



## MAJOR CROSSROADS IN LIFE RESULTS IN SUCCESSFUL CAREER

With the current economic conditions in our country, many people are going back to school in the hopes of getting a better career. Ten months ago, I was one of them. I was laid off from my job and at a major crossroads in my life. I made the big decision to return to school and to pursue an education and career that I always wanted but felt was unattainable. I knew when I chose Central Florida Institute; I was choosing an excellent school. It is only now, having finished my education and being out in the real world, that I realize just how important that decision was. Central Florida Institute gave me the

tools I needed to set myself apart from those individuals.

First, you provided me with an excellent education. Mrs. Scribner and Mrs. Castro have years of real working experience and made the book learning practical and applicable to the field. I chuckle to myself now at work when I do or see something that



Jennifer Miller with Lysa Poe  
DA Graduates

## GE BRINGS CFI TO LIFE



Our evening ultrasound class recently went on a field trip to an ultrasound conference sponsored by GE. We were able to observe and use the latest in ultrasound technology. The new technology combines CT and MRI scans

with "real-time" ultrasound imaging. This creates amazingly accurate diagnostic ultrasound images. It was great to see the technology of the future in the here and now.

The conference was held at the luxurious Grand Bohemian Hotel in Downtown Orlando. We were treated to a wonderful lunch provided by GE. I feel that this trip was extremely valuable for our introduction to the ultrasound profession. It helps not only the students, but also CFI in building the

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## CFI IS NOT ONLY A PLACE TO BUILD A CAREER, BUT LASTING FRIENDSHIPS



Tim Burke with James Bryne

CFI is not only a place to build a career, but lasting friendships, hard work, and dedication. At CFI, I not only learned to be a Surg Tech, but in the right environment and with the right teachers and instructors, learning can be fun. This is not to say that it is all fun and games because there is a lot of material to learn and retain.

My name is Tim Burke and I attend Central Florida Institute's Surgical Tech program. After graduating from East Lake High School, I realized that I needed to choose a career that I not only would be interested in, but that I would be good at and enjoy. Being the son of a medical student and the nephew of 2 fine orthopedic surgeons, I decided to go into surgical technology. I am very happy with

my career choice. I learned right from the start that

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they specifically pointed out. They maintained a level of skills in our lab that exceeds that of some offices today. They gave me confidence in my abilities. The example they set made me want to be as knowledgeable and professional as they are, they made me proud to be a dental assistant.

Second, you settled for nothing less than a polished appearance for me and my professional portfolio. Some facilities are more relaxed with their dress codes but by being accustomed to following traditional medical standards, I always exceeded the expectations of my extern site and impressed potential employers. Things like not carrying my cell phone and wearing minimal jewelry really showed that I was focusing on my career rather than chatting with friends or being stylish. My resume and portfolio shined with the effort that went into it. My extern site and employer were impressed with the organization and quality of information it contained. It truly showcased my skills and activities.

Last, you offered services and opportunities that allowed me to contribute to my field and the community. By participating at Gulf Coast Dental Outreach and the Great American

Teach-In, potential employers were able to see that I took a genuine interest in my field. The opportunity to join the American Dental Assistants Association with the help of the instructors was invaluable. The information I learned from my participation with that organization has kept me current on topics affecting dental assistants today. The school's chapter of the National Technical Honor Society was also a great benefit to me. It gave me the opportunity to interact with other students that were just as committed to their studies. NTHS also afforded me the opportunity to work on a great charitable project that I am proud to associate myself with.

I am so pleased to be able to say that I am an Expanded Function Dental Assistant with Radiology Certification from Central Florida Institute and a full time employee of Coastal Jaw Surgery. I am honored to have transitioned from a student to a colleague of my instructors. I am excited to be starting this new phase of my life and am grateful to everyone at CFI for offering me what I needed to succeed. I thank God for giving me the strength to make the most of the opportunity.

**Jennifer Miller, Dental Assistant Graduate, EFDA, BA**

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Surgical Tech class with Ms  
Dana Gibson, CST,  
Surgical Tech Instructor

While completing my externship, I realized how all the hours of studying and lab work had paid off, which in turn, made the hands on, real world learning a wonderful experience.

I would like to thank my parents, instructors and the staff at CFI for their continued support and encouragement, and for giving me such a wonderful experience throughout my course at CFI. To all of the students that will attend CFI following me, Good Luck! I can only hope that you walk away with as great of an experience as I had and a feeling of true accomplishment!

