

THE MESSENGER

WELCOME BACK!

I am sure that you all enjoyed a restful summer, filled with all of the things that you desired; however, the time has come to return to the sounds of bells ringing, morning announcements and the awesome students that make our jobs worthwhile! I am Dorothy Nero, Career Specialist/ School Counselor liaison with the SCDE. I am very excited to be working with each of you to ensure that your students have a successful year filled with engaging and informative career development. As a former school counselor and career specialist, I am very well aware of the many hats you wear and am dedicated to helping to assist you in being effective and efficient in all of them. In the coming months, I will provide numerous resources to assist you in your continuous efforts of implementing successful comprehensive guidance programs at your respective schools. Let's make this the BEST year yet!



Employment Verification Forms

An employment Verification Form is expected for every person paid in full or part with EEDA Career Specialist funds. An email was sent 8/27/2014 to all EEDA District Coordinators with a request to work with the district's finance office to identify guidance personnel being paid with EEDA funds. A list of those individuals is due to Dorothy Nero by 9/19/14. **Once the list is received, Ms. Nero will send the EVF link directly to the career specialist.** The EVF is due from the career specialist no later than October 3, 2014. There is no need to fax, email or scan a copy to the EEDA Office—simply complete the online form, using the link, and you have met the requirement. Contact Dorothy Nero at dnero@ed.sc.gov with questions.

SC Department of Education
Office of Student Intervention Services

A monthly newsletter for Guidance Personnel

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Bully Statistics

- Nearly 1 in 3 students (27.8%) report being bullied during the school year (National Center for Educational Statistics, 2013).
- 19.6% of high school students in the U.S. report being bullied at school in the past year. 14.8% reported being bullied online (Center for Disease Control, 2014).
- The reason for being bullied most often by students were looks (55%), body shape (37%), and race (16%) (Davis and Nixon, 2010).
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Statistics show that school-based bullying prevention programs decrease bullying by up to 25%. In many instances, School Counselors are a student's most trusted resource in escaping bullying. There are many ways that you can work to make your school a

BULLY FREE ZONE



THINKING AHEAD.... October is Bully Prevention Month How will you observe it?

Every October, schools and organizations across the country join STOMP Out Bullying™ in observing National Bullying Prevention Month. The goal is to encourage communities to work together to stop bullying and cyberbullying by increasing awareness of the prevalence and impact of bullying on all children of all ages.

Visit <http://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/> for resources including:

- Bullying Info and Facts
- FREE Educator and Classroom Toolkits
- FREE Bookmarks
- FREE Downloadable Handouts
- In-Depth information on bullying and students with disabilities

Sources:

<http://www.stompoutbullying.org/>

✦ *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.*

REGIONAL CAREER SPECIALISTS 2014-2015

Regional Career Specialists (RCS) provide school districts in their areas with professional development in career development programming while providing support for teachers, counselors, school-level career specialists, business partners, students, career and technology education (CTE) teachers, and parents as well as direct standards-based student instruction. Each works to enhance the level of student career guidance and placement, individual academic and career planning, work-based learning activities, college and career readiness, data reporting, career and technology education support, and delivery of career development and contextual methodology training throughout South Carolina. Partner with your RCS today!

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REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTERS**

2014-2015 Regional Education Center Coordinators

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Professional Development Opportunities

Hosted by the Department of Education
Office of School Leadership

RECOGNIZING AND REPORTING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

October 14, 2014

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

This training will inform school counselors of the laws pertaining to child abuse and neglect, Daniels Law. The session will cover how to recognizing signs of child abuse and neglect, address who are considered mandated reporters, and how to report child abuse and neglect. **(4 Contact hours)**

Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FKVV3NY>

AUTISM: WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE BEST RESULTS

October 15, 2014

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

This training is designed to help school counselors learn more about autism and how they can play a role in developmental delays. (4 Contact Hours)

Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GNTWNSP>

For additional information, please contact Regina H. Thurmond at (803) 896-0200 or

rthurmond@ed.sc.gov

Hosted by the Trident Regional Education Center

2ND Annual "MANUFACTURING FOR EDUCATORS DAY

October 7, 2014

7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Attendees will visit local manufacturers and identify the manufacturer's process, learn about the variety of careers and skills necessary to operate a manufacturing facility, learn of career opportunities available for students after graduation, learn about the WorkKeys assessment, create a "back home" plan to share the lessons and hands-on activities with other educators, administrators and/or parents and much more.

(Continuing Education points will be awarded)

Register at <http://sctrec.org/manufacturing-event-registration>

**Hosted by the South Carolina Career Guidance and Placement
Association**

Career Guidance and Placement Fall Conference

December 7--9, 2014

Embassy Suites at Kingston Plantation Myrtle Beach, SC

An informative conference for post-secondary, secondary, middle, and elementary counselors, career development facilitators and placement coordinators.

For more information visit http://www.scacte.org/division_sccgpa/sccgpa.html



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The South Carolina PLTW Counselor's Conference has been developed to provide School and Career Counselors in those schools implementing Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Engineering & Gateway to Technology, and Biomedical Sciences (BMS) Programs information about the programs and their potential benefits to students. Counselors play a key role in the course selection decisions made by students and their families and are a vital link to the success of a PLTW program. These sessions have been designed to provide you with the information and support needed to carry out this important role.

Upcoming PLTW Counselor's Conferences

October 20, 2014

Charleston Charter School for Math and Science
1002 King Street
Charleston, SC 29403
Phone: 843-720-3085

October 29, 2014

White Knoll High School
5643 Platt Springs Road
Lexington, SC 29073
Phone: 803-821-5200

November 18, 2014

Cane Bay High School
1624 State Road
Summerville, SC 29483
Phone: 843-899-8786

November 13, 2014

Indian Land High School
8063 River Road
Fort Mill, SC 29707
Phone: 803-547-7571

November 14, 2014

Fort Mill High School
225 Munn Road East
Fort Mill, SC 29715
Phone: 803-548-1900

November 20, 2014

Dutch Fork High School
1400 Old Tamah Road
Irmo, SC 29063
Phone: 803-476-3300

For more information, contact B.T. Martin, Education Associate with SCDE Office of Career and Technology Education, at (803) 734-3398 or e-mail btmartin@ed.sc.gov.