

Awards & Achievements

Opening a new Machine Tool Technology program at Donaldson Career Center to provide the opportunity for our students to enter the high skill, high wage and high demand field of advanced manufacturing was a major accomplishment this year. We look forward to its growth both internally with enrollment and externally by placing students in work-based learning and employment.

Work-based learning has grown exponentially this year with notable participation by students in the following programs –

- Automotive Technology
- Barbering/Master Haircare
- Firefighting
- Welding

In addition, a DCC Culinary Arts student has been selected as the Work-Based Learning Student of the Year for Greenville County Schools.

The pinnacle of work-based learning is apprenticeship. This year a DCC Mechatronics student was selected as our first ever Michelin Youth Apprentice.

On April 22, 2021, fourteen amazing students were inducted into the Donaldson Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society.

On April 23, 2021 DCC Welding students took 2nd & 3rd place in the Arclabs Scholarship Competition winning substantial scholarships.

SC SkillsUSA has had a difficult year, primarily due to Covid-19. However, we have students registered for the in-person Firefighting competition and we have a State Officer who has done a wonderful job of representing herself, her program and our school.

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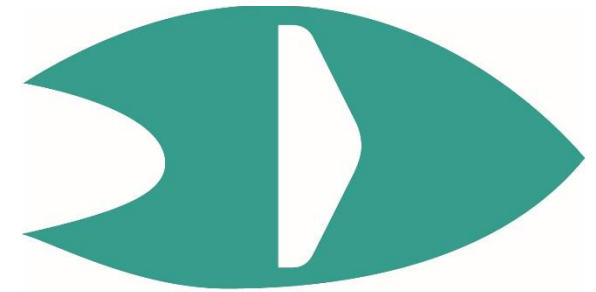
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Students

Campbell Altman, Firefighting
Jacob Gilbert, Barbering/Master Hair Care
and Amaya Hines, Mechatronics



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CAREER CENTER

2020 – 2021 Report to Parents

Donaldson Career Center's mission is to provide students with marketable skills through academic and job-related experiences and to assist them in pursuing and attaining their post-secondary goals.

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SIC Annual Goals

Goal 1: Retention

To increase the retention of Level I students transitioning to Level II classes for the 2021 - 2022 school year by a minimum of 10% for every program area below 80% the previous year.

Progress: Met

Excluding the GTC Aircraft Maintenance class, there were five programs identified that retained less than 80% of the students from last year. Including the Aircraft Maintenance data would skew the results due to the low numbers. The projected average growth in retention rate of the five identified high school programs is 26.8%, almost three times our goal. In reality, the final retention rate will likely be lower but with this margin for error we can safely project that we have met this goal.

Goal 2: Dual Enrollment

To increase the students enrolled in GTC dual credit classes by 10% for the 2021-2022 school year compared to current dual credit enrollment.

Progress: Met

Current data shows a projected increase from 60 to 68 students enrolled in dual credit classes, an increase of thirteen percent. This includes students enrolled in Aircraft Maintenance, Mechatronics and Welding classes as of April 29, 2021.

Student Achievement

CTE Completers

During the 2020 – 2021 School Year, 128 Donaldson students will earn Career and Technical Education Completer status. This is a slight increase from the previous year which is outstanding considering the circumstances of this school year.

State Recognized Certifications

This year Donaldson students will earn numerous credentials, certifications and professional licenses. Preparation and testing are ongoing for ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) Brakes and Maintenance/Light Repair, AWS (American Welding Society), Barbering, Cosmetology, Esthetician, Firefighter I & II, Hair Braiding, Microburst Learning Employability Skills, OSHA10, ServSafe Food Handler & ServSafe Food Manager.

Impact of Covid-19

Learning by Doing is a hallmark of Career and Technical Education and Donaldson Career Center. The staff and students of Donaldson rose to the challenge of eLearning and did a remarkable job. The return to 100% in-person learning for second semester this year has been great for our students and staff. However, attendance has been a challenge due to transportation issues for virtual academic students, changing schedules, virtual academic days for home schools and necessary quarantine periods for student and staff.

Additional Information

Program Offerings for 2020-2021

- Aircraft Maintenance (GTC)
- Automotive Technology
- Barbering/Master Haircare
- Building Construction Technology
- Career Exploratory Plus (+)
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Esthetics
- Firefighting
- Machine Tool Technology
- Mechatronics
- Nail Technology
- Welding

Program Changes for 2021-2022

- Esthetics will transition from a two-year program to a one-year program due to block scheduling
- Cosmetology will transition from a three-year program to a two-year program due to block scheduling
- We are adding a new program – Diesel Technology!

Primary Feeder Schools

- Greenville Early College
- Greenville High School
- Southside High School
- Woodmont High School

