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Call for Nominations— 2014 EBS Student Awards

The SCDE Office of Career and Technology Education and the Regional Career Specialists across the state annually recognize students who display a unique model of leadership. We are calling on you to nominate individuals for each student award listed below and submit to your Regional Career Specialist. Awards will be announced at the 2014 Education and Business Summit in June.

The SC Work-Based Learning Student of the Year Award is given to a student who applies academia to real life, real work, and real world situations within the business/industry environment. This student represents the skills needed through hands-on opportunities within the business/industry sector to meet the demands of our global economy. The student who wins this award defines career ready characteristics, showing evidence of the work-based learning influence on his or her career goal and future aspirations.

I AM CATE Given to a student who has graduated as a CATE completer and has made significant contributions as a student or worker in a field of study or career related to CATE(presented to four students, one from each major region in South Carolina).

CATE Service Learning Award Given to a CATE student, Career and Technical Student Organization, or CATE program for service-learning contributions to the community over the past school year.

Technology Champions South Carolina's Regional Career Specialists and the South Carolina Department of Education identify the top career and technology education student in each of the 12 Regional Career Specialists' service areas. These award-winning youth, designated as "Technology Champions," will be honored as South Carolina's most exemplary career and technology education students.

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Greenville	Dr. Marjorie Dowd	mmdowd@greenville.sc.us
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Pee Dee	Crishell Johnson-Bass	cbass@pdec.net
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Trident	Suzi Raiford	SRaiford@EdFound.net
Upper Savannah	Anna Welborn	awelborn@sc.wpec.org
Upstate	Toney Farr	toneyfarr@union.k12.sc.us
Waccamaw	Jason Coakley	jcoakley@gcsd.k12.sc.us

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CTE: Building Bridges, Changing Lives

Sunday, June 22—Wednesday, June 25, 2014

TD Convention Center, Greenville, SC

The Education and Business Summit is South Carolina's largest annual professional development event for the state's educators and administrators. Over the years, the Summit has grown to attendance levels of 1500 plus. With four days of keynote presentations, concurrent sessions addressing best practices in career and technology education, and the opportunity to earn recertification credits on site, the Summit is an experience that you can't afford to miss. The Education and Business Summit will feature keynote presentations that excite and energize you as well as tons of hands-on workshops and demonstrations.

Full conference details at www.ebsummit.info/index.html.

SCACTE Career Guidance Division Day: Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at EBS!

Keynote Speaker: *Donna Milgram*, Executive Director of the National Institute for Women in Trades, Technology, and Science. She will be highlighting the National Science Foundation for boosting recruitment and retention rates of women in technology programs and focus on the nontraditional movement in SC and STEM careers!

Guidance Breakout Sessions:

- SC College Admissions Panel representing 2- year and 4 -year institutions, to keep our counselors abreast of the criteria, process, and what each are looking for in prospective students while providing admissions tips to prepare your students for a post secondary path.
- Work-Based Learning Panel showcasing best practices across the state, sharing the who, what, when, where, why, and how to enter work-based learning into PowerSchool, making it a seamless process.
- A CTE panel featuring counselors across the state on how each tracks CATE student completers to ensure their school district receives accurate funding.
- Session featuring the current trends of underage teen drinking and substance abuse and how to recognize the latest alcohol and drug paraphernalia (available to teens) that may be found in your classroom.



2014 MILITARY CAREER PATHWAYS 101

JUNE 17-19 COLUMBIA, SC



STEM CAREERS IN THE MILITARY

3-Day professional development course providing exposure to the vast array of STEM career paths in the military

- * Fort Jackson Tour * NCO Panels * Enlistment Process * Shaw Air Force Base Tour * Cyberspace Ops
- * Weapons Loading * Space Operations * STEM Demos * Healthcare * Navy Nuclear Power * Special Ops
- * Post-Secondary Science/Engineering Tracks * Military Battlefield * Air Traffic Control

Course is exclusive to current middle and high school level professionals such as core academic teachers (science, math), guidance counselors, career specialists, administrators, CATE instructors, etc.

