

THE MESSENGER

Unsung Heros



As we approach the end of another school year, I thank you on behalf of all of the students you selflessly and diligently serve. Educators play many roles in the lives of students. Your title may be School Counselor or Career Specialist but at any given time of any given school day, you may be required to wear the hat of a teacher, nurse, mentor or even parent figure. The impact you make on students follow them long after the last bell has rung and class has been dismissed. In many instances, you may be the most positive influence in their lives. School Counseling personnel are often the unsung heroes in schools. Though I am positive that your commitment to preparing students to be successful 21st century citizens is not done with the intention of being recognized, YOU DESERVE IT! Again, on behalf of the awesome students, THANK YOU!

Staying in the know.....

The School Counseling listserv is an awesome way to share ideas with colleagues, and stay abreast of upcoming professional development activities and best practices. If you do not currently subscribe, you can do so by accessing the link below.

<http://LISTSERV.ED.SC.GOV/archives/GUIDANCE.html>

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Office of Student Intervention Services**

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Career Specialist/Guidance Personnel Accountability Report

School districts must ensure that a Career Specialist Accountability Report is submitted to the SCDE in January and June for all schools that serve middle and high school students and for elementary schools that serve sixth-grade students.

The CSAR is due no later than June 5, 2015 and should include information on activities done January –May 2015. Only **ONE report per school is needed**. Please collaborate with your colleagues to ensure that all activities taking place in your school are reflected on the report.

The link to complete the CSAR has already been sent to persons identified by EEDA Coordinators as being responsible for submitting the report. **The report must be completed online**. If you have questions please feel free to contact Dorothy Nero at dnero@ed.sc.gov.



FYI

Upcoming Dates

April 28-30, 2015

ACT Aspire™
The ACT®

April 29, 2015

ACT WorkKeys®

May 29, 2015

***IGPs MUST BE COMPLETED
(Locked and made primary) for ALL
STUDENTS IN GRADES 8-12**

***School Counselor/Career Specialist IGP
Review survey due**

***Student IGP Review survey due**

June 5, 2015

Career Specialist Accountability Report due

BEST PRACTICES

Colleton County High School Career Trivia

Submitted by
Kim White-Footman, Career Specialist

Career trivia happens at Colleton County High School (CCHS) on a weekly basis and takes place during the lunches, in front of the cafeteria. The purpose of this activity is to increase student awareness of careers within the sixteen career clusters. Trivia consists of career questions and statements. Drawings are held at the end of the school day, and the winner usually receives a nice gift which consists of a flash drive, water bottle, candy, pencils, pens, and other little goodies. Each student that participates receives a couple pieces of candy and gum, and a pencil as a sign of appreciation. Pictured below are Ms. Footman-White and a student who participated in career trivia.



Alice Drive Middle School

Career Day 2015

Submitted by:

Nancy Barron, Career Specialist

On April 24, 2015, 30 Aero-STEM students had the opportunity to tour the Boeing Plant in North Charleston, S.C. Boeing South Carolina fabricates, assembles and installs systems for aft (rear) fuselage sections of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner and joins and integrates midbody fuselage sections. Besides learning how an aircraft is built, the materials used to build it, and how much the plane costs (\$220,000,000), the students were put in teams and worked on a problem based activity. Each team had a finance manager, an engineer, a pilot, a mechanic, and a materials manager. Student had a specific job to do such as keep track of the budget, and decide on the materials that would be used to build their plane and which design and paper would make the best plane. Students had to rely on team work, time management and problem solving skills to complete an airplane and fly it in a competition. Boeing is looking for South Carolina residents to employ at their facility and offers job training and paid college courses.



Are you doing awesome things in your school?

