



## Teacher Quest Tampa Bay Program

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Here's what others had to say...

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### **BUSINESS PARTNERS**

“Raytheon benefited greatly from having three teachers work with us during this summer. We learned as much from them as they did from us. We look forward to participating in the program next year.”

***Mitch Lee, Vice President, Raytheon***

“The concept, direction, structure and support provided by TRDA insured that our teacher will get the best mileage possible from his experience, and that both the school system and our industry will gain maximum benefit from his experience working in our maritime industry. Your program helps to communicate much needed real world relevance to the study of STEM subjects. At the same time, it will help to increase our community’s awareness of the wealth of career opportunities, and the influence of our industry on their daily lives.”

***Dave Sessums, Vice President of Estimating, International Ship Repair & Marine Services, Inc.***

“The Teacher Quest Tampa Bay Program was a great experience as in the past for both our organization and the teacher. We look forward to a long term relationship/partnership with our teacher extern and her students.

***Dr. Marilyn Barger, P.E., P.I. and Executive Director, Florida Advanced Technological Education Center***

“The program illuminates the fundamental need for teachers to relate the real working world to their students. The experience helps the teacher provide a credible perspective of the employer's expectations of employee performance and contribution to a successful business.”

***Dr. Ralph Moon, Principal Scientist, HSA Engineers and Scientists***

“The Teacher Quest program does an outstanding job of matching teachers with sponsoring companies. The teacher assigned to us made a positive impact from Day 1. Our information gathering capabilities are furthered enhanced because of him. We plan on participating in this program again next year.”

***Sarah Davis, Senior HR Professional, Custom Manufacturing and Engineering, Inc.***

## **TEACHERS**

“This summer, I was fortunate to work for a defense contractor in supply chain management and interfaced with some brilliant engineering minds. This was a great learning opportunity and a win-win situation, and I was even able to obtain a mini-grant for my school. I strongly recommend this program for teachers and prospective businesses!”

***Doug Haskitt, Technology, Clearwater Intermediate School, Clearwater, FL***

“The Teacher Quest Program has provided me with the insight to introduce my math curriculum in new and exciting ways. I am ready to use real-world activities to stimulate the students’ STEM skills. The experience has opened my eyes to the relationship between local career opportunities and the required math related skills. I am more positive about answering the age old question, *When will I ever need this?*”

***Michelle Kadel, Math, Tyrone Middle School, Tampa, FL***

“Teacher Quest was a great summer experience. I got a chance to broaden my skills, make new friendships with a variety of industry professionals, and gained self-confidence that was valuable in school, as well as industry.”

***Chuck Routhier, Technology, Sugg Middle School, Bradenton, FL***

“This experience has been priceless for me. Not only did I stretch myself as a person, but I gained so much hands-on experience in my content area that my enthusiasm for my subject will be infectious in the classroom. I cannot wait to share my experience with my administration, colleagues and students. What an opportunity!”

***Jessica Scott, Science, Meadowlawn Middle School, St. Petersburg, FL***

“My experience at Ocean Optics has helped me to see how what I teach in the classroom is being implemented daily in a technology-related field. As part of my job this summer, I studied how modern spectrometry techniques are revolutionizing fields as diverse as molecular medicine, fruit sorting, wine oxygenation, and olive oil production - and I can't wait to get back to my classroom and share this with my students. Thanks for all your support!”

***David Carver, Math, Seminole Middle School, Largo, FL***