**Tim Burke,  
Surgical Technologist  
Graduate 2009**



Tim Burke with James Bryne  
and Ms Dana Gibson, CST,  
Surgical Tech Instructor

## TROOPS APPRECIATE SUPPORT! LAST SUMMER'S "SUPPORT THE TROOPS" DRIVE IN ORLANDO A HUGE SUCCESS

"Thank you for the generous gift to our battalion. We received four boxes full of treats and supplies from you today, and the Marines absolutely appreciate your kindness. Yours is the first such gift to our unit.

Thank you for taking the time to send us the treats and best wishes from home. On behalf of all the Marines and Sailors in Third Battalion, let me again say thank you for your generosity, well wishes and prayers. As you know, it means a great deal to deployed servicemen and women to know that their countrymen support their efforts.

**J.C. Lewis, Commanding Officer 3rd Battalion,  
11th Marines**



**Great Job CFI!**

**Thought for the Day:**  
*Instruction ends in the school-room, but education ends only with life.*  
Frederick W. Robertson

## "GE Brings CFI to Life"

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school's reputation as a top-notch ultrasound program. I think that we need to continue to show the ultrasound community that we are striving to be the best ultrasound program in Orlando. Thank you CFI for the opportunity to continue to build a positive reputation as an ultrasound professional.

Sincerely, **Patrick Reed, DMS student**

Attending the GE conference was very educational. We had an amazing speaker who taught many different case studies in fetal anomalies. We were also introduced to a new GE machine that had the capabilities to guide ultrasound along with a MRI scan. The GE machines gave me a new understanding on what is out there in the field, increasing my excitement to get out there!

I can't wait to use these machines and experience the capabilities and clarity of a GE machine.

**Holly Anderson, DMS student**

The DMS evening students were amazed at the new technology. GE put on an excellent presentation. They demonstrated their new system, the Logic E9 which can do a "real-time" comparison of the ultrasound to a patient's CT or MRI once it has been downloaded into the system. They explained the financial benefit of performing follow up ultrasounds at a fraction of the cost of follow up MRI or CT exams. This showed the students the ways that ultrasound is making an economical difference.

After GE's presentation, Charlotte Henningsen spoke about fetal anomalies she has observed working the high risk OB setting. This correlated perfectly to our class as it was the topic only two nights earlier. The students knew many of the answers to her questions.

Once the presentations were finished, the students were able to look at the four ultrasound machines GE brought as well as perform hands on scans of each other. GE Application Specialist, Lisa Marlowe, gave students insight to what their future could possibly hold. She answered many questions for them.

One of the students would like to travel after she graduates. I introduced her to a sonographer who travels for her career. She was able to provide valuable insight to the student.

John Jackson, from GE Medical, and I spoke after the program. He informed me of GE's Adopt a School program. This includes a biannual visit to the school when they present the current technologies to the students. They can bring their equipment with them to demonstrate.

I think this would be a very valuable opportunity for our program and I would like to pursue it for CFI Orlando.

**Gwen Miller, RT, RDMS**



To all staff at CFI Orlando,

I want to take the opportunity to extend my appreciation for accepting me into your Institute. I feel that I have been given a second chance to better myself and reach the goals that I set for myself a long time ago.

When I first stepped into the school for my initial appointment, I wasn't sure this was the place for me. After speaking with the admissions team for just a few minutes, my mind was changed. I then thought to myself, "let's go for it!" Now, nearly four months later, I have taken a huge load of information, and I have begun to prepare myself for the medical assistant position I will be trained for in about ten months from now.

I am really confident that CFI will send me into the medical field extremely prepared and ready for all of the challenges this field will bring. The education given at CFI is extremely thorough and embedded into my brain! Thank you for this life changing opportunity.

Sincerely,  
**Amie L. Florence**  
Future MA



## DO YOU HAVE ANY STORY IDEAS?

If you have any events, thoughts, or stories, please submit to:

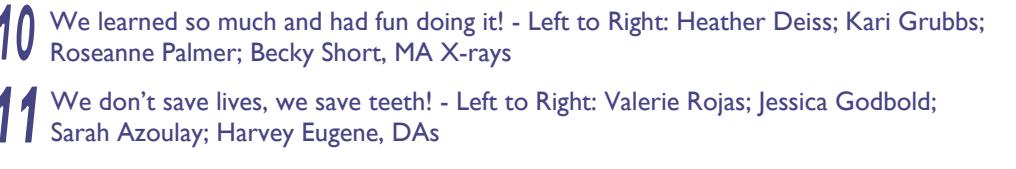
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## ORLANDO GRADUATES

