



# TOMORROW'S TALENT, TODAY.

**BOLD INVESTMENT. BIG IMPACT. BUILDING CAREERS.**

## WAKULLA'S WORKFORCE REVOLUTION

Northwest Florida is dismantling the barriers and outdated perceptions of technical education. Today's students understand that there's no one-size-fits-all approach to postsecondary success – you can earn an industry credential and pursue a four-year degree. Nowhere is that dual-pathway model more evident than at **Wakulla High School's War Eagle Career Academy**.



“Career education truly begins in pre-kindergarten for us. Our entire pre-K through 12 system is intentionally designed to build career readiness at every stage. In our elementary schools, students are already earning introductory credentials and engaging in foundational career exploration. That continues in middle school, where the programs expand in depth and complexity. By the time students reach the War Eagle Academy, they're immersed in a world-class experience. What our high schoolers are accomplishing rivals the opportunities found at many post-secondary institutions across the country.”

**RICHARD MYHRE, SUPERINTENDENT**  
WAKULLA COUNTY SCHOOLS

### REDEFINING RURAL EDUCATION.

A \$20 million project supported in part by Triumph Gulf Coast, the Academy is redefining rural education innovation. It's not just a program for high school students, it's a comprehensive, kindergarten-through- adulthood educational institution proving that rural doesn't mean removed.

### WORKFORCE-ALIGNED LEARNING.

Every classroom, course and credential is designed to meet current and future workforce needs throughout the region. Through a partnership with Lively Technical College, the Academy offers seamless pathways to high-demand programs and skills.

### WE MEASURABLE IMPACT AND CREDENTIALS.

The impact is measurable and transformational. Every high school student will graduate with at least one industry-recognized certification. From micro-credentials to full certifications, the Academy is on track to award more than 7,000 industry credentials over 10 years, with more than 2,300 already earned since opening in August of 2024.

## RESULTS. READINESS.



**2,300+**  
INDUSTRY  
CERTIFICATIONS

**Programs from kindergarten to adult education, with expanded offerings in nursing, phlebotomy, digital design, aerospace, engineering, agriculture, and diesel mechanics**

**No-cost training for students and families**



### INNOVATIVE STRUCTURE + CERTIFICATION THAT MATTERS

**Offerings are directly tied to employer demand, with input from industry partners and aligned to high-growth career fields:**

**Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources:** Forestry

**Arts, A/V Technology & Communication:** Digital Design, Journalism & Multimedia

**Education & Training:** Principals of Teaching

**Engineering & Technology Education:** Engineering Academy, Aerospace Technology

**Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics:** Automotive Maintenance & Light Repair, Diesel Maintenance Technician

**Finance:** Personal Finance

**Hospitality:** Facials Specialty, Fundamental Foodservice Skills

**Information Technology:** Web Development

**Manufacturing:** Welding

**Architecture & Construction:** Building Trades & Construction Technology, Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning/Refrigeration

**Health Science:** Nursing Assistant, Nurse Aid and Medical Assisting, Phlebotomy, Biomedical Sciences, Human Body Systems

## HITTING OUR TARGETS



# A STATE OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT



**97.1%**  
**Wakulla  
Graduation  
Rate**  
89.7% - State Average



**Wakulla School  
District Grade**



**Wakulla High  
School Grade**  
Florida Department  
of Education



**359,636**

Florida students taking  
CTE concentrations  
graduate high school

**17** FLORIDA'S CTE PROGRAMS ARE ORGANIZED  
INTO 17 DIFFERENT CAREER CLUSTERS

**96%**

» Taking CTE concentrations graduate high school

**72.8%**

» Continue to postsecondary education

## TOP FIVE FACTS

Continuing to add momentum since 2018, the results speak for themselves. Our numbers prove that when strong partnerships meet bold innovation, success follows.

- 01** Triumph Gulf Coast is a **\$1.5 billion** competitive economic development fund.
- 02** The fund mitigates risks and provides **speed-to-market value** through workforce training and infrastructure investments.
- 03** As of 2025, Triumph has deployed **more than \$815M** to nearly 90 projects, more than \$329M in infrastructure and more than \$346M in workforce, and nearly 89,000 industry certifications.
- 04** The fund builds on Florida's statewide advantages—**no state income tax**, a #2 national ranking for business, and recognition as the #4 best state business tax climate in 2024.
- 05** Collaborating with regional and local partners, **Northwest Florida offers lower costs** and a better delivery system in a desirable location.

**\$1.5 BILLION**

guaranteed economic  
development grant funding

**\$80 MILLION**

annually  
through 2033

## HOW TO USE THE FUND

The fund alleviates business risks in three categories.

### INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

Supports strategic infrastructure needs, including the construction of public assets such as buildings, roads, and utilities.

### SITE READINESS

Funds due diligence, site clearing, engineering, and permitting to reduce development timelines and increase speed to market.

### WORKFORCE ENHANCEMENT

Develops industry-driven workforce and education training programs to build the local talent pipeline ready for employment.

