There are many people who dream of having a career as a private investigator. In fact, thousands of prospective investigators search the Internet every day for information on how to break into the profession. With an array of training and educational opportunities available it can be difficult to decide which program is the best fit.

Of the professional members listed on PInow.com, a trusted network of private investigators, hundreds agree that participation in training and educational programs creates strong industry connections. To help prospective investigators take this important step in building their careers and select the best program for their needs, PInow released a list of the 25 Top Private Investigator Training and Education Programs. The list is of educational institutions and does not include private training seminars and programs.

Most of the programs, like the top-ranked program at The University of Washington, are instructed by legal professionals and licensed private investigators. Program lengths and styles vary. A shorter course is a 40 hour intern program at Hillsborough Community College (#10) while a longer example is the 200 hour course at The University of North Texas (#5). Boston University (#2) offers online and classroom settings, and professional investigators and program instructors alike acknowledge the benefits of taking education courses.

Of the 25, the Top 10 Private Investigator Training and Education Programs are:

- University of Washington: Certificate in Private Investigation
- Boston University: Certificate in Professional Investigation
- LSU Alexandria: Private Investigator Basic Training Course
- University of Louisiana, Lafayette: Private Investigator Basic Training Course
- University of North Texas: Certificate in Professional Private Investigation
- California State University, Fullerton: Certificate in Private Investigation
- Madonna University: Certificate of Completion in Private Investigation
- Clayton State University: Professional Investigator Certification Program
- Texas A&M International University: Legal Investigation Certification Course
- Hillsborough Community College: Private Investigator Intern Course

“There are tremendous benefits to enrolling in a PI training program,” says Tom Shamshak, the lead instructor at the #2 ranked Boston University program, “especially the BU PI Certificate. Our instructional staff is comprised of retired municipal and federal law enforcement professionals and two lawyers.” Shamshak also notes that, “A number of our PI grads have landed entry level investigative positions in PI firms, as well as [at] state and federal agencies.”

Other schools featured on PInow’s Top Private Investigation Training and Education Programs list assist students in furthering their careers as private investigators and qualify them for exams and licensure. The weekend long, 40 hour course at Louisiana State University at Alexandria (#3) and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (#4) end with the state licensure exam. At Cal State Fullerton (#6), students who complete the program are sent job opportunities for up to one year.

As with any profession, education and training will help students and experienced investigators further their knowledge and become better investigators. "There's no clearly defined path to becoming a private investigator," PInow co-founder Trent Carlyle said. "This list provides direction for people who want to pursue careers in investigation but don't know how to get started."

PInow released the list in response to the growing number of individuals interested in a private investigations career. Some determining factors for rank were accreditation, specificity to private investigation and application requirements. For more information on how to become a private investigator, visit PInow.com.
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Go Higher-Get Accepted is a partnership between FACTS.org, Florida colleges and over 270 high schools. Students attend events to get help applying for college and to get "Cash for College." The campaign is to help high school seniors without postsecondary plans get accepted at their local Florida College. The goal is to have 100% of students at participating schools accepted before they graduate from high school. This year the Ybor City Campus partnered with **Blake High School.** This was the fourth year implementing the Go Higher Get Accepted Initiative at Blake High School.

We held:

- Two online application sessions at Blake
- Two information meetings
- Two PERT testing’s were conducted

March 7th was the final event at Blake. In attendance was:

- Shannon Farbe from Admissions
- Cheryl Ward from Advising
- Tia Vicker and Shemeka McCray from Financial Aid
- Myra Cayah from Counseling
- Patrick Sneed – Student Ambassador
- Barbara Cockfield Enrollment Development Coordinator
- Patricia White from Admissions (February 16, 2012)

We serviced 33 students. All of the students:

- Applied to Hillsborough Community College
- Completed financial aid application
- Met with either an advisor or Counselor to review their PERT, SAT or ACT scores, and advising guide
- The students also were all registered for orientation

Saturday, June 23, 2012 we will conduct a High School Orientation for the Blake Students.
Chamber Music Ybor

**Jazz Ensemble**
April 24th
7:30 p.m.
Mainstage Theatre

**String and Brass Ensemble**
April 25th
7:30 p.m.
Mainstage Theatre

**Percussion Ensemble**
April 26th
7:30 p.m.
Mainstage Theatre

Happy Birthday Dean Evans!

