

## STUDENT ENGAGEMENT



- In November, students in grades 11th and 12th had the opportunity to participate in a college and career expo, during the school day.
- In January, students were recognized during grade level meetings. Students were recognized for academics, attendance and overall improvement during the Fall semester.
- This year our Career and Technology Education programs will have a total of 132 completers.
- Through our partnership with USC Salkehatchie, 14 Class of 2024 students graduated with an Associates degree in April.
- At the 2024 Senior Banquet, graduating seniors will be recognized for all of their achievements and will celebrate their post-secondary goals.
- In April, Class of 2025 students participated in the WIN Career Readiness Assessment. Because they participated, they were eligible to attend a tailgate party.
- In May, students in grades 9-11 will be recognized for their academic achievement by receiving an Academic Letter and/or Golden Paw.

## SIC REPORT

The School Improvement Council has made some strides in getting reestablished this year. We hosted our first meeting in October, with 10 people in attendance. Information was shared about the school turnaround plan. We held a meeting in January to highlight the new security measures at our school. We also held a few more events that are included in this update. We will be looking to increase our participation and involvement throughout the school and community next year.

**If you are interested in being apart of the school improvement council, please contact R.M. Mellott at [rmellott@colleton.k12.sc.us](mailto:rmellott@colleton.k12.sc.us) Colleton County High School Phone: 843-782-0031**



## COLLETON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL AND THUNDERBOLT CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

### 2023-2024 UPDATES AT A GLANCE



#### CCHS and TCTC MISSION STATEMENT:

*“Colleton County High School and Thunderbolt Career and Technology Center will prepare every student to graduate with a 21st century education to be globally competitive for their chosen college and/or career path.”*

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### TURNAROUND TASK FORCE MEETING:

In November, the administrative team and several teachers from CCHS and TCTC participated in the community Turnaround Task force Meeting. While there, they collaborated with stakeholders and community members about ways in which to improve our school.



### COLLETON COUNTY RICE FESTIVAL:

Our school was represented at the 2024 Colleton County Rice Festival. We set up an outreach table to share many resources and information about the great things going on at our school! We also had students from The Band of Blue, NJROTC, Colleton County Sheriff's Office Explorers program and USC Salkehatchie Dual Enrollment participate in the parade.

### FIRST THURSDAYS:

We will be setting up an outreach station for some upcoming First Thursdays events in downtown Walterboro. The hope is to engage with the community and create some great relationships with local parents, community members and businesses.

## PARENT ENGAGEMENT

### CLASS OF 2025 PARENT MEETING:

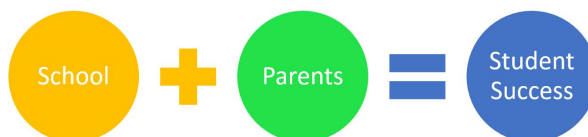
In October, the Class of 2025 school counselor hosted a parent meeting to share important information with parents. The information shared included, student academic support resources, social/emotional services information and post secondary planning resources.

### CLASS OF 2024 FAFSA NIGHT:

In February, the Class of 2024 school counselor collaborated with a financial aid officer from USC Salkehatchie to host a FAFSA Night. Parents and students that attended were able to learn more about the financial aid process and received assistance from the financial aid officer to begin the application.

### 10TH GRADE ASVAB TESTING AND SNEAKER BALL:

In February, Class of 2026 parents and students were invited to a meeting to learn more about the benefits of ASVAB testing and next year's dual enrollment opportunities, from our guest speakers. In March, students took a field trip to USC Salkehatchie's Walterboro Campus for ASVAB testing and a campus tour. As an incentive for their participation in ASVAB testing, students were eligible to attend a Sneaker Ball!



### COUGAR EXPO

In March, we hosted The Cougar Expo. This was an opportunity for teachers and students to share and display the great things that are going on in our classrooms! The presenters included students and teachers from our Robotics club, Foreign language department, Health Science classes, English Department, Math Department, The Band of Blue and our Chorus. We had a great turn out for the event. The stakeholders who attended were excited about all of the opportunities we give our students.

### CLASS OF 2024 SENIOR AWARDS BANQUET:

In May, Class of 2024 students are invited to attend the Senior Awards Ceremony, following the Senior Banquet.