

## Awards & Achievements

Sheay McHenry, our Counselor and a member of our School Improvement Council, has been named the Greenville County Schools and the South Carolina Career and Technical Education Counselor of the Year, a well-deserved honor.

Work-based learning has continued to grow at Donaldson Career Center with an expanding number of business partners and students participating. This year we revamped/re-branded our Business Partner Expo to the DCC Skills Showcase. For the second year in a row, we had outstanding participation from business/industry partners which resulted in increased student and employer interest in work-based learning. Several instructors took this opportunity to hold their second semester Advisory Committee meeting during the day with students present which was a win-win for all involved.

On March 13, 2024, thirty-seven students were inducted into the Donaldson Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS). This was an increase of 28% from the previous school year. NTHS and Human Services students have volunteered or collected donations for Cuts Against Cancer, Special Olympics, Miracle Hill, assisted living facilities and an animal shelter.

This year, DCC Culinary Arts students competed in the ProStart Management Team Competition (3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the State), the Euphoria Healthy Lunch Throwdown and will participate in Artisphere, May 10-12, 2024.

DCC Welding students have done very well this year in welding competitions at Greenville Technical College (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>), Midlands Technical College (5<sup>th</sup>) and the Arclabs Welding School (4<sup>th</sup>).

This is the second year Donaldson Career Center has participated in the Harbor Freight Fellowship program. On May 10, 2024, three students will be recognized as Harbor Freight Fellows at our end of year luncheon/celebration. The Harbor Freight Fellowship program pairs work-based learning students with mentors on the job to ensure a successful transition to full-time employment in specific trades industries.

## SIC Members

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## 2023 – 2024 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: Retention

To increase the retention of Level I students transitioning to Level II classes for the 2024-2025 school year by a minimum of 5% for our three lowest programs based on 2023 Q4 enrollment compared to 2023 Q1 enrollment (Barbering 40.0%, Building Construction 57.1%, Firefighting 58.3%).

### Progress: Projected to Meet

See chart below for current data:

Program	2022-2023	2023-2024 Preliminary	Projected Increase
Barbering	40.0%	100%	60.0
Building Construction	57.1%	92.8%	35.7
Firefighting	58.3%	75.0%	16.7

### Goal 2: Credentials/Certifications

To increase the total number of student credentials earned in 2023-2024 by 5% school wide. Each program will have an individual goal approved by administration to contribute to the overall growth for the school.

### Progress: Met (Exceeded)

- We use a Google Form that has been shared with all teachers to make sure we are reporting all credentials.
- Last school year, our students earned a total of 704 credentials, certifications or professional licenses.
- To date, this school year we have documented 860 credentials,

certifications/credentials. We are still entering data collected from teachers on the Google Form and still have students to test for their professional license.

## Student Achievement

### CTE Completers

During the 2023-2024 school year, we project that 206 Donaldson Career Center students will earn CTE Completer status. This is an increase of 7% compared to the previous school year.

### Credentials/Certifications

This year Donaldson students will earn numerous credentials, certifications and professional licenses. We distinguish between state approved and others that are recognized by industry but are not on the state list. Even though our SIC goal is to increase our total credentials/certifications we will also make significant gains in the number of state approved credentials earned leading to Career Ready status for students.

## Additional Information

### Program Offerings for 2023-2024

- Automotive Technology
- Barbering
- Building Construction Technology
- Career Exploratory/Pers. Finance
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Diesel Technology
- Esthetics
- Firefighting
- Machine Tool Technology
- Mechatronics
- Nail Technology
- Welding

## Program Changes for 2024-2025

- Firefighting will transition to a one-year program to facilitate the addition of an Emergency Medical Services program. Our Firefighting program will continue offering SC Fire Academy FF1 & FF2 with the opportunity to obtain an IFSAC national certification. An EMT credential is significant on its own merit but is also a desirable credential for a Firefighter as many fire departments prefer their first responders have the additional training and credential.
- The Esthetics program will transition from a one-year program to a three-semester program due to the increase in program content and licensure hours from 450 to 600 by the Board of Cosmetology and LLR.
- We will make a small adjustment to when certain dual enrollment courses are offered to help facilitate work-based learning.
- Greenville Early College will be integrated into comprehensive high schools. Transportation will be provided for 2nd Year Carolina HS/GEC students to complete their current DCC program.

## Primary Feeder Schools

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



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