

# DARLINGTON COUNTY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

“Leaping for Success”

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**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Darlington County Institute of Technology is to create an environment that will provide opportunities for our students to develop the foundation necessary to reach their potential and become productive citizens.

**Vision:** Darlington County Institute of Technology will be a recognized source of excellence in career and technical education.



## Report to the Parents

2016-2017

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This report is provided to parents in compliance with the Education Finance Act (EFA) of 1977, the Education Improvement Act (EIA) of 1984, and the Elementary and Secondary Academic Act (ACT 135) of 1993. It presents information about school accomplishments during the 2016-2017 school year and updates on the 2015-2016 goals. The School Improvement Council reviews our goals and achievements and reports progress to our school family and community.

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS  
2016-2017**

Ex-Officio Member	Robert Smith, Director
SIC Chairperson	Heather Norwood
Teacher	James Griggs Sandra White
Parent	Rhonda Norton
Community	Marilyn Nelson
Advisory Council	Jesse Addison
Assistant Director	Aurelia Burgess
Students	Shane Gainey Tikeyia James Preston Wilks
Parents	Jada Zimmerman Gay Froese Shawn Reed Karen Rogers
Community	Lawrence Wilks Connell Delaine Crishell Bass Quanketa Davis Maggie Gause Glennie Jacobs Sara Orłowski
Teacher of the Year	Dennis Johnson

School Renewal Plan Goals	Level of Success
At least 63% of all 12 <sup>th</sup> grade CATE concentrators (Career and Technology Education students completing at least three units) will score proficient or above on the ELA HSAP during their sophomore year.	56.39%
At least 61.5% of all 12 <sup>th</sup> grade concentrators will score proficient or above on the math HSAP during their sophomore year.	48.80%
At least 89% of all Career and Technology Education (CATE) students will achieve a final GPA of 2.0 or higher for all CATE courses.	94.61%
At least 98% of 12 <sup>th</sup> grade concentrators who complete a CATE program will attain a high school diploma, state certificate, or GED.	98.53%
At least 88% of all CATE concentrators will be included in the state's computation of its graduation rate.	99.25%
At least 94.5% of CATE completers (students who complete at least four units in a program area) who are available for placement will be placed in post-secondary education, military, or employment utilizing the CATE competencies attained.	99.65%
At least 14.6% of students enrolled in CATE programs identified as leading to nontraditional training and employment will be from the underrepresented gender.	9.9%
At least 76.7% of students completing CATE programs identified as leading to nontraditional training and employment will be from the underrepresented gender.	100%
At least three teachers will complete coursework which enables them to provide instruction leading to students receiving national certification.	3

DCIT Programs	# Students Enrolled
Agricultural Education	28
Automotive Collision	32
Automobile Technology	38
Business	105
Carpentry	21
Electricity	21
Engineering	21
Graphic Communications	41
Health Science Education	85
Information Technology	35
Machine Tool Technology	23
Welding	37
Total	487

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE REPORT CARD			
Criteria	Percentage	Points	Total
Mastery (50%)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Graduation (25%)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Placement (25%)	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>The DCIT has a total of 40 points on the State Report Card and when divided by 10 the total point count is 4.0 which is an excellent report card rating! DCIT also met all seven Perkins Standards.</b>			

WORK BASED LEARNING PARTICIPATION	
Apprenticeship = 7	Clinical Rotation = 23
School Based Enterprise = 25	Service Learning = 276

**WE BELIEVE**

- Education is a total community responsibility.
- The quality of education is directly affected by the partnership of home, school, and community.
- Success in business and industry requires that students possess marketable skills.
- An interactive environment is fundamental to student learning and comprehension.

**ACCREDITATION** – The Darlington County Institute of Technology is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (AdvancED).

## SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND ACTIVITIES

**CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS** – There were twenty-four students enrolled in Health Science II. These students took the National Health Science Assessment in January and had 100% pass rate. There are twenty-two students enrolled in Health Science Clinical Studies and they are scheduled to take the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) exam in May. Mrs. Connie Altman, Mrs. Kellie Flowers, and Mrs. Nancy Huntley prepare Health Science students for immediate careers or further education. Certified Nursing Assistants are needed to fulfill job openings at a variety of medical facilities including nursing homes, doctor’s offices, and hospitals. Starting salaries are usually around \$22,460.

**DECA** - On December 6, 2017, Mrs. Pam Smith took marketing students from DCIT to compete in the Region II DECA Competitive Events at Westwood High School in Blythewood, SC. The following students earned an opportunity to compete at the State DECA Competition: Cindy Martinez, Haydon Norwood, Jakayla McCollough, Brooklyn Sylvester, Emilie Brown, Tiera Mumford, Jada Zimmerman, Gunnar Outlaw, Kaneshia Davis, Alexis Martin, Faith Mills, Alyssia Moore, Latavia Jackson, Timquasha Sanchious, Knowledge Carroway, Elijah Vaughn, D’onQuay McAllister and Christine Roundtree.

The DECA state competition was held in March in Charleston, SC. Five students placed in the top ten and were recognized on stage during the awards ceremony.

- ✚ Entrepreneur Business Growth Presentation
  - 3rd place team Cade Cassidy and Jacque Jett
- ✚ Accounting Concepts
  - 5th place – Tiera Mumford
  - Top Ten - Cindy Martinez, Jakayla McCollough



**DUAL CREDIT AND ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS**–

One hundred, thirty-five students received the opportunity to earn dual credit for courses through Florence-Darlington Technical College. Students enrolled in Marketing, Accounting, Machine Tool, Welding, Internet and Web Design, Microcomputer Applications, Professional Development and Office Procedures earned high school and college credit. Additionally, students enrolled in Automotive Technology, Business Law, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, and Computer Service Repair receive articulated credit if they earn a B or higher. Some of the students are graduating with as many as 24 college credits through the dual credit program.

