

Wellness Mission Statement for CCHS
“Encourage best health practices for staff and students at Colleton County High School.”

Colleton County High School is participating in MUSC’s Boeing Center for Children’s Wellness Checklist Contest. The School Wellness Checklist© was developed in 2010 by the Lean Team (now the Boeing Center for Children’s Wellness) as a resource for school wellness committees in order to provide incentives and ideas for improving the environment in their schools. Our School Wellness Checklist contains seven categories with dozens of strategies that have been selected from authoritative organizations such as the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Institute of Medicine, the USDA, and the Alliance for a Healthier Generation. As a result of generous funding from The Boeing Company, the Boeing Center for Children’s Wellness is able to provide financial incentives to those schools that earn a certain number of points on the wellness checklist each year to go towards the continuation of wellness initiatives in their schools. The school earning the most points will win additional recognition for their efforts. This contest continues to expand throughout South Carolina. Our school is competing against all the other schools in this district. Our goal is to promote health and wellness for our students and staff. The contest ended April 19th. The winner will be announced during the Wellness Celebration in May. If you have any ideas to promote health and wellness for our school, please attend the School Improvement Council and Wellness Committee meetings. Our committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6 PM in room 4113. Come and share your ideas to make our school the best.

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The English II students in Mr. Andy Connor’s class had a companion project for the story “Everyday Use” by Alice Walker. Students brought in 8” x 8” fabric swatches which were pieced together into quilt panels. The panels were on display in the CLIC until Friday, April 17. An online voting link was added with the help of Ms. Edwards and Mr. Mambou. The student body, faculty and staff were invited to vote on which panel they preferred. The voting results will be used as part of the students’ project grade. The students learned the difficulty of color placement to create an attractive pattern and the amount of work involved in patchwork quilting. Also, a second lesson for the students will be on the effect of public perception of one’s work.

Mrs. Cammie Davis, English II teacher, is soliciting the aide of a volunteer Peace Corp veteran, Laura Walls, to be a guest speak at CCHS. Peace Corps workers assist foreign countries with education, you in development, health, community economic development, agriculture, and the environment.

William Crosby, also one of Mrs. Diamond’s English III students, wrote a letter to Senator Tim Scott regarding the military age for non-combat jobs. Senator Scott thanked him for bringing the issue to his attention and stated that he would look into it. We are very proud of William for taking the initiative to write to Senator Scott.

Payton Bowers, one of Mrs. Diamond’s English III students, has been nominated by Mr. Andy Kubik for the National Youth Leadership Program. Leadership is the key to success in every profession and at the core of the youth leadership program. These essential leadership skills include the following: team building, ethical decision making, time management, goal setting, public speaking, and conflict resolution. We wish Peyton the best on his nomination.

SCHOOL OF HEAT—TCTC
William Hayden, Dean

During the 2014-2015 school year, Thunderbolt Career & Technology Center and the School Of HEAT (Hospitality, Engineering, Agriculture, and Technology) continued to “Blaze A Path To Success” based on the vision of making Colleton County High School Students both college and career ready. A combination of change and progress is leading to ever increasing numbers of students being prepared to meet both their college and career goals. For example, receiving NATEF certification this school year has allowed the Auto Tech program to establish an articulation agreement with Universal Technical Institute.

One major change leading to progress in 2014-2015 was the addition of Early Childhood Education as a completer program. Through a series of courses which also include internship opportunities at the Black Street Early Childhood Education Center, students are able to prepare for career and college opportunities in this occupation. The program is currently establishing articulation agreements with Technical College of the Lowcountry and USC at Beaufort.

Another 2014-2015 change was the return of the machine tool program. In 2014-2015, students were able to take Machine Tool Technology 1 and Machine Tool Technology 2 through Palmetto Training, Inc. In 2015-2016, this will be become a completer program as students are able to be instructed in CNC machines in Machine Tool Technology 3 and Machine Tool Technology 4. This will be very beneficial to Colleton County as new industries requiring qualified machinists locate into the area.

In 2014-2015, progress occurred in the agriculture program as the Plant and Animal Systems completer program was added. Students were able to take Small Animal Care as a course in 2014-2015 and will be able to take Introduction To Veterinary Science in 2015-2016.

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REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

2015-16 GOALS:

Student Climate:

Student attendance as reported by the state will increase to 99.0% by 2016.
Parents attending school conferences as reported by the state will increase to 96.5% in 2016.
Parent satisfaction as indicated on the State Department of Education parent survey will increase to 85.0% in 2016.

