



IT Career Forum

5 February 2019

On 5 February 2019, SOFWERX hosted and participated in the Hillsborough County IT Career Awareness Leadership Forum. The panel discussion addressed topics such as educational paths post High School, skills IT professionals need in today's workplace and where the IT profession will be in the next 5 years. Small groups of 5-7 students, teachers, and administrators had the opportunity to speak directly with and pose questions to each panelist in a one-on-one setting. Representatives from each High School then participated in a working lunch, formulating a presentation to disseminate once they returned to their respective schools.

Event Outcomes

- 64 students, teachers, and administrators from 13 High Schools across the county gathered at SOFWERX for a panel discussion on Information Technology careers and subsequent breakout sessions with 7 industry professionals:
 - Jay Epps, Manager of Solution Engineering at Sauce Labs
 - Daniel Thompson, Senior Director of Technology Services at Vaco
 - Tracey Birch, Senior Software Developer at SOFWERX
 - Mike Ahern, System Administrator at SOFWERX
 - Stephen Overcast, Geospatial Analyst at SOFWERX
 - Ian Blenke, Cloud Architect at Spirion
 - Pablo Breuer, Innovation Officer of the Donovan Group at USSOCOM, PhD Candidate in Information Sciences