
Purpose of the Report

This Report is issued by the Donaldson Career Center School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

Current Programs for 2018-19:

Aircraft Maintenance
Automotive Technology
Barbering
Building Construction Technology
Cosmetology
Culinary Arts
Digital Art and Design
Esthetics
Firefighting
Mechatronics
Nail Technology
Welding

Planned Program Additions for 2019-20:

Career Exploratory Plus

Feeder high schools:

Greenville Early College; Greenville Senior High Academy; Southside High School; and Woodmont High School



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Annual School Improvement Council Report to Parents

2018 - 2019

Our 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

1. To develop and adopt bylaws for the Donaldson Career Center School Improvement Council that is aligned with State requirements.

Progress: Draft bylaws were developed at the start of the 2018 – 2019 school year using a template available from the State. Because our draft bylaws varied slightly from the State template, they were sent to the South Carolina School Improvement Council for review and approval. The draft bylaws were approved by the State and then by the faculty of Donaldson Career Center at a faculty meeting.

2. To revise the Career Exploratory course into a program that better meets the needs of students, base schools and Donaldson Career Center while complying with State criteria for awarding high school credit.

Progress: A new program titled Career Exploratory Plus has been developed, marketed and established for the 2019 – 2020 school year. This program will integrate three high school courses – Career & Technical Education Exploratory, Fundamentals of Computing and Personal Finance. Full implementation will be a work in progress throughout the coming year. This program is designed to prepare students for continuing their education at Donaldson Career Center while giving them valuable credits toward graduation and a soft-skills credential that is industry recognized.

3. To increase enrollment by actively recruiting students and establishing class size goals of twenty per Level I class (depending on capacity/facility limitations). A parallel goal of retaining 75% of current Level I students in Level II classes was also established.

Progress: The School Counselor and Work-Based Learning Coordinator made presentations at all three comprehensive high schools that feed Donaldson Career Center in collaboration with base school counselors and administrators. Administrators and teachers participated in Career Fairs and Open House events. Recruitment efforts paid off with over 500 students applying for less than 200 available Level I enrollment slots. Facilities and programs were reviewed to establish maximum class sizes that range from 16 to 20 for Level I classes with the majority of classes capped at 20. For highly desired programs, waiting lists were established and we are working throughout the spring and summer to fill every seat. Emphasis was made by administration for teachers to personally connect with students to reach the 75% retention rate from Level I to Level II. After all grades are final and registrations confirmed the administration will review with each teacher their retention rate and develop goals with strategies for those that fall below 75%.



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Awards & Achievements

Automotive Technology students earned Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certifications in Maintenance & Light Repair and Brakes.

Digital Art & Design students received special recognition with three students having their work displayed at the 29th Annual Upstate High School Art Exhibit at Greenville Technical College.

Culinary Arts students participated in ProStart competitions, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Upstate Annual Pep Rally and SkillsUSA state and national competitions. One student received special recognition in a local competition with her Gyro Burger being featured on the menu at Grill Marks in the Haywood Mall.

Firefighting students at Donaldson are enrolled in a cooperative program between the SC Department of Education and the SC Fire Academy and the SC State Firefighters' Association. Firefighting students have earned certifications from the SC Fire Academy and are eligible to test for national Firefighting certification. Firefighting students have earned credentials this year in Fire I, Fire II, First Aid/CPR, Hazardous Materials Awareness, Hazardous Materials Operations and Basic Automobile Extrication.

Human Services students in Barbering, Cosmetology, Esthetics and Nail Technology achieved state credentials/licenses through rigorous practical and academic State Board exams.

Mechatronics and Welding students earned OSHA10 certification this year through face-to-face instruction while our Level I Building Construction Technology students piloted an online OSHA10 certification program.

SkillsUSA members earned a silver medal in Community Action and Prepared Speech and a bronze medal in Nail Technology at the SC SkillsUSA competition in April. The Community Action team will represent South Carolina at the National SkillsUSA completion this summer.

100% of our Welding students obtained American Welding Society (AWS) certification. One student excelled by earning AWS Pipe Welding certification, the first ever for a high school student in Greenville County..