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**Spacecoast Technical Network**

*Rebuilding Our Community, One Person at a Time*

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Debbie Mackey shares at the STN Job Fair

### STN Member To Use Education, Training to Launch New Business

With 31 years of aerospace experience and a Master's Degree from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Debbie Mackey never thought it would be so hard to find employment after being laid off. She, and hundreds of other jobseekers are applying for each and every job opportunity. "I was surprised to find that my job-related experience did not match what businesses outside the Kennedy Space Center were looking for," commented Mackey.

Early on, following her lay-off notice, Debbie contacted the Brevard Workforce to see what they had to offer with regards to training and education. She was quickly assigned a career adviser and together, they explored what jobs were in demand and the possibility of changing careers. Debbie had expressed an interest in the Legal field and began to explore the possibility of becoming a Paralegal.

## Friday's Speaker

### Mike Lester

Mike Lester, KSC Technology Development Partnership Manager, will speak on transferring NASA technology to industry.

Scientists and Engineers at KSC develop new technologies that support its three major missions: Launch and Vehicle Processing Systems, Payload and Payload Carrier Systems and Landing and Recovery Systems. Under the Innovative Partnerships Program, NASA secures patents on promising technologies and makes these inventions available to industry.



Mike Lester is the Kennedy Space Center (KSC) Partnership Manager for the KSC Research & Technology Program and is responsible for promoting and establishing KSC technology development partnerships with industry, academia, and other government organizations.

In addition, Mike supports KSC technology transfer efforts to identify usages for mature KSC technologies outside the space program. In this capacity, he is helping KSC move toward a future where the center works more collaboratively with regional economic development organizations to develop and transfer KSC technologies to local industry, with the goal of stimulating job growth and the economy.

Mike has a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Florida and continuing education from the University Of Central Florida in Industrial Engineering.

## Upcoming Speakers

11/16 - Mike Lester, NASA Technology Transfer Office

11/23 - Thanksgiving Week, No Meeting

11/30 - Carol Craig, CEO Craig Technologies, Inc.

12/07 - Carol Scott, Commercial Crew Program, NASA

[Read More About Debbie's Transition](#)

### STN Member Job Board

[27 New Local Hi-Tech and Engineering Jobs in Brevard County](#)

[Local opportunities with Craig Technologies](#)

### TRAINING

[Veterans Retraining Program \(VRAP\) Helps Nearly](#)

[100K Enhance Job Skills](#)

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12/14 - Bill Allen, Elements of a Winning Proposal  
 12/21 - Phil Krull, Embraer Executive Jets Overview  
 12/28 - Christmas Week, No Meeting  
 01/04 - Kathleen Rich-New, President, Clarity Works!

### Upcoming Events

11/14 [The Solid Experts - Free Solid Works Webinar - Click here for Info](#)

11/15 [Paul Kosieracki, Workshop - Financing Your Start-up Business](#)

11/15 [SME Facility Tour - Professional Aircraft Accessories](#)

11/16 [Missile Space and Range Pioneers Fall 2012 Banquet](#)

11/30 [Federal Procurement Forum, Kinberg and Associates](#)

12/04 [Business Planning Workshop, Part 2, SBDC](#)

12/07 [42nd Space Congress, Florida Solar Energy Center](#)

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## Spacecoast Technical Network

The Spacecoast Technical Network, STN, meets every Friday to network, share a meal, and learn from informative speakers. The membership is over one hundred and growing weekly. STN is about securing Employment for its members, enhancing skill sets through Educational resources, and providing ongoing professional support and expertise for new and exciting Entrepreneurial efforts.

Networking begins at 8:00am. A hot breakfast is served at 8:30. Cost for the breakfast is \$4 per person. The SpaceCoast Technical Network meets in the parish hall of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, located at 414 Pine St., Titusville. [CLICK HERE FOR INTERACTIVE MAP](#)  
 For more information, contact Kevin Harrington at (321)302-4787, email: [Kevin@STNrebuilds.org](mailto:Kevin@STNrebuilds.org)

## Join Now!

### The SpaceCoast Technical Network Offers Two Positions of Membership.

**Associate Member** - Associate members are seeking to re-establish their income stream. Many of our associate members have since moved on to new positions of employment. Some are starting their own business, while others have re-enrolled in an educational curriculum that will provide them with new skill sets and/or certificates for the next step in their career.

**Business Support Member** - Business support members offer the expertise and resources of their businesses to aid and assist the STN in its quest to strengthen the economic situation of the community. The support of the local business community is the key to the completion of all STN goals.

**One Year Membership is just \$20**

For more information contact Herb McElrath, Director of Membership Services at (321) 544-5932

To share an upcoming event, an educational opportunity, or an employment position, contact: Jerry Olguin at [Jerry.Olguin@STNrebuilds.org](mailto:Jerry.Olguin@STNrebuilds.org) or call 321-205-3322

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