

## 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 2013-2014 school year and are very proud of our students. We had several students receive medals in the SC SkillsUSA competition in April as well as placing second in the state at the annual Culinary ProStart competition. Our Cosmetology program had a 100% passage rate on their State Board exams and for the first time we had several Automotive students earn ASE industry 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 4<sup>th</sup> Annual College and 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, Certified Nursing Assistant, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Digital Art and Design, Fashion Design, Introduction to Teaching, Health Science, Law Enforcement, Nail Technology and Welding. We will offer two new programs in 14-15. They are Barbering and Game Design. Plans are also underway to start the process of NATEF certification in our Auto Tech program for next school year.

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