Graduate Receives Statewide Employment Achievement Award

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The 2009 graduate was recognized for his dependability and for inspiring his co-workers.

Buck travels to the Firehouse Subs in Boiling Spring by bus. His work responsibilities include refilling the ice machine, cleaning tables, taking out trash, and sweeping the parking lot. He generates extra business by serving as the restaurant’s “mascot” Sparky in this role, he wears a Dalmatian costume and a fireman’s coat. Passersby see him dancing and singing and wish him luck in his future endeavors and to eat at the restaurant.

As the recipient of the Cedar Springs Academy’s Most Outstanding Student Award, Buck was recognized for good citizenship as well as his success in school. But Buck is still a good citizen volunteering at the11Firehouse Subs

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Buck was supported by SC Vocational Rehabilitation in obtaining his job and initial training. Omar Ghorbani, owner of the Firehouse Subs store, commends Buck for his dependability and for inspiring his co-workers.

“Success in life is often determined by reading ability,” said Dr. Page McCraw, director of curriculum and instruction. “We want our students to enjoy reading; reading is a life-long fun activity, and is a skill that improves in all areas of a person’s life.”

Students to Read

In the coming months, students can look forward to a Gingerbread Celebration and a Spelling Bee. They’ll have a birthday party for Dr. Seuss complete with birthday cake and vine planted by students.

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Dear Friend,

Thanks for your interest in -SCSDB. To access the meetings, go to www.scsdb.org/SchoolImprovementCouncil.

The SC Department of Education first awarded the recognition to the SC School for the Deaf and the Blind in 2002. Ever since then, our School Report Card has provided parents with a way to assess our performance on the State BRAIN Test, as well as the traditional academic standards of math, reading, writing, arts, physical education, and after-school programs as well as the traditional academic standards of math, reading, writing, arts, physical education, and after-school programs.

Our mission is to provide a quality education and learning environment for all students, regardless of their physical, mental, or educational needs. We offer a wide range of academic and extracurricular activities, including reading activities. We invite you to come and read with our students. Donations of new books, reading materials, and healthy party foods are always welcome.

We encourage students to incorporate reading into their daily lives, whether it’s reading a book, letter, or instructions for a new appliance. If you are a professional serving our students, look for ways to incorporate reading into your work with them, whether it’s reading to them, helping them practice their reading skills, or providing them with opportunities to read on their own.

Please see our full calendar at www.scsdb.org. For more information on events or any of the articles in this publication, please visit our website.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dear Friend,

Welcome to SC School for the Blind and the Deaf in Columbia, SC. Please join us as we provide excellence in education and training for our students, who are Ford Scarborough, Sasha Patrick, Andrew Bibbs, and Tyrelle Stevenson.

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Ariana Foreman of Walterboro
Michael Greene of Greenville
Anna Milligan of Rock Hill
Allysia Owens of Harnett
Mark Kaseanimo of Irmo
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Karen Adams of Georgetown
Trinity Scott of Newberry
Carolyn Bryant of Spartanburg
Eliza Badgett of Spartanburg
Vernon Coute of Orangeburg
Jen Lyin of Edgefield
Kaylor Elliott of Gray Court
Ella Reeshaw of Irmo
Lorley Michelle of Chester
Karen McKenzie of Rock Hill
Joe Peterson of Spartanburg
Raynes Reeder of Spartanburg
Bryan Telate of Spartanburg
Christipher Washington of Columbia
LeAnn Wallace of Summerton
Cedar Springs Academy
Carrie Colwell of Spartanburg
KArt-Rah Jeter of Greenville
Sarah Chapman of Easley
DeAnna Peake of Union
Avery Hower of Hendersonville
Gabrielle Roberts of Moore
Kim Hines of Spartanburg
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“Thank you, Thank you!” Two words that the students at the School for the Deaf and the Blind in South Carolina say every year on Veterans Day. The students are very grateful to the veterans for their service and sacrifice. This year, the students expressed their gratitude with a special event on Veterans Day.

School Improvement Meetings Now Online

No longer do parents have to travel to attend School Improvement Council meetings. Now parents can join School Improvement Council meetings online. This change has made it easier for parents to participate and get involved in their child’s education.

SCSDB President
Margaret Park

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The flag football team earned the title of the State Championship games in Greenville. The team finished first in their division.

SCSDB Gold Stars!

Special congratulations to Annie Alexander, Deanna Carter, Dusty Tung, Joan Harrison, takeaway, and Jazzlyn Brashfield for being named SCSDB Gold Stars.

International Festival Winners Announced

The winners of this year’s International Festival were:

1st Place: India
2nd Place: Czech Republic
3rd Place: Nigeria

Students receiving art awards at the International Festival included:

Carra Zaw, first place; Karyna Parker, second place; Jamie Heap, third place.

We’re encouraging students to participate in the International Festival. The International Festival is an excellent opportunity for students to showcase their talents and learn about different cultures.

School for New Students!

For the first time this year, we have a new program for new students. This program is designed to help new students adjust to their new environment and feel comfortable.

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Fun Activities Inspire Students to Read

Reading festivals, fairs, and parties are all part of the SC School for the Deaf and the Blind’s reading initiative. The goal is to make reading a fun activity that students enjoy.

Students can earn prizes and attend pizza parties for meeting their reading goals. They can check books from home for free books at the red “Read Box” in the school library.

Students read have reads and information about other community programs for the preparation for the International Festival. They also compete for awards at a unique Reading Fair that’s just like a school talent or book display on stage.

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School for the deaf Selected To Participate in National Research on Reading

Our School for the Deaf has been selected to participate in a national research project to improve reading in deaf and hard-of-hearing students.

Researchers from Georgia State University will gather data on 360 children nationwide, including 17 SC School for the Deaf students. The research will help educators better understand the way deaf and hard-of-hearing students learn. The data gathered will be used to create educational models with a goal of improving reading skills from kindergarten to second grade nationwide.

The research is part of a $10 million grant to Georgia State University from the National Center for Special Education Research of the Institute of Education Sciences, the research arm of the US Department of Education.