



## **EDUCATION OUTREACH**

The Maritime industry is facing a crisis. An aging workforce combined with no reliable source of new, appropriately trained candidates to fill the void caused by retirements will inevitably lead to a crippling shortage of skilled people needed to sustain our industry. The Propeller Club, Port of Tampa, has been addressing this dilemma through partnerships at every level in our education community, through collaborative associations with the local Hillsborough County school district, Hillsborough Community College and the Adult Technical Centers.

Your continued support of the initiatives we bring to you will help shape our partnership and improve awareness among students and potential employment candidates of the positions and opportunities that exist in the maritime industries.

The ten dollar voluntary Education Fund contribution you make with your annual membership dues helps fund these activities.

Ways you or your company can be involved and contribute:

### **SUPPORT OUR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY MARITIME SCHOOL EFFORTS**

- Participate in Career and College Fest (mid October).
- Be a guest teacher in the “Diploma-See” program (early to mid October).
- Be a guest teacher at the “Great American Teach-In” (mid November).
- Host a field trip for a group of students.
- Be a partner company in the Teacher Quest Program next summer.

### **PROVIDE FEEDBACK AND PARTICIPATE**

- Take time to respond to our regular skills assessment surveys.
- Send employees to customized training programs created by our education partners.
- Share apprenticeship and internship opportunities.

For more information about these and other opportunities, check out the **Education** section of our website, or if you would like to become a member of our club’s Education Committee, please contact our committee chairperson Dave Sessums at [dsessums@internationalship.com](mailto:dsessums@internationalship.com).