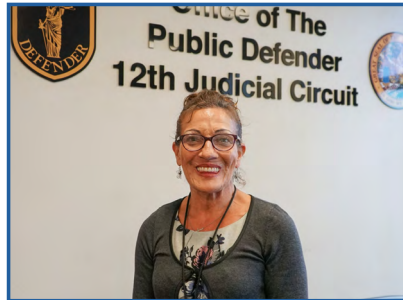


SPECIAL CAREER EDITION: COLLECTIVE MEMBER EARNINGS SURPASS \$1,000,000



Members hard at work:

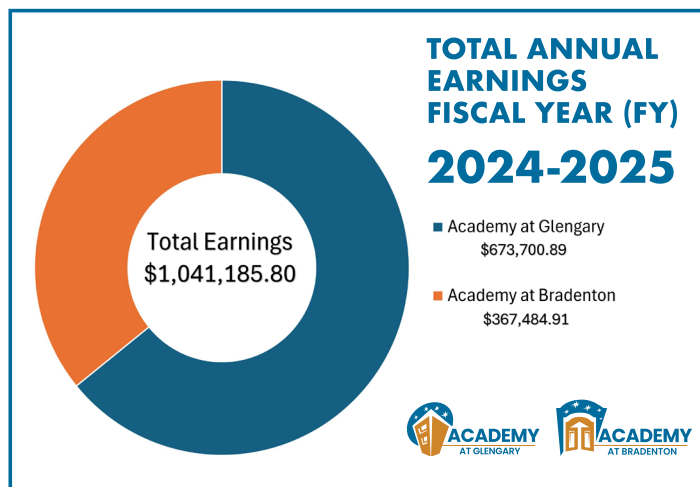
Top row (from L to R): Naomi Treece, Dana Homick,
Nicole Pendleton and William McKeever

Bottom row (from L to R): Ben Burnside, Connie Mulligan,
Ian Churchill and Samuel Parris

OVER A MILLION, AND JUST BEGINNING

This edition is dedicated to the hard work and perseverance of our Academy members who are demonstrating their value in the American workforce. Eight years into the development of our Academy services, we just reached a huge milestone: Annual collective earnings of Academy members across both of our campuses has surpassed \$1,000,000!

From day one, we set our sights high, knowing that job placement and career development are key to transforming lives. Gainful employment provides a sense of self-worth, gives meaning to our lives and creates financial stability for our families. Over a million dollars in collective earnings reflects a total of 77 employed Academy members, who have now become tax-payers and are discovering the means to self-sufficiency. We give special thanks to our many employment partners across Sarasota and Manatee counties who have opened their doors to Academy members eager to prove their worth in the workplace.



HERE ARE SOME GLIMPSES INTO WHAT CAREER DEVELOPMENT MEANS TO ACADEMY MEMBERS:

"The Academy's Transitional Employment program gave me the opportunity I needed to reenter the workforce and instilled the confidence I had been missing for the future."

~ John Peacock, Sunset Cadillac



"My job as a Procurement Specialist at Sarasota Memorial Hospital has given purpose to my day: helping people and doing what I love. I am deeply grateful to the Academy for connecting me with this job, where I can prioritize my mental health while still making a difference. My hope is to get a full-time position at SMH."

~ Ian Churchill, Sarasota Memorial Hospital



"Working at the State Attorney's Office is a meaningful step in my recovery journey. This experience is helping me build confidence, sharpen my skills, and envision a future with new possibilities. I'm grateful for the chance to grow in a setting where I am both challenged and encouraged. I even had the opportunity to meet State Attorney Ed Brodsky, who is to thank for the Academy having this great opportunity."

~ Long Pham, State Attorney's Office

"I work as a Dietary Aide at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. As a Dietary Aide, I clean tables, take out the trash, and sweep the floor of the dining room."

This job means so much to me and I really enjoy going to work!"

~ Preston Zorn, Sarasota Memorial Hospital



"When I learned I got the job as a Document Scanner, I was excited! This is only my second job, and it's been eleven years since I last worked, so I was a bit nervous."



I really appreciate the support I get from the Academy and I'm grateful to the Public Defender, Larry Eger, for giving me this opportunity.

Oh! And I even met Mr. Eger on my first day of work, and he was super nice!"

~ Ashley Muscat, Public Defender's Office of the 12th Judicial Circuit

"I am very grateful for my job as a Document Scanner. I truly enjoy my work and my coworkers. Thank you so much to the Academy for this opportunity."



~ Regena Grant, Public Defender's Office of the 12th Judicial Circuit

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