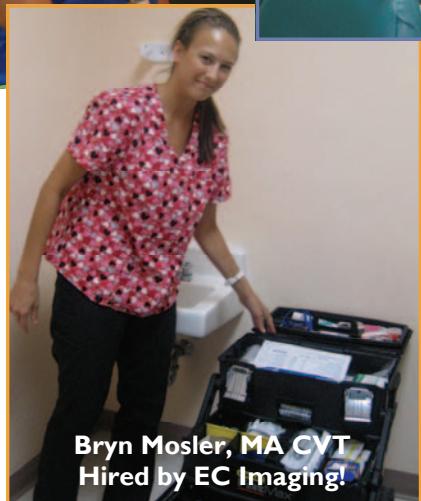
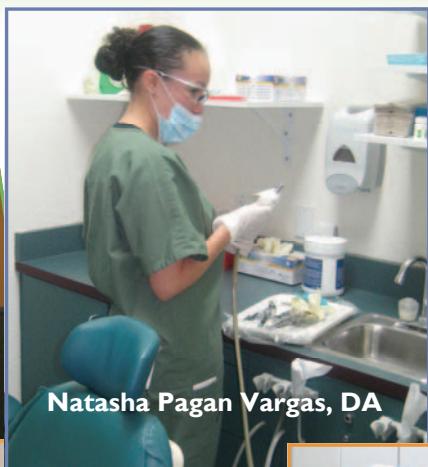
- 1**  I really enjoyed the program! - Shawn Lias, DA
- 2**  CFI has helped me reach an important goal in my life! - Crystal Blake, MA CVT
- 3**  I really enjoyed my time here at CFI, the teachers really prepared me for my future!  
Veronica Avolos, DA
- 4**  We finished! - Dustin Cibak, MA CVT & Geraldine Dixon, MA X-ray
- 5**  We had the best teachers ever!!! - Left to Right: Cheveline St. Phorin, MA X-ray;  
Mia Clements, MA Instructor; Vania Toledo, MA CVT
- 6**  CFI has enabled us to take a step forward with our lives, we thank you!  
Left to Right: Teresa Ortiz & Julieanies Mercado, MA CVTs
- 7**  It was a life changing experience for all of us! - Left to Right: Joanne Cornelio, MA CVT;  
Mindy Erisson; Cheri St. Esprit, MA CVT Instructor; Vania Toledo, MA CVT
- 8**  CFI has prepared us for our future, we thank you for everything you have done for us!  
Left to Right: Georgina Curvelo; Zuheilys Villarreal; Christa Saunders; Jazmin Miret, DAs
- 9**  We loved it! - Left to Right: Serena Benson, MA CVT; Mia Clements, MA Instructor;  
Ashley Hodges, MA X-ray; Sharonda Reed, MA CVT
- 10**  We learned so much and had fun doing it! - Left to Right: Heather Deiss; Kari Grubbs;  
Roseanne Palmer; Becky Short, MA X-rays
- 11**  We don't save lives, we save teeth! - Left to Right: Valerie Rojas; Jessica Godbold;  
Sarah Azoulay; Harvey Eugene, DAs
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- The 10 things that Representative Thompson recommends for our CFI graduates:**
1. Find your passion: Find the thing that you would do even if you did not get paid to do it!
  2. Choose your associates wisely: Associate yourself with people who have goals and plans.
  3. Maintain a work and life balance: Don't forget the folks who got you where you are today.
  4. Leave a legacy: We are a part of a great continuum.
  5. Beware of the dream killers: people who think they mean well, may, but imagine something for you other than what you want to do.
  6. Take risks: a turtle only gets ahead when it sticks out its neck, don't be afraid to fail.
  7. Don't stagnate or become complacent: society is changing.
  8. Maintain important ties: The best is yet to come!
  9. Continue to dream: everything you see began with a dream.
  10. Take care of yourself: early detection and treatment is key!
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## PALM HARBOR GRADUATES

