

FLORENCE-DARLINGTON
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

>>> 2022-2023

ANNUAL REPORT

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VISION

Florence-Darlington Technical College transforms diverse lives through excellence and innovation in education.

MISSION

Florence-Darlington Technical College provides a student-centered experience through technical education, workforce development training, and economic development activities.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Student Success | Relevance

Fiscal Environment | Visibility | Engagement

VALUES

Accountability | Excellence | Innovation | Integrity

Leadership | Teamwork | Communication





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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Florence-Darlington Technical College (FDTC) is a comprehensive technical college founded in 1963, serving South Carolina’s Pee Dee Region. For more than 60 years, Florence Darlington Technical College has served six generations of families and businesses, producing a well-trained workforce ready to enter high-wage, in-demand occupations throughout South Carolina.

Over the past year, we built accelerated momentum serving students, expanding workforce development programs, renovated campus facilities, and remained committed to continuous process improvement. Our mission is to produce a quality education with equitable outcomes for all students to receive post-graduate success equating to a family-sustaining wage with little to no debt is the fuel that drives our mission.

The 2022-2023 report marked many firsts: Fall-to-Fall enrollment grew for the first time in years; donations increased, provided more scholarships for students; morale improved with internal stakeholders while we rebuilt relationships with our external partners; and we committed to eliminating all barriers that prohibit students from accomplishing success.

Lastly, this Annual Report focuses on one vision: student success & workforce development. We are pleased to present an annual report congruent with our strategic priorities: student success, relevance, engagement, fiscal environment, and visibility. FDTC is 100% focused on meeting the needs of our business community to drive our economy to prosperity.

Dr. Jermaine Ford, President
Florence-Darlington Technical College



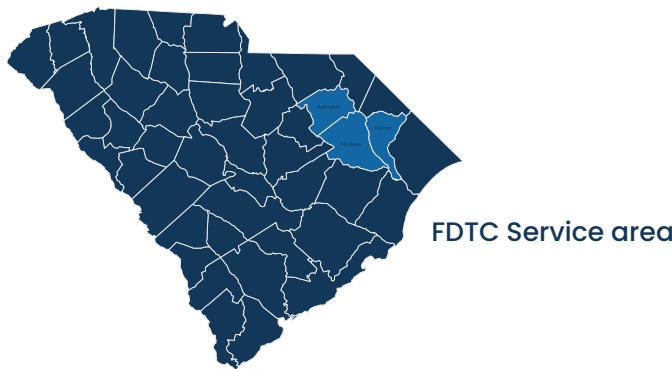
THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF FLORENCE-DARLINGTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Florence-Darlington Technical College creates value in many ways for the College's service area and to show just how much value the College generates, FDTC recently had an Economic Impact Analysis completed with the assistance of Lightcast, a global leader in labor market analytics.

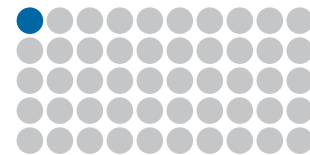
This analysis assessed the impact of FDTC on the regional economy and the benefits generated by the college for students, taxpayers, and society. All results reflect employee, student, and financial data, provided by the College, for fiscal year (FY) 2020-21.

The following represents the findings of Economic Impact Analysis:

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1 out of every 50 jobs in the FDTC Service area is supported by the activities of FDTC and its students.



FDTC total annual impact

\$166 million
Added income

or **2,394**
Jobs supported

For every \$1...



Students gain **\$7.70** in lifetime earnings



Taxpayers gain **\$2.10** in added tax revenue and public sector savings



Society gains **\$8.90** in added income and social savings



Alumni impact

Impact of the increased earnings of FDTC alumni and the businesses they work for



An economic boost similar to hosting the World Series

20x

\$130.1 million
Added income

or

1,828 Jobs supported

Operations spending impact

Impact of annual payroll and other spending



Enough to buy **631** new cars

\$29.7 million
Added income

or

430 Jobs supported

Student spending impact

Impact of the daily spending of FDTC students attracted to or retained in the region



