

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

2014-2015

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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 2014-2015 school year and updates on the 2013-2014 goals. The School Improvement Council reviews our goals and achievements and reports progress to our school family and community. The Darlington County School District does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability, genetic information, sexual orientation or other protected characteristics in its programs and activities.

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS
2014-2015**

Ex-Officio Member	Bert Guerry, Director
SIC Chairperson	Nickey Waymer
Teachers	Jesse Flowers Dennis Johnson Sandra White
Parent	Lena White
Community	Angie Jordan
Advisory Council	Jesse Addison
Assistant Director	Aurelia Burgess
Secretary	Angela Watts
Students	Alex Acosta Catherine Beasley Kierston Hallums Jack Powell
Parents	Christina Tehrani Rev. Morris Waymer Elena Jackman
Community	Crishell Bass Justin Danner Connell Delaine Robert Smith
Teacher of the Year	Al Gray

DCIT Programs	# Students Enrolled
Agricultural Education	28
Automotive Collision	30
Automobile Technology	47
Business/Marketing	122
Carpentry	27
Electricity	24
Engineering	34
Graphic Communications	36
Health Science Education	126
Information Technology	30
Machine Tool	26
Welding	49

ACCREDITATION

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

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.

School Renewal Plan Goals	Level of Success
At least 62.5% of all 12 th grade CATE concentrators (Career and Technology Education students completing at least three units) will score proficient or advanced on the ELA HSAP administered during their sophomore year.	74.53%
At least 61% of all 12 th grade concentrators will score proficient or advanced on the math HSAP administered during their sophomore year.	66.04%
At least 88.5% of all Career and Technology Education (CATE) concentrators will achieve a final GPA of at least 2.0 averaged over the year for all CATE courses.	98.45%
At least 97% of 12 th grade concentrators who complete a CATE program will attain a high school diploma, state certificate, or GED.	100%
At least 85.5% of all CATE concentrators will be included in the state's computation of its graduation rate.	100%
At least 93% 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.	99.55%
At least 14.4% of students enrolled in CATE programs identified as leading to nontraditional training and employment will be from the underrepresented gender.	4.35%
At least 76% 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

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE REPORT CARD

Criteria	Percentage	Points	Total
Technical Skill Attainment (50%)	93.7%	3	15.0
Graduation (25%)	100%	5	12.5
Placement (25%)	99.4%	5	12.5

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.

WORK BASED LEARNING PARTICIPATION

Job Shadowing = 176	Clinical Rotation = 38
School Based Enterprise = 36	Service Learning = 240
Work Keys - 98 Participants took Locating Information, Mathematics, and Reading for Information. Gold, silver, and bronze certificates were awarded to 80% of the students based on performance. Performance on this assessment is beneficial as they apply for jobs.	

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND ACTIVITIES

CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS: Thirty-eight (38) students are enrolled in Health Science Clinical Study. These students will be eligible to take the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) exam in May. Certified Nursing Assistants work at nursing homes, doctor's offices, and hospitals with starting salaries around \$21,733. Thirty-five (92%) of them have passed the National Healthcare exam and they are all First aid/CPR certified.

ASE STUDENT CERTIFICATION: Sixty percent (60%) of automotive students have earned ASE Student Certification in one or more areas. Students will have an opportunity to earn additional ASE Student Certifications in the spring.

INTERACTIVE CAREER FAIR: This biannual event provides an opportunity for ninth graders and their teachers throughout the district to hear representatives from industry explain how to be successful in their respective careers. Freshmen also tour the DCIT campus and listen to current DCIT students talk about career and technology courses and how these courses fit into their career path.

CARPENTRY: Students in carpentry learned to read blueprints and operate manual and power hand tools. They also built a gazebo, picnic tables, chairs, and a variety of other projects.

SANDHILLS REGION IV SCIENCE FAIR: On April 16-17, 2015 Engineering and Agriculture students will compete in the SandHills Region IV Science Fair at Francis Marion University.

DECA (REGIONAL) HONORS

The DECA Regional Conference was held in December in Columbia, SC. Twelve students from DCIT placed in the top ten and earned the opportunity to compete at the state DECA conference. Students placing in the top three are listed below.

First Place

Marketing Management: Gabrielle Gosnell

Automotive Services Management: Marcus Grier-Molina

Hotel and Lodging Management: Angela Ross

Human Resources Management: Jasmine Robinson

Second Place

Restaurant Marketing Management: Paris Miller

Apparel and Accessories Marketing: Jazlyn Robinson

Quick Service Restaurant Management: Kadasha Williams

Third Place

Apparel and Accessories Marketing: Krystal Brown

Food Marketing Management: Austin Byrd

Quick Service Restaurant Management: Alexis Jackson

Sports Marketing Management: Joshua Chester



DECA (STATE) HONORS



The DECA State Conference was held in North Charleston, SC on February 27 - March 1, 2015. Austin Byrd placed in the top three in Business Administration earning an opportunity to compete at the national DECA conference.



WELDING: On April 11, 2015 Malachi Swiger, Thomas Mays, Cotie Lawson, and Caleb Windham represented DCIT in the Welding Rodeo. The sculpture they created placed 3rd in the amateur division. This

competition is for high school and technical college students and industry professionals. Participants work in teams to fabricate sculptures out of scrap metal.

GRAPHICS: Brandon Wilson won "Best of Show" in PICA competition. Daisha Overton was recognized as the winner of the Art in Business contest for the Darlington County Institute of Technology.



BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA

The State Leadership Conference for Business Professionals of America was held in Columbia, SC on March 5-6, 2015. Kayla Bruton and Jamila McMillian placed fourth in the Presentation Management Team event.





NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY

On April 13, 2015, thirteen students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. To be eligible to join, students must have a 3.25 overall GPA, a 3.5 CATE GPA, and be eligible to be a program completer by the end of the current school year. Newly inducted NTHS members are Cesar Alberto, Bryan Andrews, Taylor Edwards, Jonathan Free, Marisha Hickman, Cotie Lawson, Karissa Lunn, Mycala Montrose, Brooke Myers, Keeley Terry, John Wallace, Maxwell Wheeler, and Jasmine Williams. Additionally, Mrs. Joyce Rouse was inducted as a honorary member.

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS STUDENTS OF AMERICA

The State HOSA Conference was held March 8-10, 2015 in North Charleston, SC. Two students placed in the top three in their respective event.

Third Place

Extemporaneous Writing: Catherine Beasley

Dental Science: Michaela Smith



FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA



Darlington County Institute of Technology had six students attend the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Fifteen students attended the FFA-sponsored State Legislators' Appreciation Ceremony in Columbia in February. Students competed in several FFA competitions. In April they have an annual plant sale and attend the plant presentation at the state house. The State Convention at Clemson will be in June.

SKILLSUSA (STATE)

South Carolina SkillsUSA held its state competition from March 25 – March 28, 2015 with different competitions being held at venues throughout the state. The awards ceremony was held on March 28, 2015 in Greenville, SC. Twenty-five students represented the Darlington County Institute of Technology in 16 different competitive events. Seven students were recognized on stage for placing in the top three. Students who placed 1st in their event earn an opportunity to compete at the national SkillsUSA competition in Louisville, KY in June.

First Place

CNC Turning Specialist: Theodore Cutler

Electrical Construction Wiring: Luke Harrison

Graphic Imaging Sublimation: Max Sherman

Information Technology Service: Bryan Andrews

Second Place

Welding Sculpture: Malachi Swiger

Third Place

CNC Milling Specialist: Justin Hunter

CNC Technician: Caleb Gandy

