

Calendar of Events

May 21, 2019

Nucor Florida Town Hall & Career Fair
Polk State College, Advanced Technology Center
310 Technology Dr.
Bartow, FL 33830

05:30 PM - 08:30 PM EST

COME LEARN ABOUT NUCOR

We are looking for motivated teammates ready to take on new challenges while building their careers with North America's most diversified steel and steel products company. Nucor offers industry-leading pay and benefits, and has been recognized as one of the nation's best employers.

NUCOR HIGHLIGHTS

- *Safety leader in the industry*
- *Competitive pay, including bonuses and profit-sharing*
- *No-layoff practice*

Learn more and apply today at www.nucor.com/careers

- *No industrial experience required*

July 7, 2019
- July 14, 2019

Entrepreneurs Cruise 2019

Royal Caribbean

9005 Charles M Rowland Drive

Cape Canaveral, FL 32920

11:00 AM - 06:00 PM EST

Entrepreneurs Cruise, 8008055385

events@entrepreneurscruise.com

Are you an Entrepreneur or Business Owner and need to get away and take a break? Ready to recharge, rejuvenate in new surroundings and be inspired by other like minds? Then, you can't miss the 5th annual Entrepreneurs Cruise!

The Entrepreneurs Cruise is a 7 night networking cruise for Entrepreneurs and Business Owners onboard the Royal Caribbean 'Harmony of the Seas' Cruise Ship, departing Orlando (Port Canaveral), Florida, sailing to CocoCay (Bahamas), Costa Maya (Mexico), Roatan (Honduras), Cozumel (Mexico) and back.

With plenty of networking opportunities in a relaxed environment, it is the perfect place to build a professional network, find business partners, generate new ideas, and learn. Be inspired, motivated from the success stories and insights from others and learn from their wisdom what is working successfully in their businesses.

In addition to networking opportunities, there are also optional full-day Marketing/Technology Events on the Days at Sea if you would like to get in some learning during the cruise. Conventional thought will be challenged, new ways of thinking will emerge, and you will leave with your head and notebook full of action items and ideas to lead your business to even greater success.

Join the growing movement of entrepreneurs around the world who are choosing to grab life by the reins and pursue a life of passion and purpose by building their own dream business. Take advantage of our super saver registration rates and secure your cabin early and be sure to bring your partner/family along for a vacation. Hurry, this cruise will sell out weeks before we depart as it did last time. For more details visit <https://entrepreneurscruise.com>.

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Sales Cruise 2019
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11:00 AM - 06:00 PM EST
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events@salescruise.co

If you want to achieve sales success, you can't miss Sales Summit Cruise 2019!

Sales Cruise 2019 will be held from July 7th to 14th, 2019. Sales Cruise 2019 showcases the most audacious and thought provoking speakers in the sales industry, providing leaders and executives in sales, sales operations, sales enablement, and marketing emerging strategies, the latest sales technologies, best practices, and insights to foster improved sales performance and results.

Immerse yourself in topics such as; sales process improvement, sales and marketing alignment, social selling, data, analytics, metrics, sales training, enablement, coaching, development, leadership, culture, strategy, lead generation, customer engagement, retention, sales technologies, emerging trends and much, much more!

Over the course of 7 days onboard the Royal Caribbean 'Harmony of the Seas' Cruise Ship, departing Orlando (Port Canaveral), Florida, sailing to CocoCay (Bahamas), Costa Maya (Mexico), Roatan (Honduras), Cozumel (Mexico) and back, Sales Cruise 2019 offers all of the elements you need to achieve sales success! Awesome keynotes, plus solutions providers and their tools for sales – all in a dynamic, community-based setting. Conventional thought will be challenged, new ways of thinking will emerge, and you will leave with your head and notebook full of action items and ideas to lead your sales team / account to achieve even greater sales success. With plenty of networking opportunities, it is the perfect place to build a professional network, find business partners, generate new ideas, and learn.

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Specifically suited as a sales incentive cruise for sales teams. Take advantage of our super saver registration group rates and secure your seat early. For more details visit <https://salescruise.co>.

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August 7, 2019

2019 Professional Development Academy
Polk State College Clear Springs Advanced Technology Center
310 Technology Dr.
Bartow, FL 33830

07:30 AM - 09:30 AM EST

Kathryn Bevilacqua-Ely, 863-533-7125

kathryn@bartowchamber.com

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES: Navigating the Five Generations in the Workplace

AT POLK STATE COLLEGE - CLEAR SPRINGS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY CENTER

7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

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What Time Are Classes?

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Do I Have To Attend Every Class?

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September 4, 2019

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October 1, 2019

BEDC Champions Cup - Business, Industry & Spirit of Bartow Awards

Bartow Civic Center

2250 S. Floral Avenue

Bartow, FL 33830

05:30 PM - 08:30 PM EST

Jeff Clark, 863-533-7125

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Bartow Economic Development Council's Champions Cup recognizes and honors businesses/organizations that have championed exemplary best practices and have had a positive influence on the economic well being of the Bartow area business community. CHAMPIONS CUP AND SPIRIT OF BARTOW NOMINATION FORM HERE.

Nominated businesses/organizations are judged by an anonymous random panel of more than 20 community leaders who review the applicants based upon strict criteria regarding community and economic impact. The prestigious awards are presented at the evening event held at the Bartow Civic Center featuring a prominent keynote speaker.

SIGN UP TO ATTEND CHAMPIONS CUP OR BECOME A SPONSOR HERE.

Spirit of Bartow Awards: The evening is also a time of recognizing those who give back to the community. The Greater Bartow Chamber of Commerce Spirit of Bartow award is presented to area citizens who have contributed to the community in a significant way.

All awards will be judged by a blue-ribbon committee of Chamber members based upon the following criteria:

Business & Industry Awards

The mission of the BEDC Champions Cup Business & Industry Awards is to recognize businesses/organizations that have championed exemplary best practices in the areas of customer service, sustainability, employee retention and opportunity, reputation and positive influence on the economic well-being of the Bartow area business community.

Spirit of Bartow Awards

Nominees for this award should be individuals or groups that have significantly contributed to the Bartow community and their individual accomplishments/contributions made a positive impact on the area's quality of life.

October 2, 2019

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February 15, 2020

LRC's For the Love of Learning benefit

TBA

1628 South Florida Avenue

Lakeland, FL 33803

07:00 PM - 10:00 PM EST

Pamela Craven, 8636889477

pamelac@lrcpolk.com

The Learning Resource Center's spectacular annual fundraiser and benefit will be held on February 15, 2020 to raise LRC scholarships and program aid for deserving students.