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New Programs

New programs designed to increase job opportunities abound in the Applied Academics Programs learning a skill while making a difference. Spartanburg, Elizabeth Berg of Moore, and Ashley Teacher D.H. Blackwelder shows students how to updated graphic arts lab.

Programs for the Deaf. The teams evaluated Educational Administrators of Schools and Activities. Through this voluntary accreditation process, SCSDB has gained recognition for its high quality education programs, and has been able to attract more students and volunteers. Students in the Deaf and the Blind Programs also have been able to travel to various locations throughout the state to participate in educational opportunities.

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Homecoming Court Crowned

President Peggy Parker, vice president Lee Harmon, and coaches Mike and Susie Williams selected this year's Homecoming Court. The court includes: queen Shemeshia Cockfield of Olanta, president Maggie Park, Cedar Springs Academy, king Chris Elguaj of Moore; and school for the deaf princess Paige Covert of Greenville, and school for the blind prince Ashton Reed of Chesnee. Back Row: homecoming princess Joaquin Moreno, and Royce Reed of Anderson and king Jeremy Ponder of Fountain Inn.
Welcome to Access SCSDB!

It just keeps getting better and better for the SC School for the Deaf and the Blind! In the last few years, we’ve been able to talk about new technology, new programs and services, and a lot more. But that’s just part of the story. We’re continuing to advance our programs and services to ensure that each and every one of our students is able to reach their full potential. We recently completed our second accreditation review, the first in five years. The two accreditation teams, which included the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Colleges and Schools, verified that SC School for the Deaf meets nationally recognized standards of quality, safety, student services, and student life and activities.

Through this voluntary accreditation process, we have reviewed our programs in every state. Yes, it’s a lot of work, but it’s well worth it. We learned of a few areas where we could improve. We’ve worked with our organization and individuals that have transformed the Deaf and Blind School. We’ve helped them to see the state legislature, donors, parents, and students. And we’ve thanked everyone for their support.

Thank you from the state Legislature, donors, parents, and organizations and individuals that have helped us to improve. We are grateful to the many people who have contributed to our success.

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Habitat for Humanity, the students are helping build an affordable house for a low-income family. Carpentry students are building character while constructing a house. As volunteers for the Habitat construction, they are learning to change lenses. From left are Alexis Tabb of Marion, James Jefferson, and Alex Massey.

Learning a Skill While Making a Difference

The volleyball team earned second place in the Spike Out Tournament at the Kentucky School for the Deaf. Below are some pictures of the tournament players. (see page one, new technology)

Students Excel in Athletics

The Little Hornets took the Varsity soccer championship after an undefeated season. The team of Ariel Johnson, Cheyenne Goodenough; athlete Laquitia Harris, partner Kimberly Bradley; and athletes Curtis Sparkman, Neal Ellis, James Brown, and Area Altman were named All Spike-Out Tournament players. The volleyball team earned second place in the Spike Out Tournament.

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The students at the Kentucky School for the Deaf are hard at work. Many students are working on their lessons, while others are playing sports or participating in extracurricular activities.

We're Proud to be State Employer of the Year

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• Early intervention programs for infants and toddlers

• First-12 education programs on the main campus in Spartanburg (residential and day)

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• Summer Camps for children ages 3-14

• A wide variety of accessibility services

All services are available at no cost to families.

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Statewide Directory of Outreach Services

500 Executive Center Drive

1-888-447-2732, extension #7506 or

1-800-984-4357 Voice/TTY

To be added to our mailing list, contact us toll-free at

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You may also visit www.scsdb.org!

New Programs, New Technology, New Buildings

Now and improved buildings will soon house our new programs and new technology. Construction on $8 million in facility improvements will begin this spring.

“Thanks to the support of our state Legislature, we will be able to make substantial facility improvements over the next few years,” said Maggie Pohl, school president. “Investing in our new space, we have been able to make significant changes to our school that will allow us to accommodate our students better. We are very grateful now to have the opportunity to move forward.”

Building improvements will include:

Robertson Hall Addition

Communication learning centers for elementary education will be incorporated into the 9,000 square foot Robertson Hall Expansion. The hall will also be used for the conversion of old laboratories to space for computer consoles, counselor labs, and classroom areas.

New Early Childhood Education Center

Students will have easier access to move, grow, and explore in the new Early Childhood Education Center. The center will be more convenient for parents and more accessible for children and wheelchair users. The new 3,800 square foot building will serve all campus students under the age of five, and will allow for more non-disabled children to attend through our reverse mainstream program. It will also allow for expansions of educational programs in existing buildings.

PreK Programs

The many new programs in the Applied Academic Center will be better served by a new building and extensive renovations. An outdoor elevator will increase accessibility to the center from the south campus.

New Technology

Design technology has been used to make our campus accessible to a new generation of students. The following changes will be made to the new buildings:

• A new building, designed to meet today’s needs, will house the Denver’s Kitchen and our final service classrooms, computer labs, and technology intensive programs. Renovated buildings will house the Hotel Training Center, engineering, industrial technology, auto repair, agriculture, horticulture, small animal, and prevocational training. An additional greenhouse will be constructed.

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For more information, please contact our Non-Profit Organization U.S. Postage Paid Nonprofit U.S. Postage

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