Student Achievement:

The graduation rate as reported by the state will increase to 81.3% by 2016.
The percentage of students passing the state End of Course (EOC) will increase to 75.8% by 2016.

Teacher/Administrator Quality:

The number of teachers that utilize technology effectively daily in a 1-1 setting to promote student engagement in a PBL environment will increase to 30% by 2016.
The number of teachers returning from the previous year will increase to 88.2% by 2016.

VISION, MISSION & BELIEFS

VISION: Colleton County High School and Thunderbolt Career and Technology Center will ensure that every student has the opportunity to develop the educational and interpersonal skills to succeed in the 21st Century.

MISSION: 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.

BELIEFS: Colleton County High School and Thunderbolt Career and Technology Center believe that

- ◆ the schools foster a culture of high expectations in which every student is capable of measurable progress;
- ◆ the schools foster a culture of respect, responsibility, and self-discipline in an environment that facilitates learning;
- ◆ the community and schools have a responsibility to develop a partnership that promotes a positive educational experience;
- ◆ every student has the potential and responsibility for becoming a self-disciplined and productive citizen;
- ◆ integrated education is essential for competing in a global society.

2013-14 Achievements:

Student Climate:

Student Attendance Rate reached 97.5%.

Parent Conferences increased to 95.7%.

Survey Results increased to 70.9%.

2013-14 Achievements:

Student Achievement:

Graduation Rate increased to 76.0%.

End of Course percentage of students passing increased to 63.5%.

2013-14 Achievements:

Teacher/Administrator Quality:

Percentage of teachers completing technology training and utilizing technology in the classroom increased.

Teachers returning from previous year was 84.2%.



School of
Health and Human Services
Anthony Kubik, Jr., Dean

The School of Health and Human Services is very excited about the new opportunities that we are working on for the future of our students. We are in the process of preparing course offerings, receiving necessary training, and purchasing supplies for the Project Lead the Way program of Biomedical Sciences. Project Lead the Way has long been noted as providing programs that feature rigorous training in STEM-based curriculum. With its hands-on project-based experiences, students will be exposed to areas of science and technology associated with the field of health science. Beginning 2015-2016, 10th grade students that meet specified pre-requisites may request Principles of Biomedical Sciences, the first course in the Biomedical Sciences program. In following semester, we will be offering the complementary courses Human Body Systems, Medical Interventions, and Biomedical Innovation.

Fall semester SHHS health science students took the Certified Nurse Assistant exam in January and February resulting in 27 out of 31 students earning their CNA certifications. As of April 2015, a total of 29 students have also received their CPR certifications.

On March 11, 2015, Nicole Frank, a Health Occupations Students of America member, was recognized at the SC HOSA State Leadership Conference in Charleston, SC as the Outstanding HOSA Member for Colleton County High School. On March 19th, Nicole was honored at an awards luncheon where she received the South Carolina Career and Technology Education Administrators’ Association Scholarship in the amount of \$1500. She was also presented with an award “in Recognition of Outstanding Achievement in Career and Technology Education.” State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman attended and presented the award. Ms. Frank was one of only four students in the state selected to receive the scholarship. Nicole is a CATE completer in our Health Science Education program and has received her Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certification.

LEAPS
Charles Locklair, Dean

Youth Leadership 2 has been very busy this quarter. They designed a Healthy Helpers Tip Program that is announced once a week over the intercom to make students aware of simple things they can do to be healthier. To show appreciation for their hard work, over one hundred bags were decorated and filled for the spring sports teams at CCHS. The class has also been working on their leadership skills by creating a “Ten Commandments of Leadership” to help guide them through school activities.

Student Council attended the 2015 State SCASC Convention and won first place in Leadership Activities; they also won third place for best 4A Student Council in the state. Additionally, they also sponsored a Cutest Pet Contest and raised one hundred fifty dollars for FOCCAS.

On April 1, eight NJROTC Cadets participated in the Ultimate Challenge Mud Run sponsored by the United States Marine Corp. The cadets were challenged for 6.2 miles that consisted of thirty-six obstacles through treacherous wooded and muddy terrain. The cadets prepared for the event for three months which included running long distances, weight training and combat exercises. While this is our first year participating, we are pleased to have placed 8th in our category with an overall top half of all teams.

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HARTS
Uirica Bodison, Dean

As the school year comes to an end, things are beginning to sizzle for HArts and the Freshmen Academy.

