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Hillsborough County Public Schools (HCPS) Startup Tech Career Expo

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Event Outcomes

SOFWERX, hosted Hillsborough County Public Schools (HCPS) first Startup Tech Career Expo at SOFWERX in Ybor, FL. Each student had the opportunity to directly engage with each organization that attended and learned about new, emerging technology. Guest speakers from SOFWERX, the Joint Special Operations University (JSOU), Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), HCPS Board of Directors and Astronaut William Shepard talked to students about future STEM careers and how to think critically with an entrepreneurial mindset. This event provided students the opportunity to connect with business partners and learn about careers in technology.

- 150 students from 9 middle schools in Hillsborough County attended
- The trade show included 15 companies, 5 of whom were guest speakers
- Students learned about what SOFWERX does, career development, how to engage with SOFWERX, the STEM program and grant opportunities