Our Professional Focus Is On The Future

With graduation upon us, the ideal scenario is to have our students leave us successfully employed. However, each student does leave us with myriad skills to ensure 100% employability as they enter the workforce or into the college of choice. Our youth at HCTC are our most paramount resource and each deserves exemplar training with the mindset of professional success. Here at HCTC, our focus is on individual’s futures, a precise focus that will ensure promise no matter the career choice of our students.

Our focus on the professional development of our students will not change; our job is to develop career-driven individuals; it is what we do best. Pictured throughout our final newsletter of the year are students from our campus who have demonstrated those employable skills that make each one a professional. Congratulations to all of our members of the Class of 2017, our Internship winners, the EXCEL Academy on-track students, and the HCTC Completers!

In the photo above, SkillsUSA competition place winners. To the left, Ms. Hilliard and Mr. Bland give support to selected interns. At right, Dr. Sherry Rivers stands with the 2017 Student of the Year winner, Ms. Taylor Cunningham from Culinary Arts. Below, the internship winners with Gamble Chiropractic Center associates.

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

HCTC Summer Office Hours

Beginning May 29th thru July 21st, the summer schedule will be 7:30 AM until 5:00 PM, Monday thru Thursday; an exception being July 4th, a district holiday.
Florence Darlington Technical College
Welding Rodeo
In its eighth year, the FDTC Welding Rodeo took place on Saturday, April 8th, with a $10,000 welding equipment purse for student teams to compete. The HCTC welding class, led by Mr. James Crosby, took first place in the student competition out of ten welding teams who worked for eight hours to complete a masterpiece from a pile of scrap metal. The theme for this year’s event was “Automation.” The welding team for HCTC consisted of Willow "Jay" Bugbee (Dreher), Damarius Lewis (Dreher), Kenny “Smiley” Dixon (AC Flora), Zackery Myers (Lower Richland), and Jeremiah Sansbury (AC Flora). Their creation is titled, “The Earth, Sun, and Automation.”

Support the Heyward Education Foundation
The Heyward Education Foundation seeks to support the efforts of Heyward’s students and staff by sponsoring events and raising funds to help with projects, incentives, scholarships, and other initiatives. Please show your support by making a donation today in the form of cash, checks, or money orders.

Contributions can be mail or delivered to:
Heyward Education Foundation
3560 Lynhaven Drive
Columbia, SC 29204

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The Apprenticeship Internship Signing Day was held February 24, 2017, for Heyward students. This district wide event is designed to recognize high school junior and senior students who participate in work-based learning experiences beyond the classroom. Students explore work opportunities in the following career fields: food dietetics and nutrition, early childhood development, automotive, engineering, business and marketing, information technology, healthcare, along with other related fields.

Heyward Education Foundation Sponsorships

Diamond Level: More than $4000 per year
Silver Level: $1500 per year
Bronze Level: $1000 per year
Gold Level: $2500 per year
Individual Level: $500 or less per year
Students from across the HCTC campus represented the various competitions during the SkillsUSA convention that was held March 30-April 1, 2017.

The SkillsUSA Diesel Technology competition was held March 30-31, 2017. The competition consisted of thirteen task-based stations that contestants had to successfully complete within an allotted time frame. Points were awarded for completing specified stations that covered brake repair and maintenance, manual transmission assembly, hydraulic system diagnosis and repair, and several other system maintenance and repairs stations. There was also a forty question written test as part of the competition along with an Amos job interview. Twenty-four competitors were sent to compete in the diesel technology section. Of those students, the following were recognized:

Josh Benton - 1st place; Josh will be competing in the National SkillsUSA Diesel Technology challenge that will be held in Louisville, Kentucky in June, 2017

Kobe Amaker - 4th place

Thomas Scott - 6th place.

Welding competitions for SkillsUSA were held March 30-April 1, 2017. Teashia Anderson competed in the Post-Secondary Action Skills category. She presented a comprehensive study about a welding project that she had completed that covered safety procedures, the extensive preparation work, and the process of steps to completing a ten bead fillet weld (one of welding’s most complicated projects). Teashia presented a display and props along with an oral presentation to the group. She finished in first place and has qualified to go to SkillsUSA National Competition in July.

~Article contributed by James Crosby

~Article contributed by John Muldoon
The 2017 HCTC Awards Ceremony

Student Nominees for the 2017 Heyward Career and Technology Center Student of the Year Award

Anukrithi Myadala of A.C. Flora H.S., Kimberly Parson of Keenan H.S. and Frances Mayes (received special recognition) of Eau Claire H.S. participated in HOSA Competitions.

Pictured on the left are HCTC HOSA students who attended the S.C. State Leadership Conference from March 8-10, 2017, in North Charleston. Congratulations to the following students: Anukrithi Myadala, 1st place in Medical Terminology; Quiyona Jacobs and Caylee Wise, 1st place in Public Health; Kimberly Parson, 3rd place in Job Seeking Skills.

The 2017 Excel Academy Outstanding Student is Tyaliana Johnson, a graduating senior at Lower Richland High School.

