

## The Communicator— A Monthly Newsletter for Career Specialists

Volume 6, Issue 3  
November 2013

# HAPPY CAREER DEVELOPMENT MONTH!

## Career Calendaring: A Month-By-Month

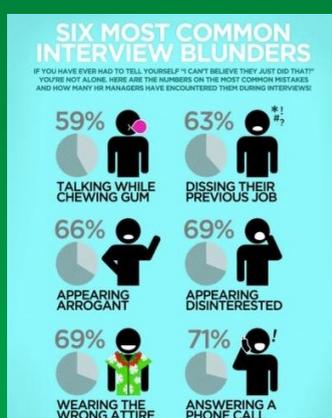
Career Calendaring helps career specialists to plan a month-by-month program of career awareness, exploration and guidance. Last month's newsletter detailed activities for August—November.

**November** is "Career Development Month." Begin scheduling speakers for lunch and learn activities, highlight "soft skills" on morning announcements, and offer to be a substitute for teachers and prepare career development lesson plans to share with students. Begin now preparing for career fairs and February Job Shadowing. Find lesson plans [here](#).



What's on your career calendar?

## Teaching Students Interviewing Skills



The SC State Library's LearningExpressLibrary is free to all South Carolina citizens. LEL has numerous resources to assist with job search, resume, and interviewing skills. Several resources under the Job Search/resume/interview skills tab includes an "Interviewing" tab with a career course titled "Interview Tips to Get the Job You Want," "Goof-Proof Interviews," "Job Interviews That Get You Hired," and "Public Speaking Success in 20 Minutes a Day." That site can be found [here](#).

Also, visit the [REC Pinterest Page](#) for more interesting Pins about careers like the one to the left.

## Palmetto State School Counselors Association Conference

PSSCA's 30th Annual meeting will be held January 24-26, 2014, in Myrtle Beach, SC. More information can be found [here](#).



### MINIMUM WAGE MYTH BUSTER

**Myth:** Raising the minimum wage will benefit only teenagers.  
**Not true:** The typical minimum wage worker is not a high-school student earning weekend pocket money. In fact, less than 20 percent of those who would benefit from a federal minimum wage increase are teenagers, but 60 percent are women. Plus, those workers who would benefit from a minimum wage increase brought home 46 percent of their household's wage and salary income in 2011.

## South Carolina Counselors Association Conference

SCCA's 50th Annual Conference will be held at the Westin Hilton Head Resort and Spa, February 27 - March 1, 2014. Click [here](#) for more details.

## Girl Scout Career Exploration in the Pee Dee Region

Regional Career Specialist, Crishell Johnson-Bass worked with Girl Scouts to assist with career exploration. Twelve girls participated in the event that included guest speakers, career assessments, and certificates and badges. Read the full article by clicking [here](#) then click "download."



## Georgetown County School District - Leadership Academy

On September 10, 2013, the GCSD CATE Leadership Academy facilitated by Waccamaw Regional Career Specialists, Jason Coakley, had its first contextual industry experience for school year 2013-2014. The day started with an informative session at a logging site in the woods with Low Country Forestry. The day ended with a tour of Santee Cooper Energy Plant. Twenty-three high school juniors participated. Among them were students from Andrews, Carvers Bay, Georgetown, and Waccamaw High Schools.

Chaperones for the event were Marsha Bone and Daniel Howard.



## Williston-Elko Envisions and Begins BEC

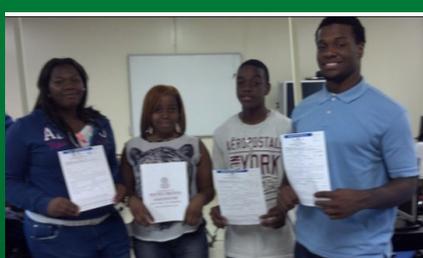


Cathy Smith, GCDF at Williston-Elko Middle and High Schools was a part of creating an advisory board in Williston called "Business, Education, Community" (BEC). A donation was made by Gene Rountree, a native of Williston, who passed away this summer. His dream was to see the community grow. It was through the efforts of Joni McDaniel, REC Coordinator, and Ms. Smith, that BEC began to "take off." "He was hesitant to get it started, but we assured him we would follow through and have a vision. We created the name, had a logo contest with the HS computer graphics class, solicited members that would represent business, education and community. We have held several meetings over the course of the last year and a half. Just this week we elected officers....," stated Ms. Smith, "Dr. Tom Siler, our new superintendent, has been very supportive and helpful as well."

## Denmark-Olar High School Hosts College Application Day

Denmark-Olar High School hosted its 2013 College Application Day on Thursday, September 19, 2013 from 8:00-11:30am. This event allowed our Seniors to get a head start on college acceptance by beginning the process of applying to colleges.

On the same day, we sponsored a Junior Jumpstart Session designed to allow our Juniors the opportunity to hear from college admissions counselors in a panel forum and have a better understanding of what colleges are looking for in highly qualified candidates. For the full article click [here](#) and then click "download." Zelda Douglas is the GCDF for Bamberg District Two.



Questions or comments? Email us at [srwillia@ed.sc.gov](mailto:srwillia@ed.sc.gov) or call 803-734-6267.