REGISTRATION

Free registration

**Participant is responsible for meals, transportation, and hotel accommodations*

** Space limited to 100 participants **

COURSE PARTICIPANTS WILL:

- Earn SDE recertification , LPC credit or GCDF recertification hours
- Network with Army, Navy, Air Force Military Leaders/ Recruiters
- Tour behind-the-scene military operations
- Learn future high-skill, high-demand STEM careers
- Explore post-secondary STEM tracks
- Make academic integration relevant
- Enjoy an experience of a lifetime!

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SC Finance Forum

April 10, 2014

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

SC Department of Archives & History

8301 Parklane Road, Columbia, SC 29223

Focus: Personal Finance: Financial Literacy, and Entrepreneurship

Contact: Anthony L. Dillon , SCDE Education Associate, (803) 734-7168, tdillon@ed.sc.gov

Registration Link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CXvyBunPiwLjZBPoZDSCn3uBzYogADaZc5bSmSqfQ/edit?pli=1#>

1 CEU per seat hour

CATE DATA REPORTING DEADLINE is APPROACHING!

CATE Student Placement follow-up report is due

April 15, 2014

Upcoming Career & Technology Student Organization (CTSO)

Competitions/Conferences

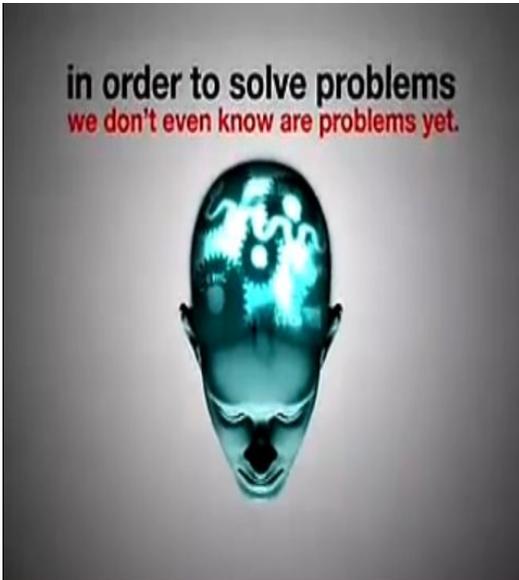
SCSkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference, April 3-5, 2014, Greenville, SC

*Competition, April 4, 2014, TD Convention Center, Greenville, SC

*Culinary Competition, April 4, 2014, Virginia College, Greenville, SC

Nurse Aide Trainer Conference, April 2, 2014, SCHA, Columbia, SC

** Nurse Aide instructors are welcome to attend for professional development opportunity.



The top 10 in-demand jobs of 2010. . .

did not exist in 2004.

“We are currently preparing students for jobs that don’t exist yet. . .

using technologies that haven’t been invented. . .

in order to solve problems we don’t even know are problems yet.” -Karl Fisch, Educator and author of *Did You Know*

In order to give our children a competitive advantage in this Information Age and global economy, we must teach them how to learn strategically -- to organize themselves, process new information efficiently, make critical decisions about that information and access it at a later time.

These types of learning skills are called "soft skills." They include learning, organization, and communication strategies. One study done by the Stanford Research Institute and Carnegie Melon Foundation found that **75 percent of long-term career success** depends on soft skills and only 25 percent on technical knowledge!

Another survey asked hundreds of employers in growing industries what skills they needed from their employees now, and in the future. Of the top 57 skills they listed, only four were related to technology. **Ninety-five percent** of the skills they need include things like: the ability to think critically, know how to use various learning strategies and manage time efficiently. "Soft skills" equal "study skills." Study skills allow students to use strategies in school.

Study skills are the skills:

- * Required to be an independent learner.
- * That build confidence.
- * That develop efficiency.
- * That allow students to be proactive, make good decisions, and think critically.
- * That improve performance to prepare students for high-stakes tests and the globally competitive job market of the future.

Study skills give students a competitive advantage for the future, help them earn better grades , and develop confidence!

 **coursepower** Coursepower, an initiative of IT-oLogy, was created to turn South Carolina into a top producer and consumer of digital talent. It prepares students for success in today's technological world through a new academic track called Applied Computing. The academic track adds a valuable technology underpinning to students' existing course of study, better preparing them to thrive in today's global digital marketplace and providing local businesses with the talent that they need. For more information visit www.coursepower.org or contact Alicia Thibaudet at alicia.thibaudet@it-ology.org.