

Statewide Email

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SUBJECT: ICYMI: Governor DeSantis Announces a Proposed \$75 Million to Invest in Two New Get There Faster Initiatives

Colleagues,

Yesterday, Governor Ron DeSantis [announced](#) the expansion and creation of the Get There Faster Initiative, a \$75 million dollar recommended investment toward two new initiatives to expand access and enrollment in quality, in-demand Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses and work-based training programs.

These initiatives will accelerate career pathways for K-12 and postsecondary students that result in high-value certifications, credentials and outcomes to drive Florida's economic recovery.

The Get There Faster Initiative is comprised of two focus areas, including:

Career Dual Enrollment

A total of \$50 million will be dedicated to cover costs for students to participate in workforce college credit or career dual enrollment programs. In addition to enrolling in postsecondary coursework, these high school students will be provided resources to ensure their success, such as tutoring, financial literacy workshops, transportation and advanced job placement resources, and access to work-based learning opportunities to gain access to professional mentoring, technical and employability skills.

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Postsecondary Scholarship Program

A total of \$25 million will be focused on targeting adult learners who are enrolled in workforce education programs to alleviate their financial burdens for Florida residents enrolling in an eligible CTE program at one of Florida's 48 technical colleges or 28 state colleges. It will also support adults needing to enter a high-quality training program to acquire a job-ready credential of value.

We look forward to providing updates in real-time on the Get There Faster Initiative.

In the meantime, we hope you will consider downloading the Get There Action Toolkit, which is available to help you customize outreach materials for your college and support the initiative – so we can get Floridians on a pathway to success.

[DOWNLOAD HERE](#)

Please contact us should you have any questions!

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