

EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE

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PREPARING FOR THE WORKFORCE THROUGH HSHT

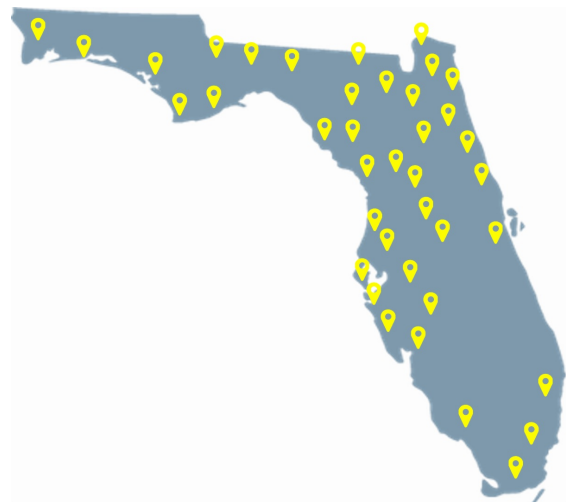
Communication, collaboration and creativity -- these are all important skills for today's workforce and The Able Trust High School High Tech program is helping students with disabilities learn and strengthen these important skills.

High School High Tech (HSHT) is a program that provides high school students with disabilities the opportunity to explore jobs and post-secondary education leading to in-demand careers. Established in 1996, HSHT connects students to a broad range of academic and career development resources and experiences that will help prepare them to meet the demands of the 21st century workforce.

IN A COMMUNITY NEAR YOU

HSHT Sites are located in 43 sites across Florida and work with students with disabilities to:

- Improve participation in education, vocational, and employment-related activities;
- Increase their high school graduation rate, and
- Increase their enrollment in postsecondary education & training.



HSHT AT WORK

- University of Central Florida
- Museum of Science & History in Jacksonville
- Custom Metal Designs in Orlando

These are just a few places HSHT students are visiting to learn more about post-secondary and career training opportunities. These activities introduce students to local businesses and industries and help them envision what their next steps might be after high school.



MEET MAYCEE



MAYCEE LOWE

2020 HSHT grad Maycee Lowe made a visit recently to East Ridge High School in Lake County. Maycee is on her way to becoming an officer in the Clermont Police Department and as a peer and recent graduate, she was able to communicate and relate to other students as she shared her story.

PROJECT VENTURE CREATES STUDENT ENTREPRENEURS

In 2019, The Able Trust launched **Project Venture**, a business development competition, focused on creating a hands-on experience for High School High Tech students.

This year, **Project Venture goes live** with an in-person competition being held **April 29 in Orlando**.

Project Venture enables students to learn-by-doing. They create a plan for a business or product, in any sector they choose.

Through participation in the Project Venture competition, students are:

- Introduced to entrepreneurship and the entrepreneurial spirit,
- Work in teams on real-world applications, and
- Develop workplace communication skills and other soft skills that are important to the workforce.

For more information, [click here](#).



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HOW TO GET INVOLVED



High School High Tech programs help open doors for the students with disabilities who participate. If you're interested in getting involved, there are

several ways to become engaged:

- **Host** your local HSHT site and let them see what happens in your industry.
- **Mentor** a HSHT student to give them the real-world experience that is vital to entering the workforce.
- **Adopt** a HSHT site to expand student experiences and resources

To learn more, Contact Coleen Agner,



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