Congratulations again to our very own Ms. Taylor Cunningham, a graduating senior from A.C. Flora High School who is a completer in Chef Collier’s Culinary Arts class here at HCTC. She was selected as the 2017 CATE Student of the Year.

2017 EXCEL Academy Outstanding Student is Tyaliana Johnson, a graduating senior at Lower Richland High School.
The CATE Department held its first district-wide Completion Ceremony at the Eau Claire High School Auditorium on May 5th, 2017. The honorable General Abraham Turner was the keynote speaker for the event (pictured below). We congratulate each of our students from HCTC who represented our programs here by successfully earning the necessary qualifications and who became a part of our professional team. We wish you much fortune and many achievements in the future as you continue to pursue your dreams and career goals!

Dr. Murdaugh, RCSD1’s Director of CATE, congratulates a completer in the upper left hand photo. To the left, Indya Woods, a senior at Richland One Middle College, is congratulated by Dr. Craig Witherspoon, RCSD1 Superintendent, at the Completers’ Ceremony. Indya completed Mr. China’s Entertainment and Media class.

TAKING A BIG BITE OF PREPARING FOR TOMORROW’S PROFESSIONALS

HCTC students in the Entrepreneurship Program (EP) had the opportunity to participate in a “Shark Tank” style competition on May 8th, 2017, in which each was responsible for creating his or her own business model using several professional components to reach a successful score from the judges. The students were competing for a grand prize of $200.00, presented by Mr. Paul Smith, the Entrepreneurship coordinator. Congratulations goes to all the Entrepreneurship students who competed in this competition and to the winner, Ms. Jada Ayers.

Thanks to all the judges who helped during the competition: Mr. Russell Perkins, Mr. Cliff Anderson, and Ms. Alex Furgess.

Throughout the EP training, students were introduced to coaching and instruction regarding proper etiquette in informal and formal settings, proper signing language and skills, goal setting, and the importance of making commitments.

In the photo to the left are Ms. Denetra Tart, Mr. Ike Jackson, and Ms. Jada Ayers. ~Article provided by Mr. M. Terry
Teachers reach and inspire young people, encouraging them to become that professional citizen who will devote his or her own future inspiring others; meanwhile, making a positive difference in our world. ~Beverly J. Ray-Dowey

Internship Signing Day

READING TO SUCCEED

The Columbia Fireflies held their annual reading program for RCSD1 schools. Heyward students participated in the event and as part of their incentive, the students visited Spirit Communications Stadium watching the Fireflies play the Asheville Tourists on April 26, 2017. Tim Tebow signed autographs for those able to catch him before the game.

Photos courtesy of S. Rhoten.
On February 23, 2017, Heyward Career and Technology Center hosted its 5th Annual Chili Cook-off during the annual CATE Month Extravaganza finale. The competition was fierce as ever with chef inspired recipes that were put to the test! Events throughout the HCTC campus gave visitors and guests something to do while the preparations took place. The emcee for the evening was Ms. Stephanie Snowden. She has been emceeing this event for the entire five years it’s been in existence and we appreciate her commitment to the event. The Chili Cook-off was fun, the food good enough to be on Food Network, and the fellowship demonstrated everything about what Heyward is!

Congratulations and a glorious shout-out goes to the following high schools and their representatives:

- **Keenan** – Ms. Maria Ausburn and her student, Ms. Jyleen Rodriguez, took 2nd Place in competition
- **C.A. Johnson** – Dr. Cleve Pilot and student, Mr. Robert Hutto
- **Eau Claire** – Mr. Deon Jackson and student, Ms. Asia Rios
- **Lower Richland** - Mrs. Patricia Fitzgerald, Mrs. Ernestine Mickens, and student, Mr. Terrell Davis

A tremendous thank you is extended to our judges for the event: Dr. Traci Cooper, Mr. Tristan Nall, Mrs. Kathleen Parker, Mr. Brian Weston, and Mrs. Toni Kelly Campbell. We also applaud the Eau Claire Steel Drum Orchestra for the great selections of music they provided throughout the Chili Cook-off. They are an outstanding and talented group of young men and women led by Mr. Darnell Pickard.

*Article and photos by Clifton Anderson*
The Heyward Career and Technology Center’s G.E.M. Award:

Going the Extra Mile for Education

Heyward Career and Technology Center is home to exceptional educators and staff members who are frequently making a difference in the lives of the students throughout our campus. It is a fact that great teachers and leaders provide life-changing opportunities to those whom they encounter. Pictured here are several who have captured the importance of education, affecting eternity, going above and beyond their call of duty at HCTC. Congratulations to Mr. Gerald Henry, first quarter winner; Ms. Mattie Ayers, second quarter winner; Ms. Loranda Melton, third quarter winner; and the fourth quarter winners, Ms. Paige Griffin and Ms. Annie Dickerson, for their commitment to education.

MEDIA CENTER’S LINK TO CURRENT EVENTS: We’ve Got You, Cover To Cover!

Have you wondered what activities are happening at Heyward? A great place to discover what is upcoming and what has taken place on our campus can be found by visiting http://heyward.richlandone.org/ For more information on current events, visit our website today.