



PALM BEACH TECH  
ASSOCIATION

# 2018 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



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The **Palm Beach Tech Association** is a non-profit 501(c)6 membership association uniting and building the innovation, entrepreneurial, and tech industries throughout Palm Beach County.

- **Total Members:** 129
- **Talented People:** 3094
- **Our Community Partners:**

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 RESEARCH PARK  
AT FLORIDA ATLANTIC  
UNIVERSITY

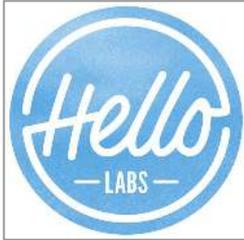
 FAU  
TECH RUNWAY  
Florida Atlantic University

 Business  
Development  
Board  
**BDB**  
Palm Beach County's Business Resource



# Some Current Members

*Representing the Palm Beaches most Innovative*



# 2018 Legislative Priorities



## [HB 2855 - Palm Beach State College - Coding & Cognitive Technologies Program](#)

***Request: \$250,000***

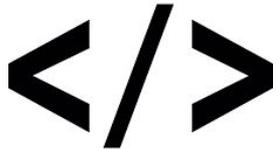
This turnkey-ready program would align with the industry and be directly transferrable. Potential areas included in the curriculum are Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, Predictive Analysis, Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, etc. It will appeal to those with and without degrees, is STEM focused, and will remain flexible by providing a marketable skillset through credentials with the opportunity to lead to a degree. PBSC has agreed to a \$250,000 match, which includes funding for software license fees, computer lab materials, wiring and network server expenses. The total cost to establish the program is \$500,000.



## [HB 2365 - Florida Atlantic University Tech Runway](#)

***Request: \$3,000,000***

Tech Runway is based on best practices developed by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Stanford University, and combines the resources of FAU with the local business community to create an ecosystem that is conducive to the development of successful technology startups. Since its inception in 2014, Tech Runway has launched 29 startup companies, which collectively have raised \$17.976 million in capital and created more than 239 jobs.



## [SB 180 - Computer Coding Instruction](#)

Authorizing, but not requiring, high schools to offer students opportunities to take specified computer coding courses beginning with a specified school year; requiring the Commissioner of Education to identify such courses that satisfy two credits of sequential foreign language instruction under certain circumstances; requiring each student and his or her parent to sign a specified statement, etc.