

Articulated Nursing Assistant Graduates

November 1, 2017

Brian Mangan, FMTC Director; Diamond Thomas; Alexis Stephens; Marilyn Giesel, Nursing Assistant instructor; Elizabeth Rodgers; Kelsey Bemis; Chelsea Privitera; Luis Abella; Anywoneisha Amiracle McIntear; Shaitura Fuller; and Apryl Stauber



DAY PROGRAMS

- Administrative Office Specialist
- Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating Technology
- Applied Cybersecurity
- Automotive Collision Technology Technician
- Automotive Service Technology (A.S.E.-Based Technician)
- Carpentry
- Commercial Foods & Culinary Arts
- Correctional Officer
- Cosmetology
- Crossover Correctional Officer to Law Enforcement Officer
- Crossover Law Enforcement Officer to Correctional Officer
- Early Childhood Education
- Electricity
- Electronic Technology
- Emergency Medical Technician-ATD
- Fire Fighter
- Fire Fighter/Emergency Medical Technician-Combined
- Florida Law Enforcement Officer
- IV Therapy
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Major Appliance & Refrigeration Technician
- Marine Service Technologies
- Mechatronics Technology
- Medical Administrative Specialist
- Medical Coder/ Biller (online)
- .NET Application Development & Programming
- Nursing Assistant-Articulated
- Nursing Assistant-Long-term Care
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- Technology Support Services
- Turbine Generator Maintenance, Inspection and Repair
- Web Application Development & Programming
- Welding Technology

For registration information call (239) 334-4544

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VISION: All students enrolled in vocational/technical programs will obtain workforce credentials through certificate programs and, where applicable, industry certification and/or licensure.

FORT MYERS BOAT SHOW

Southwest Florida Marine Industries Association

November 16, 2017
 – The Marine Service Technology students manned a booth at the 45th Annual Fort Myers Boat Show. Fort Myers is a boater's paradise featuring a wide array of waters from back country flats, bays, rivers, and estuaries to the Gulf of Mexico. With such a



Mr. Mike Esterline, Juan Berberena, Darrius Randolph, Dylan Crissinger, Stuart Tuckus, Aaron Smith, Frankie Coffigny, Tony Alfonso, Robert Bradley, Joe Patterson, and Neil Freeman



October 25, 2017 – The **Applied Cybersecurity** students attended a 360-roundtable discussion on Cybersecurity at Florida Gulf Coast University sponsored by the Small Business Development Center. A panel was composed of FBI agents specializing in cybercrimes, FDLE special agents who also specialize in cyber and high tech crimes, an independent penetration tester, and a lawyer who specializes in privacy and technology law. The FBI agents said that Americans are the world's number one target for all cybercrimes. Cybercrime is a syndicated

business that is impossible to stop; we can only minimize the damages by taking precautions. Panel members gave tips on how to avoid being a victim of cyber crimes.

- ▶ Do not click on any email links. If a link looks like something you may be interested in, look up the company's phone number (don't use the phone number in the email) and call the company directly for further information.
- ▶ Only use a bank that has fraud protection available for your accounts. The bank will text you each time a transaction goes through your account; this way you will know immediately if you have been victimized and will be able to quickly get your money back.
- ▶ Create a password that is at least 14 characters long.
- ▶ Use a different password for each account.



NURSES: the HEART of Care

Practical Nursing Graduates—November 9, 2017

Marie Domond Sydnay, Sahar Elneimr, Chelsyea Hibbert, Myranda Lindsey, Yulisa Rios, and Ashley Trapp

