



## Statewide Email

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**SUBJECT:** Grant for Expanding Entrepreneurship Education & Training, (EET)

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Recently, the Department of Education [announced](#) a \$1 million dollar grant opportunity for expanding entrepreneurship education and training (EET) within our state's career and technical education (CTE) programs. It also announced a series of engaging webinars (see [here](#)), aimed at helping faculty, staff, and community and economic development partners understand the importance of entrepreneurship education for 21<sup>st</sup> century learning. I want to invite you to apply and attend.

We know the increased demand for higher order knowledge and skills, but we also know that technically skilled talent is *not* all that matters. The rise in demand of human skills, like mental agility, flexibility, strong analytical and critical thinking, and the capacity to be an innovator or value creator, is evident. This means our education system must return to cultivating traditional intellectual and character virtues. Within the context of CTE, this is especially important, as we strategize about how to adequately grapple with the velocity of technological change, automation, and machine and deep learning.

One of the proven ways to teach human skills within the context of CTE is entrepreneurship education. It is an engaging and remarkably successful way to cultivate traditional educational virtues. It also results in higher persistence and completion rates. Lastly, we know the moral imperative our schools and colleges face to assist in accelerating social and economic mobility; building an ecosystem of entrepreneurs, especially among those most economically disadvantaged, is surely one way to ensure for it.

Please register for one or all of the webinars and consider applying for this unique, and unprecedented grant opportunity. Florida is the only state in the nation with such a focus or emphasis on EET. For more information, please contact Chancellor Henry Mack at [henry.mack@fldoe.org](mailto:henry.mack@fldoe.org).

Attachment: Perkins Entrepreneurship Flyer