The class of 2018 was given the opportunity to spend their freshmen year in a school of study of their own, taking year-long classes with hopes of showing noticeable improvements on this year’s End of Course exams. On May 29th, freshmen students will begin taking the state’s EOC exams. Results from these tests will give indication as to whether yearlong English and math classes have been beneficial to the students’ academic achievement.

While academy teachers wait in haste for the EOC anticipating scores that will be reflective of their hard work, Harts’ art teachers and choral director just recently reaped the rewards of their sweat and dedication. Together, the art and chorus department had the privilege of producing another spectacular community event with this years’ Arts Extravaganza. The talents of students from these departments were well displayed and the stage performances were dynamic!

The chorus department is now working hard to bring finishing touches on this year’s smashing hot musical-Grease. Performances for the spring musical will be held May 28, May 29, and June 1, at 7pm nightly in the Performing Arts Center.

Just as all of the other departments prepare to bring closure on their final finale for the year, Mr. Finigan and the band of blue are getting fired up for a new season. New members for the band have been selected and summer practice is soon to be on the way!



By: Anni Crook and Olivia Phillips

Imagine you walk into a classroom. You sit with your group members. You open your laptop, log in, and look at your new entry doc, which is the problem that you must solve in the next two weeks. You are about to kick-off a new project! Questions form in your head. You feel excitement in the pit of your stomach and wonder what you can do to solve the problem. Welcome to Cougar New Tech, where the environment is entirely different from traditional schooling, where real world problems are solved, and where students make a difference in their *own* community.

In February, we showcased a few of these real-world projects to our parents, peers and community members in the CNT Expo. The Expo was a way for New Tech students to explain their projects and the process of creating them. Students presented and fielded questions about their products from different classes. In BioLit, some students collaborated together to present their *Cell Cycle* and *Cell-U-Are* projects. In International Enterprise, some students produced their *Coming to America* and *SCDNR Beach and River Sweep* projects. In Nuestro Mundo 1 and 2, some students produced their *Educación Para Todos* and *Vamos de Compras* projects. Our Expo was a huge success and it showed Colleton County what CNT is all about: hard work, excellence, and teamwork.

Although the Expo is over, students are still working hard to create awesome projects to help our community. Homelessness: a well-known problem that many, especially in our county, are all too familiar with. This past month in Nuestro Mundo 1, our Spanish I and Social Entrepreneurship class, we were introduced to a project called “*No Descansamos*,” which translates to “No rest.” Cougar New Tech students refuse to rest until we can create awareness and raise money in order to help the homeless in Colleton County. We will continue to work on our products for this project to ensure that we make a difference in our community.

Cougar New Tech doesn’t just stop in Colleton County, but expands beyond our county line. One of our Biolit facilitators, Ms. Ford, challenged us to teach the *Hero’s Journey* to middle school students in Goose Creek. We created a comic strip with a partner that incorporated an amazing story along that highlighted the *Hero’s Journey* and explained archetypal characters from the start to finish. We are even making a difference in the lives of students in different districts!

As we look forward to the close of the year, we are excited for one of our final projects. Facilitators Ms. Shipp and Ms. Langston asked us to create and construct props for the Special Education Spring Musical: a musical with a “MoTown” theme. During this process, we had to know how to make a small sketch from a piece of computer paper and replicate it on a huge piece of paper that we had to attach to cardboard, while being able to incorporate the art and geometry standards in the process. These props will be used during the Special Education Spring Musical which will be held on April 30th at 10 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Come out and show support for our CCHS students!

Not only are we looking forward to the musical, we are also looking forward to accepting more Cougar New Tech students into our family. We have Accepted Students Day on May 15th at CCHS. On that day, future NewTech students will get to explore what it will be like to be a student in Cougar New Tech! Newcomers will get to experience many fun activities and meet current NewTech members. We can’t wait to meet our new family members!

Looking back over these past two years, we know that we have changed lives, changed our community, and even changed ourselves. Not only do we notice this, but the nation notices our impact as well! This past year, American Graduate, a public media association that helps to provide a solution for areas that are experiencing high school dropout disasters, discovered Colleton County and Cougar New Tech. They selected our students as the exemplar for students making a difference in our communities and ensuring that all students reach an excellent future. Looking at the American Graduate video, you can see that Cougar New Tech students strive to change the outlook of our peers in Colleton County. We are trying to prove to them that we are not dropouts and failures: we can and **will be** successful throughout our lives thanks to the support of Cougar New Tech. However, New Tech would not be possible or in existence without the help of the innovation grant from Riley’s Institute, their partners KnowledgeWorks and the USDE. It is through their great generosity and our hard work that we are changing our lives and lives in our community.

