

Mahoney Meets with Indian River Community College President to Discuss New Upward Bound Program

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Program Helps High School Students Develop Math and Science Skills

Who:

Congressman Tim Mahoney (FL-16)

Dr. Edwin Massey, President, Indian River Community College

What:

Mahoney will tour Indian River Community College and meet with President Massey to discuss the \$250,000 federal grant that was recently awarded to IRCC to launch a new Indian River Community College Upward Bound program with special emphasis on math and science. The Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) program will prepare high school students for postsecondary education programs that lead to careers in math and science.

When:

3:30 Friday, September 14, 2007

Where:

Indian River Community College - Kight Center

3209 Virginia Avenue Ft. Pierce FL 34981

More On IRCC's New Upward Bound Math and Science Program:

IRCC's new Upward Bound program will provide multi-faceted educational services and opportunities to inspire interest in math and science among first generation in college and low income students in St. Lucie County. Fifty participants will be selected from Central and Westwood High Schools.

Beginning in January, the students will engage in exciting projects linking math and science to real-world experiences. Working in teams, they will replicate the conditions for a "hurricane" through laboratory experiments, monitoring and predicting its path and evaluating the extent of damage that would be caused at different levels of strength.

Gaining exposure to scientific research, the students will work with mathematicians and scientists at IRCC and scientific organizations such as Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, USDA Labs, and Smithsonian Institution. Classroom reinforcement will focus on academic achievement, and the students will be paired with IRCC science majors who will serve as peer tutors.

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