

# BRIDGE BUILDERS NEWSLETTER

A Newsletter for Teens and Their Caregivers  
“Bridging the Gap for Youths Leaving Foster Care”

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Hope everyone had a great summer and that the school year (for students and non-students alike) is starting off well. We wanted to let you know about some upcoming activities that we are either hosting or that we have heard about and wanted to share.



If you have not already checked out our Facebook page, you really should. We try to stay current about Job Fairs or recent job openings that YTIA’s friends tell us about. There have been openings at hotels, airlines, small businesses; and as soon as we hear about them, we share them so that you have as many opportunities as possible to grab that job! We also try to share items of interest, and, of course, if any of you have something to share we’d love to hear about it.

We have recently learned that **Restore Education** has career training programs that you might want to check out. They have started or will soon start an Administrative Assistant program. Call them at (210) 320-1684.

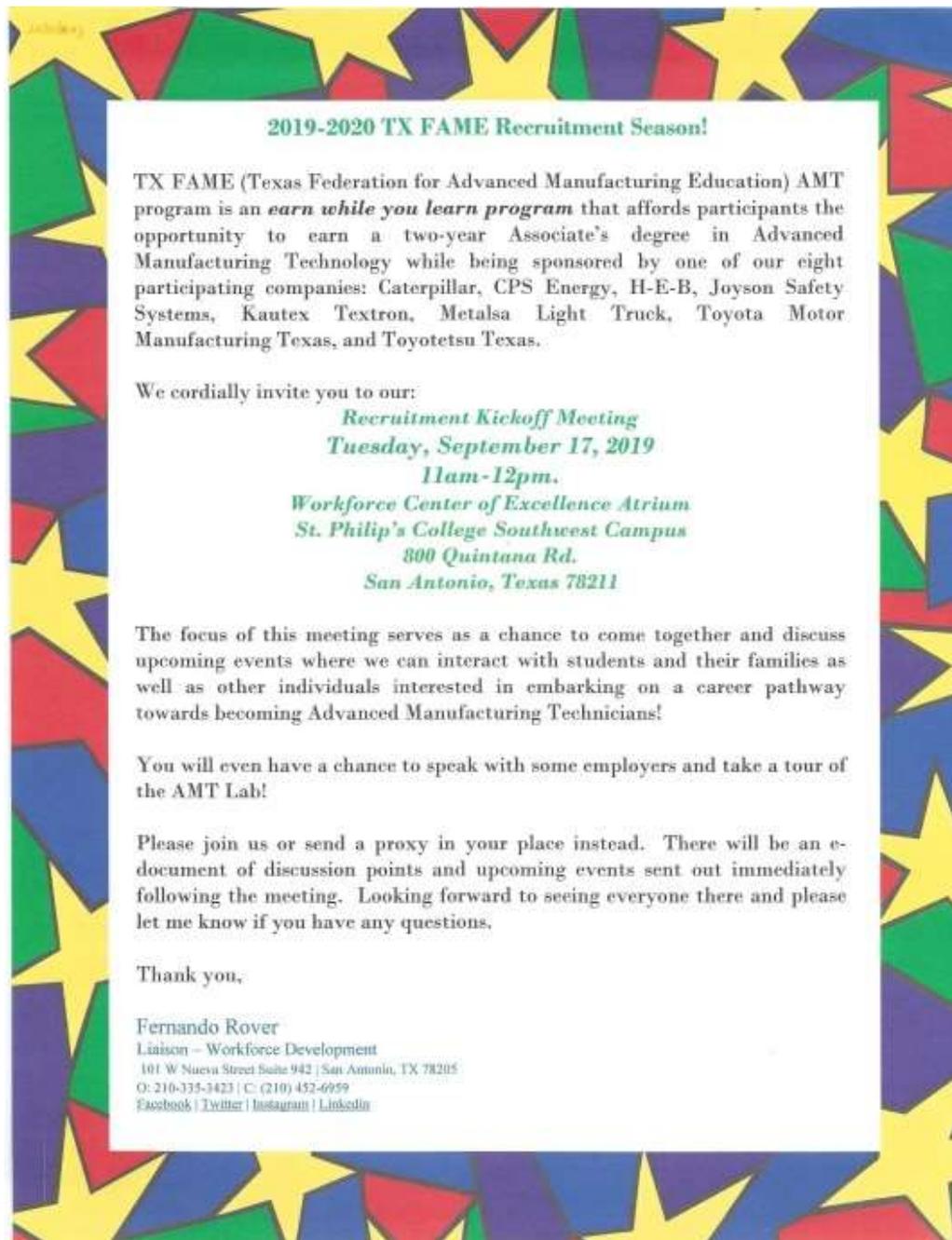
**Goodwill** also has training programs to offer (that are free) and they can be reached at (210) 924-8581, if you want specific details.

