

THE MESSENGER

Counselor Self-Care



Now that the spring semester is in full force many of you may be advising students on course selections for 2015-2016 pre-registration, conducting Individual Graduation Plan meetings with parents and students and conducting classroom guidance lessons on an array of topics. Since August, you have been effectively and efficiently serving others. As you approach Spring Break, remember to take care of yourself! Rejuvenate, recharge, and most of all relax! Ideas for self-care include exercising, journaling, book clubs and self-pampering.

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SC Department of Education
Office of Student Intervention Services

A monthly newsletter for Guidance Personnel

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Empowering all students to shape our future.™

New Test Changes Coming to South Carolina

New laws passed by the South Carolina General Assembly have resulted in new tests that will be administered during the spring of 2015 throughout our state. The new tests are ACT Aspire™, ACT Workkeys® and The ACT®. All other tests, such as SCPASS for science and social studies in grades 4-8, and end-of-course exams in middle school and high school, remain the same for the spring of 2015.

These three new tests will help teachers understand where their students are succeeding and where extra help or academic focus is needed. By having a better understanding of a student's skills, abilities, and knowledge, parents and teachers can determine what students need to know to be successful in school in the future. For more information please visit

<http://www.ed.sc.gov/agency/pi/act/>



FYI

Upcoming Dates

March 14, 2015

The Power to Prevent Bullying (Webinar)

1:00pm

<https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?password=M.C93F4FBF7C966C4F60D2B53C9E1F26&sid=2013163>

May 29, 2015

**IGPs MUST BE COMPLETED
(Locked and made primary) for ALL
STUDENTS IN GRADES 8-12**



BEST PRACTICES

Alice Drive Middle School

Groundhog Shadow Day

Submitted by:

Nancy Barron, Career Specialist

The students of Alice Drive Middle School in Sumter County participated in Groundhog Shadow Day on February 2, 2015. The purpose of Groundhog Job Shadow Day is to allow students to spend a day with a professional to see various career paths firsthand. Over 270 students in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades participated in shadow day. Pictured below is Tristan Arnold who shadowed at Cane Savannah Carvings, a business that creates unique hand carved wood for home décor or one of kind gifts. Tristan helped carve an eagle in a tree that was rooted in the ground still alive. His goal is to attend the Sumter County Career and Technology Center to learn more about welding.



Forestbrook Middle School

Career Day 2015

Submitted by:

Eileen Patonay, REC Coordinator



Forestbrook Middle School in Horry County hosted an interactive Career Day on January 15, 2015. Over 100 business partners shared their career with 1200 students. A hospitality room was hosted by teachers and parents, providing refreshments throughout the event. Every speaker received a goodie bag filled with great items from local industry. Scenes from the interactive Career Day are pictured above.

Are you doing awesome things in your school?

** If so, SHARE, SHARE, SHARE..... Submit information and pictures so that we can share them with your colleagues across the state via this newsletter. All submissions should be emailed to dnero@ed.sc.gov.*

Fairfield County School District Job Shadowing Program Promotes Career-Exploration and Engagement

Submitted by

Stacey Gray-Feaster, Career Specialist

On Friday, February 13, 2015, Fairfield Central High School and Fairfield Middle School students shadowed a working professional and gained valuable insights and life lessons on navigating their individual career path.

“I enjoyed learning more about Public Service from my State Senator Creighton Coleman. He provided me with additional information on government, law school, education and entrepreneurship,” said Senior Jessie Coleman. Senator Coleman represents District 17 (Chester, Fairfield & York Counties). Jessie will attend the Citadel in the fall and major in Business Administration.

Freshman Vernetia Anderson is also interested in a law career. During her virtual job shadowing experience, she learned that it takes integrity, teamwork and leadership to be successful in her field. “I plan to attend the University Of North Carolina Chapel Hill School Of Law where I hope to become a criminal defense attorney,” said Anderson.

Senior Makayla Johnson toured the WLTX Studios in Columbia, South Carolina and shadowed popular WLTX News Anchor Darci Strickland. “I am going to attend Wingate University in North Carolina and want to learn more about the field of broadcast journalism. This experience has been an amazing opportunity to learn from someone I truly admire and hope to work with professionally. I not only gained additional insight on the job duties and educational requirement, I also gained a mentor,” said Johnson

Job Shadowing provided students with additional opportunities to utilize resources provided through the South Carolina Occupational Information System (SCOIS), Microburst Learning, South Carolina Department of Education, and the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce. JobShadow.com was also used by students to complete their career-exploration. Job Shadowing and Virtual Job Shadowing participants completed an online observation form.

“In many ways, this real-world experience provided our student participants with lifelong connections that can further assist them with navigating their career path,” said Career Specialist Stacey R. Gray-Feaster.

Pictured to the right is FCHS student Jessie Coleman and Senator Creighton Coleman.



What's Happening.....

The Office of Career and Technical Education is now accepting submissions for the following Career Guidance awards to be presented at the 2015 Education and Business Summit. The awards and descriptions are listed below.

