



MY EMPLOYMENT JOURNEY

by Hannah Lindell



Hannah Lindell with her "Staff of the Month" certificate from a local middle school

I've been working at a local middle school as a cafeteria worker for five years. I enjoy my time there, but I'd like to eventually pursue a career working as a teacher's aide for elementary-aged children. For this reason, I am hoping to transfer next year to an elementary school. I let my current supervisor know, and she was supportive and offered to help me. I plan to stay in food services for now, but I'm hoping that the exposure to working with younger children will benefit me in the future. I was initially nervous about making this change after five years but staff at the Academy talked me through it and made me feel confident.

I'm grateful to the Academy for all of the support I get here. One of the perks of working in a school is that I get spring break off and I get to attend the Academy. It's a great place for me to bounce ideas around and get feedback. The staff doesn't tell me what to do but they ask all the right questions for me to find my own way.



Join us for our
**2nd Anniversary
Open House
Celebration**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026
11:30 am - 1:30 pm**

Remarks at 12:15 pm by:

Amanda Ballard, Manatee County Commissioner

Judge Gilbert Smith, Jr., 12th Judicial Circuit

**Alan Davidson, President and CEO of
Central Florida Behavioral Health Network**



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PUTTING OUR TRUST IN BANK ON

As a new member of the Bank On Suncoast Coalition, the Academy at Glengary and Academy at Bradenton had the pleasure of hosting our trusted financial institution partners at our campuses this week. Representatives from TD Bank, Regions, and Florida Central Credit Union engaged in a member-led tour of our facilities and gathered a deeper understanding of our mission. They then presented information to our members and staff about safe, affordable Bank On certified accounts. These accounts are provided by trusted banks and credit unions and typically feature low costs to open the account, low to no monthly fees, overdraft protection, and easy access to online banking.

Members and staff gained insight as to the benefits of being a member at each financial institution. Member Sharra Everett stated, "I am relieved to hear of a bank that offers one-on-one communication with a live person for basic banking needs. It made me consider becoming a member of the bank."

The fact that the Academy can connect members to affordable banking options and trusted contacts at each financial institution will positively impact our members' financial wellness. Special thanks to Dennise Berger and Adam Norgrove of Regions; Toni Dunbar, Regina Jimenez, Natalie Chatman, and John Geheb of Florida Central Credit Union; and Rob West of TD Bank. Your service to our community is appreciated and the Academy looks forward to continued collaboration with the Bank On Coalition.



Bank On workshop at the Academy at Glengary



Bank On workshop at the Academy at Bradenton

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