**ENGINEERING/CARPENTRY/ELECTRICITY** – Students in Engineering, Carpentry, and Electricity participated in a cross-curricular project. Engineering students drew the blueprints for a house constructed by Carpentry students and wired by Electricity students.



**WELDING RODEO** – On April 8, Florence Darlington Technical College hosted the Welding Rodeo. The team of Joshua Mercer, Mason Rogers, Jacob Lloyd, Leandro Robles, Elvis Salas, and Patrick Campbell placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the student division with their sculpture of Wall-e. They were awarded \$2500 in Welding supplies.



**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS STUDENTS OF AMERICA**

**(STATE)** – The state HOSA Conference was held March 8-10, 2017. Advisors are Mrs. Connie Altman, Mrs. Kellie Flowers, and Mrs. Nancy Huntley.

- ✚ 4<sup>th</sup> Place
  - CPR/First Aid – Alexis Lewis/Alyssa Ray
- Outstanding HOSA Member**
- ✚ Alexis Lewis



**GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS** – Mr. Gary Hayes’ students annually compete in the Darlington County School District Art in Business competition. Brandon Kiker was the Art in Business representative for DCIT. Students also participated in the Printing Industries of the Carolina’s (PICA) competition. They were recognized as an Award of Excellence and a special judge’s award in the 2017 (PICA) competition.

- ✚ Alena Freeman – Award of Excellence - Digital Printing - “District Christmas Card
- ✚ Dakota Olmstead/Jillian Langdon – Special Judges’ Award – Offset Printing – Christmas Card



**YOUTH APPRENTICESHIPS** – Seven DCIT students began working as youth apprentices this spring. Josh Armstrong, Tyler Byrd, Demetrius Gilbert, Owen Reed, and Preston Wilks started working at North Industrials on April 3. Matthew Privette and Austin Huggins started working at Gregory Electric in late March.



**SKILLSUSA (STATE)** - The SC SkillsUSA State Conference was held April 13-16, 2016. Advisors for SkillsUSA are Mr. Jesse Flowers, Mr. James Griggs, Mr. Gary Hayes, Mr. Kevin Hill, Mr. Dennis Johnson, Mr. Daren McKenzie, Mr. Jack Parker, and Mrs. Sandra White. John Huggins earned a \$1000 scholarship and Trey Caudle earned the opportunity to represent South Carolina at the National SkillsUSA competition in Louisville, KY in June 2017.

1st place

- ✚ Electrical Construction Wiring: Trey Caudle (HHS)

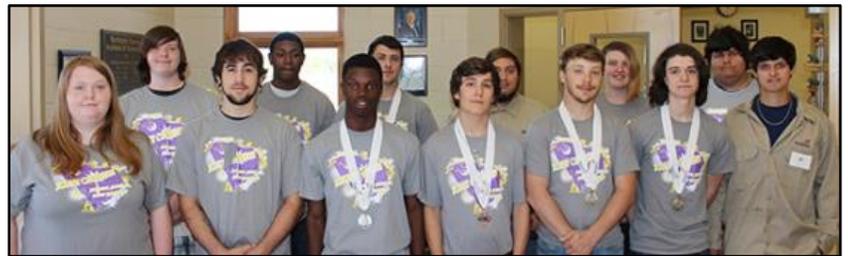
2nd place

- ✚ Graphic Imaging Sublimation: Jalen Dixon (DHS)
- ✚ CNC Milling Specialist: Tyler Byrd (HHS)
- ✚ CNC Turning Specialist: Preston Wilks (HHS)
- ✚ Welding Sculpture: Jacob Burr (HHS)

3rd place

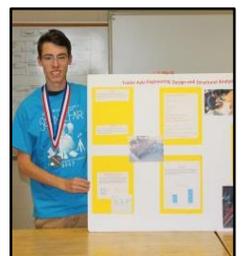
- ✚ Screen Printing: Dakota Olmstead (HHS)
- ✚ Job Skills Demonstration: Alex Huggins (HHS)

Others placing in the top 10: Joseph Rhodes, John Huggins, Matthew Privette, Destin Russell, Nigel Hankins, Chase Godbehere, Mason Rogers, Mason Grady, and Alena Freeman.



**SANDHILLS SCIENCE FAIR** – Eight students from the Engineering and Agriculture classes will be competing at the 2017 Sand Hills Region IV Science fair that will be held at Francis Marion University on March 30-31, 2017. Josh Fountain and Issac Rowe placed 2nd in their respective divisions.

**AGRICULTURE EDUCATION** - Mr. Al Gray, FFA advisor and members attended the SC State House Plant Presentation, and the national FFA convention in Louisville, KY. Horticulture was replaced by Environmental & Natural Resources Management. Students are working to restore the American chestnut trees which were devastated by blight decades ago.



**NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY** - On January 24, 2017, 16 student members and one honorary member were inducted into the NTHS at DCIT. To qualify to join, students must have a minimum 3.25 overall GPA and 3.5 GPA in Career and Technology (CATE) courses. Alena Freeman and Austin Grant earned the Jon H. Poteat \$1000 scholarship. The advisor is Mr. Bert Sandifer.