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**4 Days of Dance**
April 18-21, 2012
7:30 PM

$10 General Admission • Tickets available at the door • Free to HCC faculty, staff and students with I.D.
Earth Day

Ybor City Campus

Wednesday, April 16th
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Ybor Plaza

Enjoy exhibitors, educational activities and music!!
### Phi Theta Kappa Activities

On April 11, while some members of Phi Theta Kappa were participating in the HCC Olympics, three others from the Ybor City Campus chapter — Desiree Baldree, Cassandra Flanders, and Megan Seymour — joined members of the Plant City Campus chapter in heading to Nashville, Tenn., to attend the Phi Theta Kappa Academy, which focuses on the whole scholar through personal and professional development. The following day, four more members (Tony Benitez, Garrett Bremer, Sae Cooper, and Sam Kelly) and co-advisor Terry Varvil joined them for the annual Phi Theta Kappa International Convention. Guest speakers at the three-day event included Dr. Walter Bumphus, President and CEO of the American Association of Community Colleges; Wes Moore, a PTK Distinguished Alumnus and author of The Other Wes Moore; and Yale Law School Professor Amy Chua, author of the controversial Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother. Malcolm Gladwell, author of The Tipping Point and Outliers, delivered the keynote address. In addition, the event featured educational forums, a spectacular parade of flags, Hallmark Awards, international officer elections, and a senior college transfer fair, as well as some down time to explore Opryland and have fun in the Music City.

The convention also saw the official launch of the 2012-13 Honors Study Topic, “The Culture of Competition.” At an upcoming meeting, our chapter will decide how to implement this topic in a yearlong Honors in Action Project and hold elections for several chapter officer positions and chairs. Candidates are asked to submit a brief essay (no more than 500 words) as a stump speech. Even new members are encouraged to run! Anyone interested in the project or an office should e-mail saecooper@gmail.com.

Speaking of new members, the chapter will soon announce the winners of the chapter’s Pinnacle Membership Award, which covers the $85 membership fee and includes a chapter T-shirt. These students and other new members are invited to the spring induction in the Ybor Room at 6 p.m. on April 27. Campus President Dr. Shawn H. Robinson will be the evening’s guest speaker. All students who were invited to join this spring and have accepted membership (or plan to accept before May 11) are welcome to participate and to bring up to five guests. Faculty, staff, and administrators are also invited to attend in support of these outstanding students. Everyone attending should complete the survey at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6QN2PFX by 5 p.m. Friday, April 20, so that the chapter may prepare adequately. If you have any trouble with the survey or have changes after completing the survey, e-mail ptkybor@hccfl.edu.

Members who are graduating this spring or summer should immediately notify the graduation office in order to get the gold diploma seal. Members have the privilege of wearing the society’s gold stole, tassel, and honor cord (available at http://recognitions.ptk.org) with their graduation robes. The chapter has a few sets for loan; e-mail ptkybor@hccfl.edu for information.

Coming soon: information on the Honors in Action Project, Relay for Life (May 18), and officer candidates!

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For more information on registration, please visit [www.HCCVirtual.com](http://www.HCCVirtual.com).
HCC Ybor Campus to Host Job Fair

Wednesday, April 25, 2012
10 AM to 2 PM

HCC Ybor Campus, Ybor Room Building
2112 N. 15th St
Tampa, FL 33605

HCC is pleased to announce the 2012 Job Fairs. Get ready to meet with employers from the Tampa Bay area. Dress for success in business attire and bring your résumé.

For further information contact:
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www.hccfl.edu/jobfairs