✿ *If so, **SHARE, SHARE, SHARE**..... Submit information and pictures so that we can share them with your colleagues across the state via this newsletter. All submissions should be emailed to dnero@ed.sc.gov.*

The Center for Accelerated Preparation Richland School District Two

STEM Field Study

Submitted by: Camea Cato, Career Specialist

On March 20, 2015, the students of the Center for Accelerated Preparation (CAP) in Richland School District Two participated in a STEM field study, hosted by Midlands Technical College Engineering Department. The purpose of this field study was to allow students the opportunity to learn first-hand about emerging careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and Alternate Energy. Students toured the Midlands Technical College Enterprise Campus in Northeast Columbia and participated in hands-on activities facilitated by college instructors in Nuclear, Chemical, and Mechanical Engineering Technologies. “I really liked that we had an opportunity to sit in a college class and do experiments. I learned that almost everything was different from when we visited the 4-year college earlier this year. I also learned about different careers that I did not know existed,” said Shincere Bates, 2nd Year CAP Scholar. Students received information on how they can prepare for careers as Mechanical Engineering Technicians, Nuclear Systems Technicians, Architectural Engineering Technicians, Civil Engineering Technicians, and Electronics Engineering Technician. Students also received information about the one year Chemical Technology Certificate program offered at Midlands Technical College and the Midlands Technical College Engineering Transfer program.



Pee Dee Region Career Specialist Luncheon

Submitted by
Crishell Johnson-Bass, Pee Dee Regional Career Specialist

March 23, 2015 was a GREAT day in the Pee Dee Region. Cheryl Lewis, the Pee Dee Regional Education Center Coordinator and Crishell J.-Bass, the Pee Dee Regional Career Specialist celebrated a few of the Pee Dee's finest. Career & School Counselors, educators, retired educators, community leaders and business partners were all in attendance for a luncheon. There were approximately, 84 attendees at the luncheon held in the Palmetto Dining Room on the campus of Francis Marion University.

Mr. Charles Weathers from the Weathers Group located in Columbia South Carolina was the keynote speaker for the luncheon. Mr. Weathers brought an energy that left the counselors feeling rejuvenated and inspired to continue their work with our students.

There were a total of six awards presented.

Cheryl Lewis, the Pee Dee Regional Education Center Coordinator, recognized **three community leaders:**

Mrs. Rudell DuBose, Darlington County Adult Ed and Exceptional Students Director

Dr. Joette Dukes, Workforce Investment Director

Mr. Tavy Smalls, McLeod Hospital Recruiter & Youth Educator

Crishell J.-Bass, the Pee Dee Regional Career Specialist, recognized 3 career specialists that **exemplified outstanding work in career development.**

Mrs. Sara Orłowski, Career Instructor at Hartsville High School

Mrs. Daphne Sanders, Career Specialist at Sumter High School

Mr. Michael Stokes, Career Instructor at Southside Middle School

Each of these individuals has set the mark high for the role as a career specialist.

Pictured below are award recipients along with Cheryl Lewis and Crishell Johnson-Bess





Individual Graduation Plan Conferences Annual Review

Beginning April 1, and continuing through Friday, May 29, 2015, the South Carolina Department of Education's Office of Student Intervention Services will conduct its annual review of the individual graduation plan (IGP) counseling sessions required by the Education and Economic Development Act of 2005 (EEDA). Survey responses are anonymous and results will be used to determine whether or not the 2014–15 IGP conferences were conducted in accordance with state law. As in previous years, the SCDE will survey approximately 25,000 parents/guardians statewide to get their input on the IGP process.

To participate in the review, students, counselors and career specialists should complete the survey online. Because a minimum of 10 students from each grade—eighth through twelfth—from each middle and high school are required to complete the survey, the review by students can be completed even if all IGP conferences have not been held. Of course, more than 10 students from each grade level may complete the survey

School Counselor/Career Specialist Review Procedures

1. Every school counselor and career specialist from each middle and high school who either conducts IGP conferences or assists with IGP conferences for students in grades 8, 9, 10, 11, and/or 12 should complete the survey.
2. Counselors and career specialists should use the following link to access the survey – School Counselor/Career Specialist Link: <https://ed.sc.gov/Survey/index.php?sid=14393&lang=en>
3. Counselors and career specialists should complete the survey as soon as possible but no later than May 29, 2015.

Student Review Procedures

School counselors or career specialists should:

1. Randomly select 10 or more students from each grade level (8, 9, 10, 11, and 12) from each middle and high school to complete the survey. Try to ensure that the students represent different clusters and majors.
2. Ask students to use the following link to access the survey – Student Link: <https://ed.sc.gov/Survey/index.php?sid=69673&lang=en>
3. Ask students to complete the survey as soon as possible but no later than Friday, May 29, 2015.

