

# Trending at SouthTech

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## Note from Jim Kidd, Superintendent of SouthTech Schools

At the end of each year, I beam with pride thinking about all of the diverse accomplishments of our students and staff. From outstanding performances by students at events like SkillsUSA to award-winning teachers, this year has been especially rewarding.

Watching our students walk across the stage at graduation is such an incredible reminder of the way SouthTech changes lives. The experiences our students have here shape who they are and who they will become. I am so proud of all of the people who work together to make SouthTech the type of dynamic, hands-on learning environment that allows students to flourish. Thank you to all of teachers, staff, parents and members of the community who play such an important role here at SouthTech.

I am excited to announce that Mrs. Eileen Turenne has been selected as our new SouthTech Academy Principal. With Mrs. Turenne's leadership, we will continue to lead SouthTech Academy to new levels of greatness.

I hope you enjoy every bit of this summer. We can't wait to see you next year!



## **Eileen Turenne Chosen as New STA Principal**

Congratulations to Mrs. Eileen Turenne, who will continue her service to SouthTech Academy as its new Principal. Mrs. Turenne, who previously served the school as Assistant Principal of curriculum, was selected as Principal after an extensive search for an education professional who would be dedicated to the students and teachers of SouthTech. A former English teacher and graduate of Nova Southeastern University with a master's degree in educational leadership and a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Florida, Mrs. Turenne has spent the last six years within the SouthTech community, ensuring our students had the greatest access to top-notch education practices. She will continue to elevate our students' opportunities in her new role. #TheBulldogWay

## Congratulations, SouthTech Graduates!

SouthTech Academy held its 2018 graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 23, at the South Florida Fairgrounds. STA's Class of 2018 has an unofficial graduation rate of 97.4%, and 98% of these graduates earned industry certifications, dual enrollment classes, and/or advanced placement college credits. This year's class of 262 students earned more than \$1 million in scholarships and military signing bonuses/scholarships. We'd like to extend a special congratulations to Charles Charlestin III, valedictorian, and Reinerio Ordonez, salutatorian. #BulldogPride



## SouthTech Wins Gold at SkillsUSA

Congratulations to all the SouthTech Academy students who attended SkillUSA in Pensacola. We're so proud of your accomplishments! Six students were awarded gold, including Robre'ana Hutchinson, Nurse Assisting; Andy Argueta, Action Skills; William Lee, Communications, Mathew Koegler, Practical Nursing, Johane Aceus, Basic Health Care Skills, and Eduardo Guzman-Alonso, Automotive Refinishing Technology. Another 13 students received silver or bronze. Well done! #BulldogPride

## **Congrats to My Teacher, My Hero Award Winners**

Congratulations to Ms. Shamdasani and Mr. Palardis who recently won 2018 My Teacher, My Hero awards. Ms. Shamdasani won in the Intellectual Humor category and Mr. Palardis for High Expectations. We are so proud of all of the teachers who were nominated. The awards honor outstanding teachers from public schools in South Florida who have made a difference in a child's life through education. Winners were announced at the awards gala May 19 at the Palm Beach County Convention Center. #BulldogPride



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