

A Heartland Discussion with Governor Rick Scott

STEM Scholars from the Heartland Educational Consortium with Florida's Governor Rick Scott

Participating School Districts



Panhandle Area Educational Consortium

Patrick L. McDaniel, Executive Director

- Calhoun
- Franklin
- Gadsden
- Gulf
- Holmes
- Jackson
- Jefferson
- Liberty
- Madison
- Taylor
- Wakulla
- Walton
- Washington



Heartland Educational Consortium

Tom Conner, Executive Director

- DeSoto
- Glades
- Hardee
- Hendry
- Highlands
- Okeechobee



North East Florida Educational Consortium

James Surrency, Ph.D., Executive Director

- Columbia
- Flagler
- Gilchrist
- Lafayette
- Levy
- P.K. Yonge
- Putnam
- Union

FloridaLearns STEM Scholars personnel from the Heartland Educational Consortium partnered with Florida's Heartland Rural Economic Development Initiative to bring over 370 individuals from education, business, and industry together in Sebring for "A Heartland Discussion with Governor Rick Scott: The Symbiotic Relationship of Education and Economic Development" on October 3, 2013. The purpose of the event was to bring together the Heartland educators and economic developers under one roof with the Governor to learn about what is happening in the region, what efforts are being made, and where the Governor is leading the state.

Student participants in the *FloridaLearns STEM Scholars* Project were treated as VIPs at the event with special, front and center seating. They were also recognized during Governor Scott's comments and comments by Highland County's School Board Chairman Andy Tuck, who is also a FHREDI board member.



STEM Scholars from Heartland Educational Consortium-served districts meet Governor Scott at the FHREDI event.