

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 2014-2015 school year and are very proud of our students. We had several students receive medals in the SC SkillsUSA competition in March including two first place winners in Diesel Equipment Technology and First Aid/CPR. We also had three Welding students to achieve AWS certification in Welding which is the first time this has ever been accomplished in our school district. The Nail Tech and Cosmetology programs had a 100% passage rate on their State Board practical exams and we had several Automotive Technology students earn their 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. We currently have a 99% placement rate with our program completers which is the highest placement rate in the district. In an effort to continue our success with post-secondary transition, we once again hosted our 5th 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 Aircraft Maintenance, Automotive Technology, Barbering, Certified Nursing Assistant, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Digital Art, Fashion Design, Game Design (first semester), Intro to Teaching, Health Science, Law Enforcement, Nail Technology, and Welding.

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