Award	Description
SC Career Specialist of the Year	The SC Career Specialist of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding career specialist who exemplifies outstanding achievement in building and delivering a high quality career development program serving career and technology students, faculty, and parents. Only one career specialist may be nominated per school. One finalist will be selected by each regional career specialist as aligned with the state's Workforce Investment Act (WIA) regions.
SC Counselor of the Year Award	The SC Counselor of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding school counselor who exemplifies outstanding achievement in building and delivering a high quality career guidance program educating the academic and employability skill set needs in high demand for 21st century students. Only one school counselor may be nominated per school. One finalist will be selected by each regional career specialist as aligned with the state's Workforce Investment Act (WIA) regions.
SC Work-Based Learning Student of the Year Award	The SC Work-Based Learning Student (WBL) of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding WBL student who exemplifies representation while applying academia to real life, real work, and real world situations in the business/industry environment. One finalist will be selected by each regional career specialist as aligned with the state's Workforce Investment Act (WIA) regions.
CATE Service-Learning Award	The CATE Service-Learning Award will recognize CATE individual students, Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs), or CATE programs who exemplify outstanding achievement in a service-learning project related to their CATE program. One award will be given in each of the 4 SC CATE districts*. The service-learning project must have been completed during the 2013-14 or 2014-15 school years and in conjunction with a CATE program.
I AM CATE Award	The I AM CATE Award will recognize CATE Completers who graduated from high school in 2013 or before. One award will be given in each of the 4 SC CATE districts*. The nominee must be currently enrolled in postsecondary education, enlisted as member of the military and/or working in a field that reflects the skills gained through the nominee's CATE completer program.

Applications for these awards are available from your Regional Career Specialist

Leadership Enrichment and Development

This new and innovative program is designed specifically for key professional support specialists such as school counselors and school library media specialists. **LEAD** will help participants explore common challenges with an in-depth examination of the needs and skills necessary for effective leadership. The application deadline is **March 31, 2015**. We would like to remind you that the application deadline is fast approaching and we hope you will consider joining us for this first leadership cohort.

If you have any questions, please contact Regina H. Thurmond at (803) 896-0200 or Email: rthurmond@ed.sc.gov

Registration Form
<H:\Comprehensive Guidance\LEAD Registration Form.html>



"Today's Learners, Tomorrow's Earners"

June 21-24, 2015

TD Convention Center

Greenville, SC

2015 EBS is now open for registration and presentation proposals! Come share career guidance best practices with others statewide. Two presenters from each presentation receive complimentary registration to the Summit. Register today!

The Education and Business Summit is South Carolina's largest annual professional development event for the state's Career and Technology educators and administrators. Over the years, the Summit has grown to attendance levels of 1500 plus. The event consists of four days of keynote presentations, concurrent sessions addressing best practices in Career and Technology Education, and the opportunity to earn recertification credits onsite; the Summit is an experience that you can't afford to miss.

For more information visit

<http://www.ebsummit.info/>

2nd Annual South Carolina School Behavioral Health Conference

Thursday, April 23 & Friday, April 24, 2015

North Charleston, SC

The 2nd Annual SC School Behavioral Health Conference is an opportunity for professionals from schools and youth-serving agencies to network, collaborate, and learn new strategies to improve outcomes for all children and families in South Carolina.

Keynote Presentation: Susan Barrett

Implementation Partner, National PBIS Technical Assistance Center

“School Mental Health Within a Multi-tiered System of Behavioral Supports”

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED!

OVER 20 BREAK OUT SESSIONS & INTENSIVE TRAINING WORKSHOPS!

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Topics Covered Will Include:

- Family-school collaboration
- Legal and policy considerations for SMH services
- Youth engagement in behavioral health services
- Technology applications for data-based decision making
- Using Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Service funding to support multi-tiered systems in schools
- Interventions to prevent and address bullying
- Intervention strategies to promote school engagement and prevent dropout
- And more!

To register visit :

<https://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1663133>



The mission of the South Carolina School Behavioral Health Community is to promote student academic and personal success by reducing barriers to learning and supporting the social, emotional, and behavioral needs of all youth and families in South Carolina. For more information visit: www.sharedwork.org/web/sc

Email: scsbhc@gmail.com Phone: (803)777-0449 Fax: (803) 777-9558

To register visit

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Campus Tour 2015

June 15-19

This year, we'll tour:

Benedict College
Charleston Southern University
Claflin University
Columbia College
Erskine College
Furman University
North Greenville University
Presbyterian College
Southern Wesleyan University
Voorhees College



Participants in the 2014 Campus Tour

Registration

\$200

*Includes meals, transportation,
and hotel accommodations*

Registration deadline
May 15, 2015

*Space limited to 40 participants.

Tour participants will:

- Earn SCDE , GCDF recertification or LPC credit
- Tour TEN of SC's finest liberal arts institutions
- Meet admissions and financial aid staff
- Enjoy a fun and informative experience with peers

Tour is restricted to current high school level professionals and college-level educational consultants.
Elementary, middle school, or retired educators need not apply. Thank you!



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