

Henry County Career and Technical Education Department Receive Funds to Start Innovative Programs

The Career and Technical Education Department of the Henry County Schools received two grants through the Career and Technical Education/Workforce Development 21st Century Workforce Fund (Act 2013-381). In order to receive these grants the proposed projects had to be new and innovation programs that will help make sure our students are college and career ready by the time they finish high school. The first project was titled Drafting and Design Technology Dual Enrollment Program. Funding for this project will provide the computers, and drafting material for the students to use in the class. The teacher for the course will be, Mr. Derrick Crawford, a drafting teacher from Wallace Community College. The project will start with 15 students and increase as time goes on. The students will start as 11th graders and take four semesters of course work by the time they finish high school. As a result, the students will receive college credit towards a certification in drafting through the dual enrollment program at Wallace College. The second project was titled Ag-Weld-Ology. Funding for this project will provide the Agriscience Departments at Abbeville and Headland High schools with the following equipment: A Scotchman 50-ton Hydraulic Ironworker w/3 Station Turret 3HP and several assessorary pieces that go along with the machine, A CNC Plasma Cutter with Standard Features and A Trainer Welding Virtual Reality VRTEX 60 Lincoln Electric Automation. These pieces of equipment will help both Agriscience teachers to successfully prepare their welding students to enter the welding program at Wallace College. Mr. Jason Bryant, Abbeville and Mr. Tracy Scott, Headland are the Agriscience teachers in Henry County. Mr. Dennis L. Brand, Sr. Career and Technical Education Director would like to thank all persons who supported me in securing these grants to help prepare our career tech students in Henry County. The grants had a total value of \$197,413.12. Mr. Brand shared this information with the Henry County Retired Teachers Association at their meeting on January 27, 2014. Ms. Nancy Smothers a retired educator and grant writer from the Henry County School System played a major role in arranging the material to go in the grants so that all areas in question were addressed. Ms. Smothers is a team player and has always strived to help seek funding for the enhancement of student learning in the Henry County School System. Pictured are Ms. Smothers and Mr. Brand.