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FY 2014-2015 CATE Course Catalog has been released!

Have you often wondered what CATE courses are offered in other districts? What sequential courses are available that align with career pathways? How do I help an in-state transfer student going to a new school with an interest to remain in CATE programs? A resource tool is now available! SC Department of Education, Office of Career and Technology Education has released a CATE Course Catalog providing a listing of all CATE courses in SC. Each is categorized by career cluster and includes course code, recommended maximum enrollment, number of credits/seat time hours per course, prerequisites, and course descriptions. The catalog provides information and links to assist with proper coding and data entry into PowerSchool. It also outlines the required seat time of applicable CATE courses so each student is aware of the commitment prior to registering for the course. The SCDE CATE Course Catalog is a great resource to have on hand during each IGP conference. It is also a tool for future planning as districts align career pathways with curriculum framework to build on each year.

SCDE CATE Course Catalog is available in pdf format on our Web site!

Visit the link below.

<http://ed.sc.gov/agency/ac/Career-and-Technology-Education/>



college
application
month 2014

Deadline approaching!

May 19, 2014

Each high school that registers by May 19, 2014, receives support, materials, and representation from area college admissions counselors and volunteers.

Register at www.sccango.org

.....preparing our students of today for tomorrow!

SC School Districts Receive U.S. Dept. of Labor Grant **Building America's Next Generation Workforce**

Laurens County School Districts 55 and 56 and Richland School District 2 have received the ***Youth Career Connect Program grant from the U.S. Department of Labor in the amount of \$6,890,232.***

This grant was made possible as a part of President Obama's goal of redesigning high schools to ensure students are prepared to succeed in postsecondary education and in a competitive workforce. The U.S. Department of Labor in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education made over \$100 million available for these grants.

Overall, 24 school systems, community colleges and educational agencies were named as winners of \$107 million in grants. Six school districts received the largest grant of \$7 million, including District 55, 56 and Richland 2, Prince George County in Maryland, New York City, Indianapolis and Los Angeles.

The purpose of the grant, entitled "Carolina Alliance for Technology," is to give students hands-on training and to ensure they develop problem solving skills, to encourage creativity and collaboration, and to connect student learning to the real world.

This grant will strengthen Laurens and Richland Counties' workforce talent pipeline through integrated academic and career focused learning by providing students with education and training that combines curriculum to increase students' employability in computer science, information technology and engineering.

Work-based learning experiences fostered by strong partnerships with companies such as ZF Transmissions, Bosch Rexroth, Laurens County government, SCANA, Blue Cross Blue Shield of S.C., Intel and Moore Center for Orthopedics will allow students to participate in field trips, job shadowing, leadership field experiences and mentoring.

Partnerships with employers will provide work-based learning and mentoring programs, creating a path for students to industries and occupations. Apprenticeship Carolina will work with employers in both regions to find and create registered apprenticeships matching employers with students.

Individualized career and academic counseling will be an integral component of the grant. Students will be provided with experiences to strengthen career and postsecondary awareness.

Through a collaboration with Piedmont Technical College and Midlands Technical College, students will receive college credit for their computer science and engineering courses.

"This will give them more than just a high school diploma," said Dr. Cynthia Pitts, Upper Savannah Regional Education Center Coordinator. "We will be starting them on their college and career base while they are still in high school. All of this will make for a new high school model."

The Carolina Alliance for Technology program will have a unified advisory board and youth leadership council, comprised of students from Clinton, Laurens, Westwood and Ridge View High Schools to govern the program implementation.

Congratulations, Laurens 55, 56, and Richland School District 2!



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 is looking for in prospective students while providing admissions tips to prepare your students for a postsecondary 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.

Horry County Schools' Educators in Industry recently provided educators the opportunity to experience firsthand the work environment for which they are preparing their students. Externship experiences at local businesses allowed teachers in every content area to become aware of the core knowledge and skills needed to be successful in the 21st century workforce.

Educators were able to:

- ⇒ Align classroom curriculum with activities and/or projects
- ⇒ Learn how course content standards are embedded in the workplace—to help validate school by connecting to a career
- ⇒ Develop lessons that integrate workplace skills, which engage students in meaningful and relevant assignments, tasks, or projects
- ⇒ Provide insights into the demands and challenges of the 21st century work environment
- ⇒ Highlight the knowledge, skills, and competencies necessary for the future workforce to grow our local economy while competing globally
- ⇒ Foster education and business partnerships to enrich the classroom content

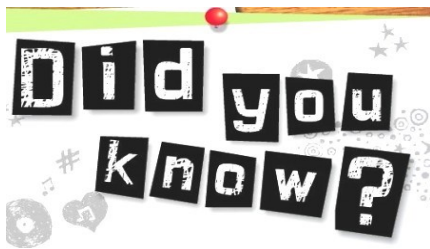




National Teacher Appreciation Day

May 6, 2014

A special thank you to our SC educators for
shaping our students and preparing each for tomorrow!



*The National High School graduation
rate has hit an all time high at*

80%



Summer months are just around the corner!

I want to personally wish each of you a
well deserved break full of fun and
relaxation!