For those of you looking for volunteer hours, YTIA was notified that the City of San Antonio is looking for volunteers is looking for Volunteers for their “11<sup>th</sup> Annual Historic Homeowner Fair” to be held on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at Pearl Stable. The flyer we received will be attached to the email sending out this newsletter.

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Coming up on September 17th is the ***TX FAME Recruitment Kickoff***. Those of you who attended “Youth Explosion” in July should remember hearing about this program. See below.



**2019-2020 TX FAME Recruitment Season!**

TX FAME (Texas Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education) AMT program is an ***earn while you learn program*** that affords participants the opportunity to earn a two-year Associate's degree in Advanced Manufacturing Technology while being sponsored by one of our eight participating companies: Caterpillar, CPS Energy, H-E-B, Joyson Safety Systems, Kautex Textron, Metalsa Light Truck, Toyota Motor Manufacturing Texas, and Toyotetsu Texas.

We cordially invite you to our:

***Recruitment Kickoff Meeting***  
***Tuesday, September 17, 2019***  
***11am-12pm.***  
***Workforce Center of Excellence Atrium***  
***St. Philip's College Southwest Campus***  
***800 Quintana Rd.***  
***San Antonio, Texas 78211***

The focus of this meeting serves as a chance to come together and discuss upcoming events where we can interact with students and their families as well as other individuals interested in embarking on a career pathway towards becoming Advanced Manufacturing Technicians!

You will even have a chance to speak with some employers and take a tour of the AMT Lab!

Please join us or send a proxy in your place instead. There will be an e-document of discussion points and upcoming events sent out immediately following the meeting. Looking forward to seeing everyone there and please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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YTIA's own **College Prep/Readiness Workshops** are about to get started. We have partnered with Pathways and PAL to present some fabulous workshops to help you get ready for the next phase in your life. College may not be for everyone but these workshops are a real MUST; all High School students (yes, that's freshmen all the way to seniors) need to attend. These very interactive, on-going workshops will give you the chance to ask all of the questions that we know you have AND you will get ready to "lock in" those tuition waivers! Our first workshop will be on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. See flyer below.

PATHWAYS

IS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION AROUND THE CORNER? WHAT'S NEXT?

**PRE-COLLEGE PREP & OVERVIEW WORKSHOP**

Presented By: YTIA and Pathways Youth and Family Services

SEPT. 14<sup>TH</sup>, OCT. 19<sup>TH</sup>, & NOV. 16<sup>TH</sup> 2019

10:00AM TO 1:00PM

1919 NW Loop 410,  
Suite 201  
San Antonio TX 78213

These workshops will help youth focus on their future and reach their goals. The workshops will run on a continuous basis based on grade level. More information regarding scheduling will be provided at the initial session. The goal is to work with the same group of youths throughout the year. We will work with high school students and college ready youth to ensure they enroll in college and register for one class to lock in their benefits.

Join us in making a commitment to our children's future so they can learn about their benefits and utilize them!

RSVP to: [ytia2009@gmail.com](mailto:ytia2009@gmail.com)



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*Build bridges wherever you go with people who can provide encouragement and support.*

**Follow YTIA on Facebook:** We continue to post job opportunities and job fairs on our Facebook page. Hope you are continuing to follow our page. Share your thoughts with us about our Facebook page AND share this newsletter. Or, "like" us on Facebook. And, if you are doing something particularly interesting, share it with us.

We can be reached through our website ([www.ytia.org](http://www.ytia.org); just send us a "contact"), or on the phone (210) 256-1888, or via email at [ytia2009@gmail.com](mailto:ytia2009@gmail.com). If you have a question, concern, or issue, we'd like to hear about it; give us a call.

*If someone you know wants to receive "Bridge Builders Newsletter", have them send Mary Valdez and email or text message. If you want to be removed (unsubscribed) from this list, please do the same thing (send an email or text message). Thanks.*

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