Training for the Future

When Jasmine Elleby of St. Matthews arrived on SCSDB’s campus eight years ago at the age of 13, she was new and scared.

“I didn’t want to be without my parents and I couldn’t sign. I couldn’t communicate with anyone, no less fluorescent” said Jasmine.

What helped her through the transition was making friends. Through her friends and my classes, I learned a lot and quickly picked up sign language. I think being a part of the school’s basketball, volleyball, and track teams. She helped carry her basketball team to first place in the 2010-2011 SC state track meet!

She noticed Joni was at every basketball game, every track meet, and every Tournament. In addition, Jasmine was part of the world record-setting 4x100m relay team at the 2011 SC state track meet!

“Watch out, Joni!”

When asked what advice she would give to other students, Jasmine reasoned, “I’ve learned that you always need to try out the guitar during music lessons. Try to prepare yourself for adulthood through this program, and if you’re interested in a career, pursue it. With that attitude, Jasmine is well on her way to a successful career. She hopes to someday be SCSDB’s athletic trainer.

“Sanitize the equipment”, said Jasmine.

“I learned that you always need to be prepared when on the sideline. So I try to stay focused and ready to go if something happens. It’s very challenging, but fun.”

“T at helps me through the frustration was making friends. Between studying, getting the training I need for my future, the actual academic options, and mentoring.

“A AC’s mission is to enhance students’ academic knowledge through hands-on applications preparing them for life beyond SCSDB.

The Walker Foundation, SCSDB’s fundraising arm, from Retail Training Center. The center was set up through AAC students and employees. The SCSDB Retail Training Center is an extension of a full-scale grocery store that students can interact with and learn from. The center’s goals are to help students gain the necessary skills in retail industry.

V ision Outreach Services’ TVIs offer educational opportunities such as independent living skills, career preparation, specialized access technology equipment, and mentoring.

“Neither did Joni know what to do. Joni is SCSDB’s athletic trainer, and Jasmine knew what she wanted to do.

Jasmine graduated in May, 2011 and decided to come back to the fall for the following fall as part of SCSDB’s new post-graduation program to pursue a career in athletic training. The program allows students to come back to campus and study a variety of job and post-graduation career options. When trying to prepare myself for adulthood through this program, and if I ever do want to be a part of athletic training, Joni is a great person to talk to. With that attitude, Jasmine is well on her way to a successful career. She hopes to someday be SCSDB’s athletic trainer.

Watch out, Joni!”
Welcome to Access SCSDB!

Over 100 students have participated in SCSDB’s unique Technology Olympics each year. The Technology Olympics, designed to challenge the mind and spirit of the students, are not only enjoyable but also help students develop technology skills that are essential preparation for living in today’s high-tech society. The school offers an accelerated science program, computer science courses, and training in a variety of assistive technology. Students of all ages can participate. The Olympics feature computer programming, robot building and programming, and a variety of other technology challenges.

Welcome to ScSDB Gold Stars!

The SCM Gold Stars are a group of students who have demonstrated excellence in SACS. Gold Stars receive national recognition and accreditation for the academic excellence they have achieved. Students designated as Gold Stars excel in at least three of the following areas: academic achievement, social skills, and personal qualities. The Gold Star program is designed to provide a challenging and enriching educational experience for students who have demonstrated exceptional abilities. The program includes a variety of opportunities for students to engage in meaningful and rewarding activities, including research, creative projects, and community service.

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“What helped me through the transition was making friends. I made friends with my friends and my classes. I learned it and quickly picked up sign language.” When she got involved with both SCSDB’s athletic department and the Deaf community, she felt more comfortable, visually impaired, or blind.

Jasmine always knew exactly what to do. Joni Canter, SCSDB’s athletic trainer, supervises. Joni was at every basketball game, every track meet, and every football game. When an athlete got hurt, Jasmine noticed Joni was at every basketball game, every track meet, and every football game. When an athlete got hurt, Joni always knew exactly what to do. Joni is SCSDB’s athletic trainer, and Jasmine knew that is what she wanted to do. Joni graduated in May 2011 and decided to come back to SCSDB the fall of her senior year. She joined the basketball, soccer, track, and tennis teams. She noticed Joni was at every basketball game, every track meet, and every football game. When an athlete got hurt, Jasmine always knew exactly what to do. Joni always knew exactly what to do. Joni is SCSDB’s athletic trainer, and Jasmine knew that is what she wanted to do. Joni


Why SCSDB?

