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## Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Partners with 3DE Schools by Junior Achievement

*HCSO joins the innovative high school model transforming student's futures*

TAMPA, FL – Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) partnered with 3DE Schools by Junior Achievement to deliver the HCSO 3DE Case Challenge to Chamberlain High School and Hillsborough High School. Through 3DE's case competency-based method and integrating private/public partnerships, students experience increased learning engagement advancing measurable gains in academic proficiency, skills, and mindset.

The HCSO 3DE Case Challenge required students to work collaboratively with the support of HCSO volunteer coaches to solve the issue of communicating mental health issues with students successfully. After several weeks of integrating this case challenge across their core subjects, the students presented their case to judges from HCSO. The winning teams were presented with Apple iPads and AirPods courtesy of HCSO as a reward for their work.

"Giving young people in our community positive outlets to help them stay focused and out of trouble has always been one of my priorities since taking office," said Hillsborough County Sheriff Chad Chronister. "I am grateful for this innovative curriculum, and incredibly impressed by the way it has been embraced by students and staff. We are humbled to be a part of something so special."

3DE Case Methodology is proven to increase student engagement, strengthen comprehension, build critical thinking and accelerate academic performance. The integration of the business community and public sector organizations is transforming the relevance of education for students. The result is a high school experience that reflects the dynamic pace of activity and interconnectedness of life beyond the classroom walls.

"The investment in 3DE Schools from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office represents our shared belief to meaningfully transform education through private-public partnerships," said Richard George, President of Junior Achievement & 3DE Schools of Tampa Bay. "We are grateful to Sheriff Chronister and his team for their outstanding investment in 3DE Schools and the impact it provides our students and community."

3DE Schools by Junior Achievement is in its inaugural year in Tampa Bay at four high schools across the region. 3DE Case Challenges this year include partnerships with Jabil, Nielsen, Tech Data, A-LIGN, Arby's, Delta Airlines, Truist, Bank of America, Hillsborough Education Foundation, Pinellas Education Foundation, Riley

Education Foundation, and Community Foundation of Tampa Bay. For more information, visit [3DE Schools by Junior Achievement](#).

### **About Junior Achievement of Tampa Bay**

[Junior Achievement of Tampa Bay](#) inspired over 60,000 students with more than 1 million Instructional Contact Hours through the support of 7,820 volunteers in 2019-2020 in the thirteen-county region. Junior Achievement is a for impact, non-profit organization that delivers K-12 programming for entrepreneurship, financial literacy and career readiness including two capstone programs of JA BizTown and JA Finance Park. [3DE Schools by Junior Achievement](#) re-engineers public high school education to be more relevant, experiential and authentically-connected to the complexities of the real world in order to expand economic opportunity for all students. For more information on the organization, visit [jatampabay.org](http://jatampabay.org)

### **About Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office**

Established in 1846, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office is a 174-yearold law enforcement agency that provides comprehensive public safety services in one of the fastest growing counties, and states, within the United States. HCSO provides law enforcement and 911 call dispatch services for over 941,000 residents of unincorporated Hillsborough County, in addition to detention facilities, court security and child protection services for a population of 1,379,302 residents countywide.

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