



April Career Calendaring

Monthly Theme: Postsecondary Planning



Activities: Assist students with postsecondary planning (2 year college, 4 year college, military, or directly to the work-force) by:

- ◆ Sponsoring a college night program to include military representatives to answer academic, financial aid/FAFSA, and application questions.
- ◆ Invite students and parents to learn more about post-secondary options with online planning tools such as SCOIS, DISCUS LearningExpress Library, or other appropriate resources.

- ◆ Set up college visits for students and/or encourage students to set up visits during their Spring Break.

You can execute a report of students' postsecondary options in the IGP reports section. Contact Sherry Williams for more details or refer to the Reports Manual.

Some districts have reported that the postsecondary plans are not saving correctly. If this is the case for your district, refer to the January Newsletter for the "work around."

Are you looking for ways to make your IGP conferences more exciting? Read a blog entry by Dr. Mike DiNicola found at <http://www.futureareadynow.com/2014/03/09/5-ways-to-refresh-your-igp-conferences/>.

Annual IGP Survey for Guidance Staff and Students

EEDA District Coordinators, Guidance Directors, and Instructional Leaders,

Beginning today, April 1, and continuing through Friday, May 30, 2014, the South Carolina Department of Education's Office of Student Intervention Services will conduct its annual review of the individual graduation plan (IGP) counseling sessions required by the Education and Economic Development Act of 2005. The purpose of the review is to assess the IGP conference processes being used in each middle and high school statewide.

To participate in the review, students, counselors and career specialists should complete online surveys about the IGP conference process. Because a minimum of *10 students from each grade—eighth through twelfth*—from each middle and high school are required to complete the survey, the review by students can be completed even if all IGP conferences have not been held. Of course, more than 10 students from each grade level may complete the survey.

Please inform the appropriate personnel in your respective districts about the process and ensure that counselors and career specialists at each middle and high school follow the procedures outlined below:

Counselor/Career Specialist Review Procedures

Every counselor and career specialist from each middle and high school who either conducts IGP conferences or assists with IGP conferences for students in grades 8, 9, 10, 11, and/or 12 should complete the survey.

Counselors and career specialists should use the following link to access the survey.

Guidance Personnel Link: <https://ed.sc.gov/Survey/index.php?id=38914&lang=en>

Counselors should complete the survey as soon as possible but no later than **May 30, 2014**.

Student Review Procedures

School counselors or career specialists should:

Randomly select ten or more students from each grade level (8, 9, 10, 11, and 12) from each middle and high school to complete the survey. Try to ensure that the students represent different clusters and majors.

Ask students to use the following link to access the survey.

Student Link: <https://ed.sc.gov/Survey/index.php?id=95211&lang=en>

Ask students to complete the survey as soon as possible but no later than **Friday, May 30, 2014**.

Thank you for your assistance in ensuring that students, counselors, and career specialists from each middle and high school participate in this review.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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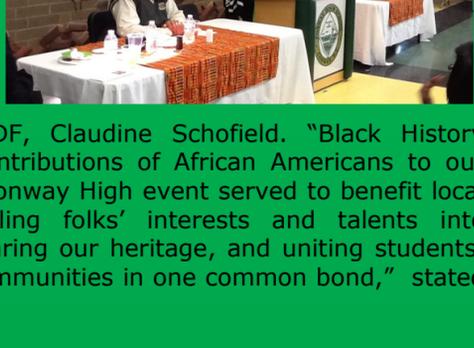
CSAR LINKS FOR REPORT PERIOD 2 WILL BE SENT APRIL 28TH TO THE CAREER SPECIALIST AT EACH MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL.

THE REPORT IS DUE NO LATER THAN JUNE 6, 2014.

*** CAREER DEVELOPMENT AROUND THE STATE ***

Horry County:

Conway High School celebrated Black History Month with the 21st Annual Ethnic Buffet with a theme of "Promoting Unity in the Community" honoring Mrs. L. Marie Gainey Floyd and Dr. Winston McIver, Jr. The event was organized by Conway High School CDF, Claudine Schofield. "Black History Month recognizes the contributions of African Americans to our state and country. This Conway High event served to benefit local communities by channeling folks' interests and talents into positive efforts, while sharing our heritage, and uniting students, faculty, staff and local communities in one common bond," stated Ms. Schofield.



Williamsburg County:



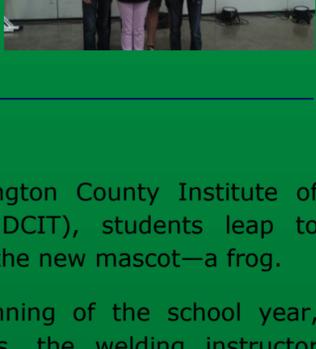
On Friday, February 21, 2014, C.E. Murray High School held its annual career fair for all students in grades seven through twelve and invited the students of Greeleyville Elementary School. Most of the sixteen career clusters were represented at the event.

Fairfield County:

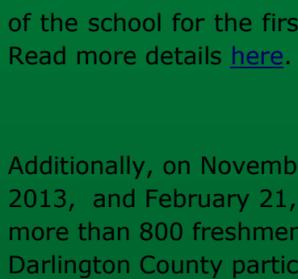


Fairfield Central Robotics Team Wins Highest Rookie Seed Award during the 11th Annual Palmetto Regional Robotics Competition in Myrtle Beach, SC.

The FCHS Robotics Team was featured in the March Career Specialist Newsletter as they sponsored a NASA astronaut as a guest speaker. Shortly afterwards, the team competed in Myrtle Beach and won the highest rookie award. Congratulations to the FCHS Griffin Robotics Team! The team's executive council members are pictured to the right.



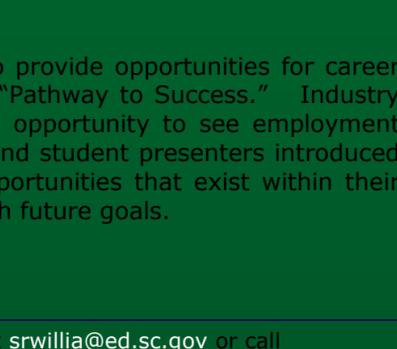
Darlington County:



At the Darlington County Institute of Technology (DCIT), students leap to success with the new mascot—a frog.

At the beginning of the school year, Jesse Flowers, the welding instructor and Kevin Hill, the auto collision instructor, collaboratively worked with students to build the school mascot. **Super Frog** was displayed in the front of the school for the first time on Wednesday, February 19, 2014. Read more details [here](#).

Additionally, on November 8, 2013, and February 21, 2014, more than 800 freshmen in Darlington County participated in an interactive career fair. The event was a collaborative effort of DCIT, the high schools, and the business community.



The purpose of the event was to provide opportunities for career exploration to students on their "Pathway to Success." Industry presenters provided students an opportunity to see employment possibilities in their community and student presenters introduced other students to short-term opportunities that exist within their district that could help them reach future goals.

Read the full story [here](#).

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