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## AT&T contributes \$10,000 to West Orange Foundation's education program

The West Orange Foundation announced today that AT&T made a \$10,000 contribution to the West Orange Program for Tomorrow's Entrepreneurs (W.O.P.T.E.), through the AT&T Aspire program. The purpose of the contribution is to support W.O.P.T.E., a six-month program that provides high school juniors with exposure to industry sectors, leadership skills development, teambuilding skills, job shadowing, and business plan development, giving them a foundation of knowledge of types of businesses and careers they can pursue upon graduation.

The primary mission of the W.O.P.T.E. program is to raise the awareness of our youth regarding the West Orange County business community and all it has to offer. With increased awareness of the area, it is hoped that students will be better informed regarding career opportunities. W.O.P.T.E. also partners with Junior Achievement to present the "JA Be Entrepreneurial" and "JA Job Shadow" programs that allow students to gain a better understanding of entrepreneurship.

## About the West Orange Foundation

The West Orange Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization that serves as the community-based, philanthropic arm of the West Orange Chamber of Commerce (WOCC). The Foundation's vision is to create a broader community reach, streamline the Chamber's philanthropy and community outreach programs, engage more industries & businesses, create and embolden alliances and foster positive change, health and growth. It will support many WOCC philanthropic initiatives, including its adult and youth leadership programs, scholarships for local students, community-need projects, educational Chamber events and the Committee of 101 (C101) grant program.

## About Philanthropy & Social Innovation at AT&T

AT&T Inc. is committed to advancing education, strengthening communities and improving lives. Through its community initiatives, AT&T has a long history of investing in projects that create learning opportunities; promote academic and economic achievement; or address community needs. The company's signature philanthropic initiative, <u>AT&T Aspire</u>, drives innovation in education to promote student success in school and beyond. With a financial commitment of \$400 million since 2008, AT&T is leveraging technology, relationships and social innovation to help all students make their biggest dreams a reality.