Parent Review Procedures

Surveys have already been sent to approximately 25,000 parents/guardians statewide to get their input on the IGP process. Additionally as a courtesy, School Counselors can offer parents the opportunity to complete the survey during the IGP meeting if time permits. Parents should use the following link to access the survey <http://ed.sc.gov/igpsurvey> .



Registration for VirtualSC Summer 2015 courses will run from May 20 – 26, 2015 for students in grades 11 and 12. Students in grades 7-12 may register beginning on May 27 through June 3, 2015.

Students are encouraged to request courses as soon as possible when the registration window opens for their grade level as summer enrollment in courses is high. Also, their course requests must still be approved by the School Counselor within 72 hours.

The [Dates and Deadlines](#) matrix has been revised for the summer session. Please print a copy for your records.

To view a current list of course offerings for the summer session, please click on the following link: [VirtualSC Summer 2015 Course Listing](#).

If you have any questions about this information, please contact [VirtualSC Student Services](#).



Today's Learners, Tomorrow's Earners"
June 21-24, 2015
TD Convention Center
Greenville, SC

2015 EBS is now open for registration

The Education and Business Summit is South Carolina's largest annual professional development event for the state's Career and Technology educators and administrators. Over the years, the Summit has grown to attendance levels of 1500 plus. The event consists of four days of keynote presentations, concurrent sessions addressing best practices in Career and Technology Education, and the opportunity to earn recertification credits onsite; the Summit is an experience that you can't afford to miss.

For more information visit

<http://www.ebsummit.info/>



SPRING II Session

There is still time to earn renewal credit by June 30th renewal cycle deadline. Register NOW for SPRING II session that starts May 1 and ends June 15!

This session features two career education courses that are suitable for career and school counseling personnel as well as courses that address bullying and cyber safety!

All ETV Teacher Recertification courses:

53 courses approved by the SCDE for 20 renewal credits each (No graduate credit)

- ELA, math, science, social studies, the arts, career education, safe school and more
- Facilitated online/self-paced (may begin on session start date; complete on end date)
- Cost \$75 each (pay online by credit/debit card or send check)

Sessions/Courses

SPRING II: STARTS May 1 / ENDS June 15 Register NOW (will earn credit by 6/30/15 deadline)

SUMMER: STARTS July 1 / ENDS August 24 Registration opens June 10 (same courses offered both sessions)

For more information please visit

<http://www.sctv.org/education/recertification/>

Questions or help registering ... toll free 1-888-761-8132 or 1-800-277-3245 or local 737-3245

South Carolina Attorney General's Office Internet Crimes Against Children Presentations

The increasing number of children and teenagers using the Internet, the proliferation of child pornography, and the heightened activity by predators searching for unsupervised contact with under-aged victims present both a significant threat to the health and safety of young people and a formidable challenge for law enforcement and educators.

The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force at the South Carolina Attorney General's Office is committed to helping our youth stay safe and knowledgeable in this ever-changing world of technology. **As part of this commitment the ICAC Task Force offers free presentations to students, faculty, staff, or parents regarding issues including Social Networks, Cyberbullying, Sexting, and basic Internet Safety.** These presentations generally last between 30-60 minutes and can be given before, during, or after the regular school day. All presentations are modified to be age appropriate depending on the grade level of the student audience, and multiple presentations can be given to cover a wide age range if needed. The SC Attorney General's Office is proud to offer these presentations in an effort to protect and inform our youth. If you are interested in scheduling a representative from the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force to come speak at your school, please contact Joe Ryan, ICAC Education Coordinator, at 803-734-4098 or Jryan@scag.gov.





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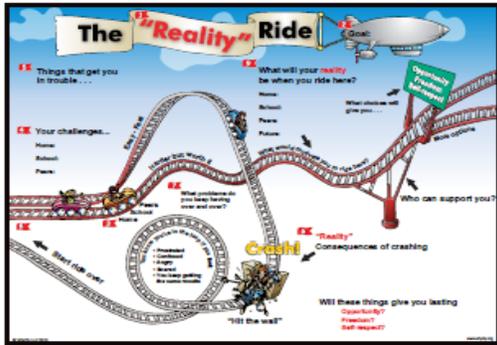
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Training Details:

Location:
3710 Landmark Drive
Suite 201
Columbia, SC 29204

Time:
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

WhyTry contact information:
Shawn Nieder
Phone: (866) 949-8791
Email: shawn@whytry.org

You can also register online at
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