

Donaldson Career Center GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Donaldson Career Center, located in Greenville, SC, is a public school accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). We are a "Technology Centers That Work" site with the Southern Regional Education Board, which focuses the efforts of our center on "Ten Key Practices" to improve student achievement. Donaldson primarily serves students from Carolina Academy, Southside High School, Greenville Senior High Academy, and Woodmont High School, however, students from any Greenville County high school may elect to attend the center for specialized career preparation programs.

We have experienced a number of accomplishments during the 2012-2013 school year. In early fall we learned that our school qualified as a Palmetto Silver Award recipient for 2011-2012 and have recently been recognized as a Palmetto Gold Award recipient for 2012-2013. We had several students receive medals in the SC SkillsUSA competition in March with one gold medal winner in Commercial Baking that will compete at the national level in June.

This year we will have over 100 students testing for or earning industry and/or work-based certifications. We continue to prepare our students for study at the postsecondary level or immediate employment and work to successfully establish relationships with local businesses, industry, and organizations to give authentic learning experiences to our students through cooperative learning, job shadowing, internships and field trips. In April, our center hosted its 3rd annual career fair with over 30 local colleges and businesses represented.

The career programs of study offered at Donaldson Career Center this year included Automotive Technology, Building Construction, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Digital Art and Design, Fashion Design, Introduction to Teaching, Health Science, Law Enforcement, Nail Technology and Welding. We are currently working to offer a new Barbering program which would begin in the fall of 2014.

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