

## School Achievements

TCTC is strongly committed to educating the students of Colleton County in the vocational career fields to allow them to become productive citizens. In doing so, TCTC has created thriving completer programs in culinary arts, drafting, masonry, agriculture, welding, carpentry, engineering, and auto tech. Next year, TCTC will add completer programs such as early childhood education and machine technology.

HArts students from Mrs. Sally Davis' 3-D Art and photography class sifted through their parents discarded furniture to do a little Spring cleaning. In a matter of 2 weeks, these students did a remarkable job of turning unwanted trash into treasure while completing an inspiring "Trash to Treasure" instructional unit.

Project-based learning (PBL) is at the heart of the New Tech instructional approach. Teachers design rigorous projects tied to state and district standards and customize them to suit the needs and interests of their students. Students then work in teams to acquire and apply knowledge and skills to solve problems. Trust, respect, and responsibility are the hallmarks of the culture at New Tech, where students and teachers alike share ownership of the learning experience and their school environment.

Colleton County High School hosted the 66th annual South Carolina Association of Student Councils State Convention. Over the weekend, the 500+ delegates listened to nationally-renowned keynote speakers, attended leadership workshops, and participated in activities including bingo and a dodge ball tournament. On Saturday night, the students attended a banquet and dance in the gym of CCHS. During the weekend, delegates campaigned for the coming year, while senior Hannah Houck completed her term as SCASC State President. The event was an absolute success due to the hard work of Mrs. Goodwin and the CCHS Student Council. The convention was a wonderful experience for the delegates, a great learning experience for our own CCHS Student Council members and a positive reflection of Colleton County High School statewide.

This past fall semester, SHHS had 23 students that took the Certified Nurse Assistant exam. All 23 students passed the exam. In addition, we had six students attend the HOSA State Leadership Conference. Three students placed 5<sup>th</sup> in Public Service Announcement, one student placed 5<sup>th</sup> in Medical Photography, and one student placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Human Growth and Development Knowledge.

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## Colleton County High School

### **Purpose of this Report**



*"This Report is issued by the Colleton County High School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year."*

## **Annual School Improvement Council "Report to the Parents" 2013-14**



The mission of Colleton County High School and Thunderbolt Career and Technology Center is to challenge and prepare every student to become a responsible, self-disciplined citizen and a life-long learner.

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## SIC Annual Goals

CCHS/TCTC SIC voted the following two goals for the 2013-14 school year focus:

Student attendance as reported by the state will increase to 99.9% by 2015.

**Strategy #1: Provide an incentive program to promote student attendance.**

**Strategy #2: Provide an attendance intervention program.**

Parent satisfaction with learning environment as indicated on the State Department of Education parent survey will increase to 92% in 2015.

**Strategy #1: CCHS will increase effective two-way communications with stakeholders.**

**Strategy #2: CCHS will provide parents with information about how to help their children learn.**

**Strategy #3: CCHS will provide a safe learning environment.**

## Student Achievement Goals

The graduation rate as reported by the state will increase to 83.3.3% by 2015.

**Strategy #1: Create an intervention program for students at-risk of not graduating on time.**

**Strategy #2: Create an intervention program for special needs students at risk of not graduating on time.**

The percentage of second year high school students that meet basic or above on the HSAP ELA and math tests on first attempt will increase to 78.8% by 2015.

**Strategy #1: Provide remediation and improvement for targeted students on HSAP.**

**Strategy #2: Provide an incentive program for students who are successful on HSAP.**

**Strategy #3: Provide collaboration between middle school and high school teachers to identify areas of need in English and Math.**

## Student Achievement Goals (cont.)

The percentage of students passing the state End of Course (EOC) will increase to 82.9% by 2015.

**Strategy #1: Identify at-risk students and provide them with additional time and enrichment opportunities to increase EOC passing rate.**

**Strategy #2: Provide an incentive program for students who are successful on EOC.**

**Strategy #3: Expand, refine and implement data driven instruction for all core curricular content areas.**

The longitudinal HSAP passage rate as reported by the state will increase to 94.3% in 2015.

**Strategy #1: Provide remediation for targeted students on HSAP.**

**Strategy #2: Create HSAP second attempt recognition incentive program for students who pass the HSAP on their second attempt.**

The percentage of students scoring proficient or advanced in math as measured by HSAP will increase for each subgroup.

**Strategy #1: The school will implement initiatives to improve instruction in every class and grade level.**

**Strategy #2: Expand data driven instruction for all core curricular content areas.**

The percentage of students scoring proficient or advanced in ELA as measured by HSAP will increase for each subgroup.

**Strategy #1: The school will implement initiatives to improve instruction in every class and grade level.**

**Strategy #2: Expand data driven instruction for all core curricular content areas.**

## School Achievements (cont.)

Colleton County Cougars competed in the 2014 USC Salkehatchie Bowl placing first to bring home the silver bowl trophy.

Our school attained Bronze status from Partners for Healthier Alliance. Nurse Daniels earned a trip to the Clinton Library in Arkansas and got to meet former President Bill Clinton!

CATE: Special thanks to all of the students that attended the 2014 CATE Career Expo on Friday, March 14, 2014. Great career information was obtained by many of the interested students! Some students were able to obtain jobs! And opportunities to tour Tuskegee University and Morehouse College in Alabama were obtained by 4 young men. Special thanks to the support of TCTC staff that assisted to make this great event a reality for the career and technology students!

Thomas Finigan was named to the 2014 US Army All American Marching Band (only the 2<sup>nd</sup> All American ever from Colleton County in any activity). Band of Blue had 14 members earn SCBDA Region Band Honors. Band of Blue "Varsity" Winterguard won the CWEA Edisto Winter Competition. Band of Blue Concert and Symphonic Bands performed at the 2014 SCBDA State Concert Festival at West Ashley. Band of Blue "Varsity" Winterguard placed first in the Scholastic AA Gold Division of the 2014 Carolina Winter Ensemble Association Winterguard and Indoor Percussion Championship.

Commander Thornton is proud of the CCHS NJROTC unit. They placed in the top 15% in Region 5 National Academic Meets, received first place in the Marching Band category at the Yemassee Festival, and placed first in the North Charleston NJROTC drill meet. CCHS hosted the Regional Rifle Team Meet, assisted with the Adopt-a-Highway program, and filled, as well as, delivered 200+ Stockings for Soldiers.

## Additional Information

At Colleton County High School, we are proud of the academic accomplishments of all of our students during the 2012-2013 year. The Class of 2013 graduated 319 students with 289 State High School diplomas and 21 State Certificates, and 9 Employability Certificates. This class included 6 Palmetto Fellows, 61 Life Scholarships and 40 Hope Scholarships, and a total scholarship amount of \$3,157,566.00

CCHS absolute rating on most recent S.C. School Report Card was "average" for the third consecutive year. Our first time passage rate for HSAP increased from 67.4% in 2012 to 68.7% in 2013. The overall passage rate for all students on the End of Course assessments increased from 51.9% in 2012 to 60.3% in 2013. Our graduation rate has increased 15% in the last five years and was 74.4% in 2013.