

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Foundation receives AT&T grant

Students at Vanguard High School will benefit from a grant from AT&T that seeks to increase understanding of how classroom curriculum translates into STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) careers.

AT&T is again working with the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations to provide experiential learning opportunities for students across Florida. Real-world application of STEM education concepts, problem-solving and critical thinking skills will be key elements of the 45 projects to be organized and funded through consortium member foundations, including the Public Education Foundation of Marion County.

The project titled Veteran Vets is designed to increase interest, engagement and attainment of chemistry by carrying out two scientific studies with Peterson & Smith

Equine Hospital and the Silver River Museum. It builds on the equine project that was started last year through funding from an AT&T grant.

Business donates to schools

Through its sixth annual Teacher's Rock Supply Give-away, TCC, a Verizon retailer, donated supply kits to nearly 6,000 teachers across the U.S., including to Sunrise and Romeo elementary schools and Dunnellon Middle and Dunnellon High School in Marion County.

Each kit, valued at \$77, included supplies such as paper, pencils, glue, tissues, folders and more.

The National Center of Education Statistics reports that nearly all public school teachers spend \$480 out of their own pockets to pay for school supplies each year.

Business selected

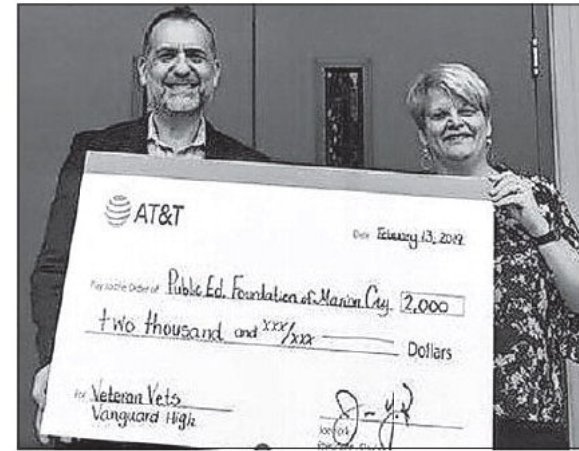
On Feb. 19, CRN, a news, analysis and perspective on IT solutions organization, announced selections for the Managed Service Provider 500, an annual list that recognizes providers with cutting-edge approaches to information technology.

Ocala-area business eResources' ITonDemand is featured on the Pioneer 250 of CRN's 2019 MSP 500 list.

Top four spot

NAI Global, a commercial real estate firm, earned the top four spot in the 2019 Lipsey Survey of Top 25 Commercial Real Estate Brands. The survey was conducted among 100,000 commercial real estate professionals using a combination of ballot voting, phone interviews and focus groups. NAI Heritage LLC in Ocala is an office of NAI Global.

NAI Heritage provides service



Marion County's Public Education Foundation Executive Director Judi Zanetti, right, receives a \$2,000 check from AT&T's Dan Pollock.
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in Ocala, Gainesville, The Villages, Dunnellon, Crystal River and surrounding areas

Career fairs coming up

Spring Career Fairs hosted by CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion will take place in Citrus County 3-5 p.m. on March 26 at the College of Central Florida's Learning and Conference Center in Lecanto and 3:30-5:30 p.m. March 28 at CF's Klein Conference Center in Ocala.

Area businesses interested in

taking part can call 873-7955, ext. 1713, or 800-746-9950, ext. 1713.

Candidates interested in participating are encouraged to register with EmployFlorida.com. While there is no charge to take part in the fairs, appropriate dress is required. More information can be found by searching for Upcoming Career Fairs at careersourceclm.com or by calling 800-434-JOBS, ext. 1713. Free preparation assistance is available at CareerSource CLM career centers.