The program’s classrooms support the development of both American Sign Language and English. Classrooms are equipped with FM communication devices and assistive technology for students to better access technology for students to better access technology for students to better access technology for students to better access technology for students to better access technology.

Students from all divisions and of all ages are able to apply their academic skills in the new AAC. SCSDB elementary students Ta’Nayia Moates and Alexis Egleston-Strothers, both of Spartanburg, finish assembling their mini-tool kits for post-graduation. The program allows students with implants.

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SCSDB’s New Applied Academic Center

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New Cochlear Implant Program Expanding

For the 2011-2012 school year, SCSDB launched the new Cochlear Implant Program, offering both the development of both American Sign Language and English. Classrooms are equipped with FM technology for students to better listen to the teacher’s voice. Students in the classrooms also participate in speech therapy.

The program has grown much in the past year, that a new classroom is being added and the program is expanding to meet the growing needs of students with implants.
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Dear Friend,

This week SCSDB has taken 2011 by storm, as it has so many wonderful things happening, including achieving SACs reaccreditation, securing high-quality educational programs for its students.

SCSDB has also made significant improvements to its programs, including:

- New technology for younger individuals to add to their own families of blind and visually impaired
- Monoculars, digital talking book players, and talking GPS systems
- Devices, such as electronic note takers, are now available
- Equipment is now available to teach both current and post-graduates
- The post-graduation program has been expanded
- Students are now being taught to use high-tech accessibility

SCSDB Gold Stars!

The SCSDB Gold Stars! were named to the All-Metro Challenge, a competition aiming to motivate students to develop bold ideas.

Cordarrius Moore of Rock Hill was the 2011 SCSDB Gold Star. He was sponsored by the University of South Carolina in Lexington, SC, as the only student from the School for the Deaf in South Carolina.

SCSDB Launches New Post-Graduation Program

For the first time, the school has launched a new post-graduation program. This program is designed to enhance career opportunities for younger individuals.

The new post-graduation program allows students to work with professionals in specific fields, such as business management, to gain employment. Students in the program are expected to complete their education and move on to their next career.

Courses offered include HSAP (SC English), Expanded Core Curriculum, and Advanced Placement.

Comings Up at SCSDB

- May 7, 2011: Athletics Awards Night
- May 11, 2011: School Improvement Council Meeting
- May 12, 2011: 3rd Annual Hornets Hoops Fundraiser
- May 15, 2011: High School Awards Day
- May 18, 2011: Spring Fling Party
- May 22, 2011: Expanded Core Curriculum Presentations
- May 23, 2011: Spring Holiday Break
- May 25, 2011: 11th Lady Hornets Take Gold

Herbert Center Make Over Complete!

The renovation of SCSDB’s Herbert Center was completed in May. The school now has a new, larger, and more accessible space.

The new state-of-the-art facility includes a new classroom, a new therapy space, new dormitory space for students, new administration office, new library, new kitchen for independent living, and a residential model.

For more information, please contact SCSDB at (864) 677-7505#.

Margaret Park
President
Why SCSD?

The South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind is an accredited academic institution serving to be the statewide leader in education and accessibility for individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Together with local school districts and state agencies, SCSD's goal is for every student to reach their full potential in the classroom and beyond.

SCSD offers:

- Early intervention programs for children ages birth to 3
- Pre-K-12 educational programs on campus and school districts around the state
- Vocational training, including internship and residential programs
- A post-graduation program to assist qualifying students after graduation
- Internships and job opportunities in local communities
- An emphasis on accessibility for every student
- State-of-the-art technology in the classrooms
- Programs focused on achieving lifelong independence
- Independent living skills and job experiences
- Summer camp programs for SCSD residents ages 6-14
- All of the above and more, at no cost to families!