

REPORT TO THE PARENTS

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Our mission is to provide opportunities for students that will enable them to reach their highest individual potential and to live and work successfully in a global economy. We foster an appreciation of the dignity of work, worth of the individual, pride of accomplishment, respect for quality workmanship, and the desire for exceling in a chosen career. We prepare graduates with the essential knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to successfully enter and compete in today's job market or to continue their education at the post-secondary level. We offer dual enrollment through Greenville Technical College with several of our courses where students receive college credit along with their high school Carnegie units. We encourage all of our students to pursue as much additional education as possible. This past year, our placement rate which includes the workplace, the military and post-secondary education was over 98%.

We are elated to announce that we are adding three challenging courses – Heating Ventilation & Air Conditioning Technology (HVAC), Machine Tool Technology and Nail Technology – to our curriculum for the 2015-16 school year. HVAC offers students' specialized training related to the design, installation, and repair of air conditioning systems for residential and commercial use. Machine Tool Technology provides training on various metal shaping machines and will help to fill a need for qualified Machine Tool workers as expressed by Upstate employers such as American Metric, BMW, Cryovac and General Electric. Nail Technology students study the art and science of the care and beautification of nails. Students have the opportunity to obtain a SC State License in Nail Technology at the end of the program. We strive to offer courses that are of interest to students and those courses that will give students the opportunity to find employment and to provide adequate financial support for themselves and their families.

Golden Strip Career Center students are active participants in the student organizations related to their chosen career field. This year, we are proud to announce that two of our students received gold medals at the **South Carolina SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference** held March 26-28 at the TD Convention Center in Greenville. These students will join other gold medalists from around the country to compete in the national SkillsUSA competitions this summer in Louisville, Kentucky. Additionally this year, we have a student serving as a state officer for SkillsUSA who will also travel to Louisville, Kentucky, to receive leadership training from national SkillsUSA officers and advisors.

Golden Strip Career Center is proud of the fact that since 2004, we have earned an "Excellent" on our school report card every year except for one. We are constantly striving to do more for our students and with the continued support of our stakeholders – students, parents, businesses, and the community – we will.