AFC TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION EXTENDS ITS UTMOST APPRECIATION TO PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE SUBMISSION OF THEIR 2022 TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION EXEMPLARY PRACTICE AWARD PROJECT <u>2022 WINNER</u>

It is with great pleasure that the AFC Technology Commission recognizes the winner of our 2022 AFC Exemplary Practice Award with the Theme: Technology in Leadership & Main Idea: Practices that prepare students with skills needed for tech jobs in the community to the best applicant and candidate precisely pursuing and accomplishing "a gateway for students to ensure their success."

Sincerely, Jamie Beck, Chair

Kevin Moreau, Program Grant Manager Palm Beach State College, Boca Raton campus – Presentation Title: **PBSC tresPATHS grant**

Narrative: Palm Beach State College (PBSC), with partners Florida Atlantic University (FAU) and Broward College (BC), has been awarded a \$4.4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to provide a 5-year plan of academic and advising/mentor support, industry-related opportunities and career placement for Hispanic and low income students currently enrolled at PBSC, and who are seriously interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Computer Engineering or Electrical Engineering at FAU. Some of the initiatives that the grant focuses on relates directly with the theme and the main idea of the AFC Technology Commission Exemplary Practices preparing students both academically and professionally to successfully fulfill the demands of the work force in the 21st Century. Providing students with a strong foundation in technology advance programs like Computer Science, Computer Engineering or Electrical Engineering is what PBSC is working on by developing and maintaining a strong community for students to be able to enroll in undergraduate courses at FAU. The tresPATHS grant is an exciting initiative; it is a gateway for students to ensure their success.

In addition, we have created the T.E.K.N.O. club for Technology oriented students to participate in activities and events to be informed of initiatives, job opportunities, and grants in the technology fields.

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