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**MyCareerShines now offering career awareness program for
pre-K through 5th grade students**

Tallahassee, FL – March, 2020 – The Florida Virtual Campus is excited to announce that MyCareerShines is now offering Kuder Galaxy, a free online system that allows all students in pre-K through 5th grades to explore their career possibilities through a series of fun games, activities and experiences.

Galaxy makes learning about the world of work intuitive and engaging by highlighting 120 possible career occupations and leveraging a badge system to reward and motivate students to explore work environments. It encourages usability with a blend of video, text and audio narration in both English and Spanish. The system features an array of fun characters, aliens and astronauts and is easily accessible from desktops, laptops and tablets. Galaxy also promotes equity by avoiding common assumptions about gender roles.

“Research tells us that career development is a lifelong process that begins in childhood,” said Nashla Dawahre-Williams, director of advising and student services at the Florida Virtual Campus. “At the elementary level, exploring careers early is tied to success in many other aspects of an individual’s development in childhood and adulthood. We are thrilled to expand our audience and the services offered by MyCareerShines, to assist pre-K through 5th grade students in exploring the world of work through fun games!”

Galaxy provides educators with flexible administrative tools to map content to state and local academic standards and frameworks such as Social-Emotional Learning or the Leader in Me, and state or local counseling standards. It also offers parents advice for each grade level.

MyCareerShines, a service of FloridaShines, is a free, state-funded tool that allows students and adults to create a personalized plan, assess their interests and skills, explore careers, plan for their future education and create a personal portfolio to share with prospective schools and employers.

About Florida Virtual Campus: The Florida Virtual Campus (FLVC), A Complete Florida Plus program, is made up of several units which provide statewide innovative educational services for Florida's K-adult students. Working collaboratively with Florida's 12 public universities, 28 public colleges, K-12 school districts, and other partners, FLVC provides free services to help students go

to college, succeed in school, prepare for career success, and in life after graduation.



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