Cougar New Tech has changed the perspective on CCHS and Colleton County from complete failures and high school dropouts to more successors and a plan for the road to life after graduating high school. From our CNT Expo to display our exceptional work that we worked so diligently on, to projects to help to community, projects that are going to be transferred to other school districts, and making props to make a showcase that is very meaningful to our special needs children, their relatives, loved ones, and our district. Cougar New Tech is aiming for excellence and will continuously achieve it!

Cougar New Tech Dates to Remember:

On May 15, 2015, CNT will be hosting Accepted Students Day for incoming freshmen that were accepted into Cougar New Tech.

Freshman and New Student Orientation is on August 6th and 7th. Incoming New Tech students: Check your mail boxes because letters are coming your way!

Want to check out the documentary? To view the American Graduate Documentary video on Cougar New Tech, the link is below:
<http://video.sctv.org/program/etv-american-graduate/>.

Coming Events

- May 2: SAT
- May 3: Spring Sports Awards
- May 4-8: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 5: SIC/PTSO Meeting, 6 PM
- May 9: Band of Blue Car Wash
- May 10: Mother’s Day
- May 11: Senior Awards, 6 PM
- May 14: CNT Parent Support Night, 5:30 PM
- May 15: CNT Accepted Students’ Day
- May 15: Relay For Life, 4 PM—2 AM at CCMS

- May 16: Band of Blue Car Wash
- May 21: Special Olympics
- May 21-22: Senior Exams
- May 25 Memorial Day (School Closed)
- May 27: GREASE Schools’ Presentation
- May 28-29: GREASE Public Presentation

- June 1: GREASE Public Presentation
- June 2-3: Exams Underclassmen

- June 4: Student’s Last Day
- June 4: Noon Dismissal
- June 5: Teacher Workday
- June 5: Graduation Rehearsal at 1 PM
- June 6: Graduation at 9 AM
- June 8: Teacher Workday
- HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

- Teachers Return August 10th!
- Students Return August 17th!!

Colleton County High School Chorus

Presents, “Grease”

May 27th, 28th, and June 1st
7 pm at the Performing Arts Center

\$6 Advance Cost; \$8 at the Door

Tickets are available at
the CCHS Fee Window,
Colleton County Arts Council
and The Christmas Shop.

BAND OF BLUE

The Colleton County Band of Blue Band program gave their annual Spring Concert this past Sunday, March 22, 2015 to a big crowd at the Colleton County High School Performing Arts Center.

The Band of Blue played several selections including His Honor, MacIntyre Park Overture, North Penn Celebration, Hungarian Dance #6, and Let Us Rejoice: Fanfare and Hymn.



Several selections from the 7th grade CCMS Band, the 8th grade CCMS Jr. Band, the CCHS Concert Band, the CCHS Symphonic Band and the CCHS “Winter Percussion” and “Varsity Winter Guard”, and CCMS “Cadet Winter Guard” impressed parents, friends and family.

The Band of Blue Concert and Symphonic Band earned an Excellent Rating in Class III and in Class V this past Tuesday and Wednesday at the South Carolina Band Directors Association State Concert Festival at West Ashley High School. Both the Concert Band and Symphonic Band were conducted by Band of Blue Director Tom Finigan.

Congratulations to the Colleton County High School Band of Blue Winter Percussion for winning the 2015 Percussion Scholastic Novice Class CWEA Winter Ensemble Championships at Winthrop University.

The Winter Percussion members were presented the CWEA Championship trophy and regional banner and each member received their gold medal Saturday night after a long day.



This is the 3rd CWEA Regional Championship for The Colleton County Band of Blue Winter Ensembles. The Winter Guard won the Class AAA gold medal in 2011 and the Class AA gold medal in 2014.

Also competing Saturday was the Colleton County High School Varsity. The “Varsity” was ranked 5th in their division and 11th overall in Class A. The “Varsity” won Class AA last year and was promoted this year in the top class in CWEA.

The Colleton Middle School “Cadet” Winter Guard finished 4th in their division and 7th overall against other guards from North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. The “Cadets” are comprised of 21 8th grade girls and this was their 1st time competing on the regional level.



The Band of Blue Winter Percussion is under the direction of Gary Stroupe with assistance from William Thomas and Stacey Miller.

The “Varsity” and “Cadet” Guards are under the instruction of Mr. Stacey Miller with assistance from William Thomas and Keivy Lingard.





