

## Awards & Achievements

For the second year in a row we have opened a new program. Diesel Technology is our latest offering and there is a lot of interest from potential industry partners. Christopher Trucks has been very involved in planning and implementing our program. Industry participation in a joint Advisory Committee meeting for the GCS Diesel Technology programs was very encouraging. In addition, the Diesel Technology teacher at Bonds Career Center has been very helpful and collaboration with Greenville Technical College is strong, primarily due to their Department Chair.

Work-based learning has continued to grow at Donaldson Career Center with 85 documented WBL experiences to date, up from 47 experiences last year, an increase of 81%.

The pinnacle of work-based learning is apprenticeship. This year DCC students are working in all Youth Apprenticeships offered in Greenville County (Michelin, Meyer Tool, Table 301 and BMW).

Amaya Hines, a DCC Mechatronics student and BMW Apprentice, was selected as the Greenville County CTE Champion from the 4,000 CTE students in the District.

Eric Escobar, a DCC Automotive Technology student and the DCC Work-Based Learning Student of the Year will be a Shift Service Manager at Crown Nissan after he graduates.

On April 13, 2022, twenty-three students were inducted into the Donaldson Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society. This was an increase of 39% from the previous year.

DCC Welding students have competed in welding competitions at Midlands Technical College and Arclabs. DCC Welding students will participate in

a new competition at Greenville Technical College on Friday, May 6, 2022.

The SC SkillsUSA leadership conference returned to in-person meetings and competitions this year. Unfortunately, the state conference was in direct conflict with our spring break. Despite that conflict one of our Work-Based Learning students and his teacher participated in the Automotive Technology competition. The SC SkillsUSA state competition was a valuable experience for the student and his teacher.

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## 2021 – 2022 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: Dual Enrollment

To offer a minimum of 2 new dual credit opportunities to better serve Donaldson Career Center students and local industry while also restructuring the Aircraft Maintenance program to better serve all GCS high school students.

### Progress: Projected to Meet

➤ For Culinary Arts, plans are being finalized to add CUL 155 (Sanitation–3 credits) and HOS 265 (Hotel, Restaurant and Travel Law–3 credits).

➤ For Diesel Technology we plan to add two courses each year for the next two years – DHM 173/273 Electrical Systems I/II, DHM 107 Diesel Equipment Service & Diagnostics, DHM 255 Air Brake Systems (all courses are 3 credits each)

➤ The GTC Aircraft Maintenance program was marketed and students registered for next year's classes independent of DCC, similar to other district-wide dual enrollment course offerings.

### Goal 2: Credentials/Certifications

To increase the number of state recognized credentials earned by Donaldson Career Center students during the 2021-2022 school year by 10% compared to the previous year.

### Progress: Projected to Meet

We have taken a number of steps to increase the number of students that earn credentials and certifications. Teachers have closely monitored students that are enrolled in the

CareerSafe OSHA10 online program. Three teachers have reached the goal of 100% completion of OSHA10 and many have only one of two students that have not completed. Our Human Services classes are testing earlier this year to allow students that may need to retest to do so before the year ends. To date, we have one Cosmetology student and three Esthetics students that have earned their professional licenses. In Automotive Technology, seven students have passed ASE certification exams in Maintenance & Light Repair and Brakes, while four additional students have passed at least one of the ASE certification exams. Two Firefighting 1 students have already earned their IFSAC national certification.

## Student Achievement

### CTE Completers

During the 2021–2022 school year, we project that 123 Donaldson students will earn CTE Completer status. This is a slight decrease from the previous year which can be attributed to low enrollment in Level 1 classes at the peak of the pandemic.

### State Recognized Certifications

This year Donaldson students will earn numerous credentials, certifications and professional licenses. In addition to the certifications mentioned in the Goal 2 progress report we offer numerous certifications in our Firefighting program including Firefighter I & II, professional licenses in Barbering, Hair Braiding, and Nail Technology, ServSafe Food Handler & Food Manager certifications, and the Microburst Learning Employability Skills certification.

## Additional Information

### Program Offerings for 2021-2022

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

### Program Changes for 2022-2023

- Diesel Technology will add levels 3 & 4 and offer ASE certification exams.
- Dual Enrollment classes will be added for Culinary Arts and Diesel Technology.
- Career Exploratory Plus will drop the Fundamentals of Computing component and focus on Career Exploration and financial literacy.

### Primary Feeder Schools

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



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