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\$25,000 AWARDED TO THE FUTURE BANKER CAMP

Building career paths youth in financial services

(MIAMI, January 3, 2013) – Building a career path in financial services for young people is the focus of the Future Banker Training Program. The South Florida Workforce Investment Board (SFWIB) awarded \$25,000 towards the Miami Dade College's Future Banker Training Program to expose high school juniors and seniors to careers in the financial services industry.

The Miami Dade College School of Business and the Center for Financial Training's Future Banker Camp is designed to tap into the talent of 20 students and prepare them for a career in the financial services. The students' math and communication skills are enhanced through college-level course work and participants land entry level jobs at the completion of the internship with partnering financial institutions.

"This is an opportunity for them to see financial services as a career trend – an opportunity to have real-world experience," said Connie Laguna, executive director of the Center for Financial Training, a nonprofit educational arm of the American Bankers Association that has operated in partnership with Miami Dade College for 40 years to provide job training.

Upon successful completion of the program, students are eligible to receive the American Bankers Association (ABA), American Institute of Banking (AIB) Bank Teller Certificate. This national industry standard certificate meets the educational requirement for the certification exam offered by the Institute of Certified Bankers (ICBA). Students who graduate from high school are eligible for Miami Dade College's Vocational Certificate and can work towards an Associates of Science degree in Financial Services.

About South Florida Workforce Investment Board

South Florida Workforce Investment Board is a public-private partnership and integral partner in Miami-Dade's economic plan that initiates 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.

Learn more about the Future Banker Training Program by contacting Youth Services Division at 305 594-7615 ext. 292.

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