

## Golden Strip Career Center Report to The Parents 2023-2024

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Golden Strip Career Center assists all students in developing essential skills and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing opportunities that will enable students to reach their highest individual potential and work successfully in a global economy. We foster an appreciation of the dignity of work, worth of the individual, pride of accomplishment, respect for quality workmanship, and the desire for excelling in a chosen career. We prepare graduates with the essential knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to successfully enter and compete in today's job market or to continue their education at the post-secondary level. We offer dual enrollment through Greenville Technical College for several of our courses where students receive college credit along with their high school Carnegie units.

Golden Strip strives to offer courses that are of interest to students and provide ample opportunities for employment. In addition to on-campus classroom and lab experiences, work-based learning enhances the education of many students through cooperative education (co-op), internship, or apprenticeship experiences. These work-based learning experiences are a "win-win" in providing huge benefits to both the participating student and company. Students are able to apply the skills they are learning in class to real world situations. Students participating in these experiences are typically paid competitive entry-level wages.

Golden Strip Career Center earned multiple Greenville County Schools Superintendent's Academic Achievement Awards in 2023. These included Career Center with Highest Number of Completers, Overall Highest Number of Certifications Earned, and Highest Performing Career Center. These awards are a direct result of the high level of dedication and focus on student success.

Students at Golden Strip Career Center may participate in student organizations related to their chosen career field. These organization include National Technical Honor Society, HOSA-Future Health Professionals, and SkillsUSA. Fifty-seven students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society during the 2023-2024 school year. Our second group of EMT students traveled to the SC HOSA State Leadership Conference and placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the state in the EMT Competition and earned 6 medals for 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place. In the recent SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Competition, Golden Strip students earned 9 gold medals, 8 silver medals and 8 bronze medals. Ten students will be traveling to Atlanta, Georgia for the National SkillsUSA Competition in June 2024.

Many of our programs participate in competitions within their career field. Our Culinary Arts Management students have had a very successful year. Two teams competed in the SC ProStart Competition. The Management Team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state. Additionally, two students won the SC Junior Chef Competition and will compete regionally in May 2024. Our 2023 state winners won the 2023 overall Junior Chef Regional!

The opportunities for Golden Strip Career Center students are abundant. Combined with a growing number of certifications and work-based learning opportunities offered at our center and the large number of winners at various state competitions, this has been a very successful year for our students. We strive to maintain a center of excellence with the continued support of our students, parents, businesses, and the community.