- 1** This was the best school I ever went to! I learned a lot through my experience. Working at Oak Hill Hospital. Candace Brock, Surgical Tech
- 2** It was a great opportunity to learn hands-on and have your foot in the door for a great opportunity. Chad Brown, Surgical Tech
- 3** My training in Surgical was an excellent stepping stone for my future goals in the medical field. Nicole Meatty, Surgical Tech with daughter Tayah, who is very proud of her Mom.
- 4** CFI was a great experience! Working at Suncoast Women's Care in Trinity and love the new career! Kellie Miller, MA X-ray
- 5** Fun experience with good teachers! I'm excited to start my new career in the medical field. Danielle Morris, MA CVT
- 6** Don't give up, you get out what you put in! Working at Access Medical Spring Hill for Dr. Singh doing stress testing. Tyler Trowell, MA CVT
- 7** I enjoyed all of my instructors and I learned a lot. I look forward to starting my new career. Shaun Thomas, MA CVT
- 8** Coming back for ICT for Cath Lab, now working at Spinal Rehab. Enver Bekric, MA
- 9** I had a great experience at school. Well-trained instructors as well! Tiffany Poling, MA CVT
- 10** Career training with blooming romance! Thanks CFI! Candace Brock with Chad Brown, Surgical Techs
- 11** I would like to say thank you, Mrs. Castro and Mrs. Scribner, for giving me the skills I needed to succeed and become the newest dental assistant at Coastal Jaw Surgery! God has surely blessed me. Not a day goes by that I am not thankful for His will in my life. Thank you, again, Jennifer Miller, DA
- 12** CFI is a great school. Helpful teachers, made lifetime friends and got well trained. Jennifer Olguin with Melissa Ralat, MA X-ray
- 13** Had a good learning experience with new friendships and started my new career in a medical office. Sarah Plichta. Started my new career! Shannon Laporte, MA CVT
- 14** I had a wonderful experience! Cheryl Phillip, MA CVT with proud mother and grandmother, Ms Vicky McKeever
- 15** I loved my training and my instructors! Working at Tampa Bay Sleep Center. Lindsey Knowles, Poly Tech with proud mother and Instructors Mr. Daoud and Mrs. Ickes.
- 16** Thanks CFI! Working at Tampa Bay Sleep Lab. Lauren Blume, Poly Tech with proud husband and family.
- 17** I really enjoyed the program and look forward to working in my new career. Tim Burke, Surgical Tech with proud parents and family.
- 18** Left to right: Great times with great friends! Beth Lockard. Made friends and learned a lot! Meg Sloane and Kristie Grybauskas, MA CVT. This has been the best experience of my life! Met so many wonderful students and teachers in the school. Gerogina Heredia and Nicole Daniels, MA CVT. Jennifer Longo and Kurt Brewer, MA X-ray. CFI helped me learn Medical Assisting while making life long friends. Thanks so much Mr. Spankowski!, Moses Sloane, MA CVT. Michael Hernandez, MA X-ray. Good times at CFI! Not only got trained in my career but found the love of my life - fiancé Megan Sloane! Shawn Barnett, MA CVT.
- 19** It was a great experience! We had an awesome teacher. Working and enjoying it! Left to right: Chantel Deeley, Mindy Watkins, Ashley Canfield, Mandi Tran, Mary LaFrance, Charlie Klingenbeck and Annie Osborne, DAs



## Externs in Action Out in the Field



## Back to School Annual Community Health Fair Union Academy Family Center, Tarpon Springs



## WorkNet Pinellas in partnership with JA Summer Career Institute: Learning about Medical & Dental Careers

**Would you rather tell students about the workplace or show them?**

Thank you Central Florida Institute (CFI) for introducing our WorkNet Pinellas JA Summer Career Institute teens to some exciting future STEM career possibilities. Your two-day, on-site JA Job Shadowing experience was the highlight of the student PowerPoint competition this summer. Your employees were very thorough in giving our young participants an up-close look at the World of Work.

Thank you CFI for all that you do to help our kids.

**Junior Achievement of West Central Florida**



My student testimony begins with the most devastating event, which was when my favorite Aunt April T. Williams passed away from cancer. My Aunt April's death made me realize that I had a passion for the medical field. Passions to help, save, protect, and better someone's life or health. So, I surprisingly discovered Central Florida Institute.

I wanted to get some information about CFI so I visited the campus. Then I met Ms. Nomi, one of the sweetest persons one could ever meet. It was like I already knew her. Ms. Nomi took me in and gave me a tour of the school. I never felt more confident and ready to make a change and start my future. Unexpectedly, I enrolled at CFI the same day.

CFI is a wonderful school with wonderful students and staff.

The student/teacher bond is almost like high school but on an adult and respectful level. The one-on-one attention means so much. Thank you to all my teachers for being patient with me.

Coming to CFI was the best thing that has ever happened to me. There's no better feeling than fulfilling your goals and dreams. My Aunt April always admired me for being determined, bright and caring. She always said that I would make it and be successful and I will.

**Je'Quan Walker, MA CVT is now working at Florida Hospital in Kissimmee**



## *Congratulations CFI!*

**Central Florida Institute, Inc. was awarded CAAHEP accreditation for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program!**

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