The Cougar Literacy & Information Center

The Cli@Poetry&Pizza

Golden Guild C⁴ Cougars Coding Club@the Cli@

⌘ Perfect Attendance

§ Senior

📖 Authored Individual book

Friday April 17, 2015, Poetry and Pizza celebrated 35 of its members for completing another year of exploration. Eleven members had individual books of poetry published, while almost all contributed to the class book – **Cougar Ninja Genesis... In the beginning.**

Students enjoyed a rousing delivery by Mr. Omar Jeter as he spoke about using his unique combination of community awareness and “nerdy alternatives” to provide positive climates for youths to broaden their world view. He encouraged them by giving examples of where their passion for poetry and creativity could take them in the future. He also gave examples of his community work with various charities such as the Special Olympics and encouraged them to give back to the community, inviting them to work with him at Comic Con this summer with the Memorial Library.

Poetry&Pizza members for the 2014-2015 school year are the following: *My’Asia Ancrum, Tiger Barnes* 📖 **[What Berry Likes]**, *Madison Bird, Lillian Boatwright, Sierra Britt* §, *Jermey Chase Brown, Leondra Robin Capers* § 📖 **[1984]**, *Victoria Dalton* §, *Anissa Elliott, Monique Ford* ⌘ 📖 **[Words of Wisdom]**, *Zakeya Garden* §, *Kayla Ginn* §, *Henry Gooding, Autumn Green, Haley Gregorich* § ⌘ 📖 **[Once Upon A Time]**, *Becca’Ann Hoff* § 📖 **[I’m Fine]**, *Mark Howard* §, *Tyleeyah Hutchinson, Seth Hyer, Kourtney Jefferson, André F. Jenkins* 📖 **[Stay True]**, *Jahmari Johnson, Ragina Kirkpatrick, Athena Kisner* § 📖 **[Dragon’s Domain]**, *Louis Kleinkauf, Maria Maneva, Brittany Melton* 📖 **[Never Forget the Good Times]** *Kaylee Pacetti, Kiffany Powell, Courtney Ross* §, *Shelly Sechrist, Jalia Thomas* § 📖 **[P.R.O.U.D.]**, *Charmain Washington* 📖 **[Tears of Happiness]** §, *Shandyce Washington, Daunté Williams, and Julia Yancey* § 📖 **[Shattered Soul]**.

Three members of the **Cli@’s Golden Guild** were also honored for their commitment. Page Baughn, Haley Gregorich, and Rebecca Smith received certificates. Haley was also our top honoree having published her second book of poems, achieving perfect attendance, and completing 34 Golden Guild reviews.

Mrs. M.O.M. Lynne Douglas Simmons, NBCT School Library Media specialist



Garden Project



Outdoor Classrooms sponsored by International Center for Sustainability, Inc. (ICS, Inc.) Michael Scott Steedley

The idea about an outdoor school/community garden was introduced to the staff of CCHS in late February 2015, by the school principal, Mr. Warren. Michael Scott Steedley with International Center for Sustainability, Inc. met with a group of staff members and shared his vision for the Gangammas Mandala Outdoor Garden, which would incorporate the companion planting strategy. There are plans to do more than one garden, however the initial one will be located between the Cougar New Tech and School of Health and Human Services buildings. A sun data chart was done to ensure that the garden would have sufficient sun for the plants.

Daniel Vaughn and some of his students from TCTC began the project by drawing and marking out the Gangammas Mandala Garden design, after which Mr. Ancrum, Mrs. Stringer, Mrs. Brown and their students, who are all excited and always willing to work on the garden, began building the foundation of the garden, which was later completed by Steedley, Missy Coursen (a parent volunteer) and a number of students from various classes. On Friday April 24th, plants and some seeds were planted. The following crops were planted: collards, watermelon, okra, tomatoes, pepper, sweet potatoes, strawberries, marigold, cucumber, onion, chards, basil, kale and eggplants.

Plants, seeds, tools and other in-kind items were donated by TCTC, Mr. and Mrs. Delong, Benton’s Feed & Seed & Garden, CCHS cafeteria, Enterprise Bank, and ACE Hardware. Buck’s donated pizza to feed the students. The following students worked diligently and tirelessly on the garden: Asher, Christopher, Crystal, Keke, Daymeon, Devon, Antwain, Joshua, Daquan, Julius, Austin, Heather, Timothy and Trystan. Special thanks to all teachers and students who gave of their time and energy.

Sharmain Brown
Special Needs Educator

