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CareerSource South Florida Congratulates the 2021 Women in Tech Program Graduates



(MIAMI, FL) - On December 9, 2021 a new generation of IT professionals emerged from the Cambridge Innovation Center Miami as graduates of the 2021 Women in Tech program. At a time when the need for diversity in the tech sector has been recognized by today's industry leaders, CareerSource South Florida launched this initiative to create a foundation for women to build successful IT careers.

Now in its third year, Women in Tech prepares students to earn industry recognized IT certifications including CompTIA A+, Network+, Security+, Microsoft Azure Fundamentals, and Azure Administrator. As a result, many of the 2021 class of 11 program graduates have already secured jobs and paid work experience at such companies as Amadeus, Invizio, and Opticaltel.

"The Women in Tech program has been a life-changing experience," said Nicole Herring, class Valedictorian. "Finding my passion for IT and realizing that there was no one around who looked like me to help me navigate the challenges of starting a new career in this field has been eye-opening. The next step is to use the skills and knowledge that we have obtained to impact the IT world." To date, the program has placed over 30 women into new careers in the IT industry.

Thanks to the support of the Meek Foundation, YWCA South Florida and the team at New Horizons, CareerSource South Florida introduced a model for collaborative career training programs that make an immediate economic impact. "It's about how we change someone's life," said Rick Beasley, Executive Director of CareerSource South Florida. "Our community partners and business leaders stepped up to the plate to make this happen. There are still areas in this community that are often left out. That's why we do this."

CareerSource South Florida and YWCA look forward to the upcoming 2022 Women in Tech program. To find additional information about future training opportunities, follow CareerSource South Florida on all social media platforms and at www.careersourcesfl.com.

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