Enough to buy **505** families*
a year's worth of groceries

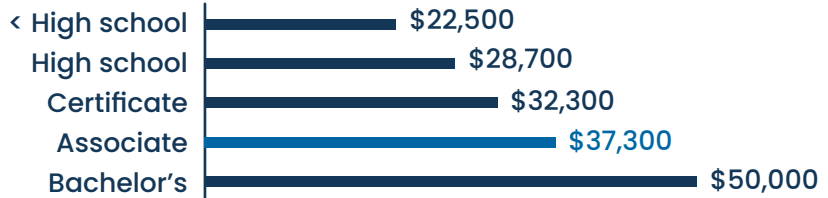
\$6.3 million
Added income

or

131 Jobs supported

\$8,600

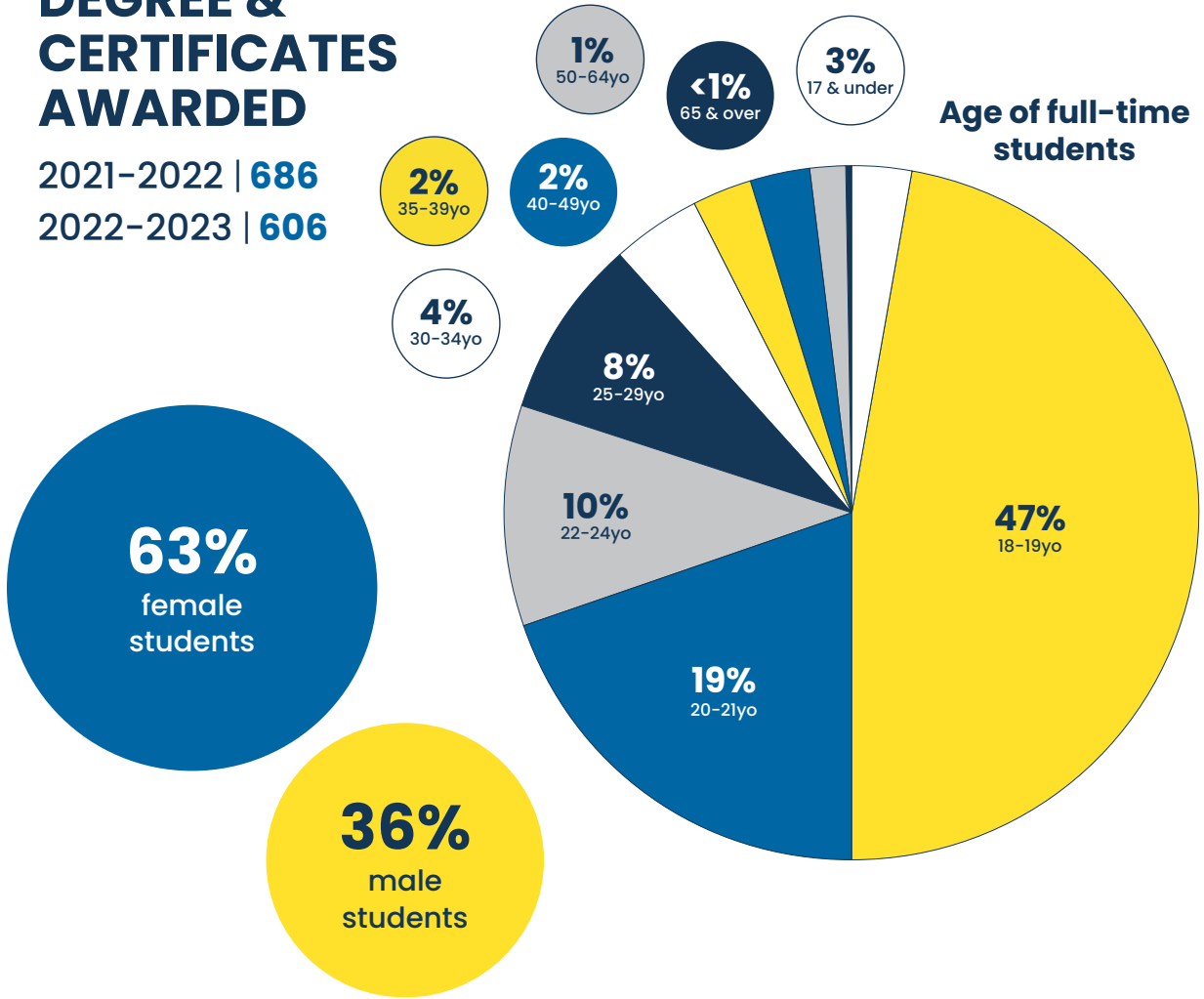
The average increase in earnings an associate degree graduate from FDTC will see each year compared to someone with a high school diploma working in South Carolina.



● = 100 jobs * = family of four

DEGREE & CERTIFICATES AWARDED

2021-2022 | **686**
2022-2023 | **606**



ENROLLMENT



2.8%
from Fall 2021

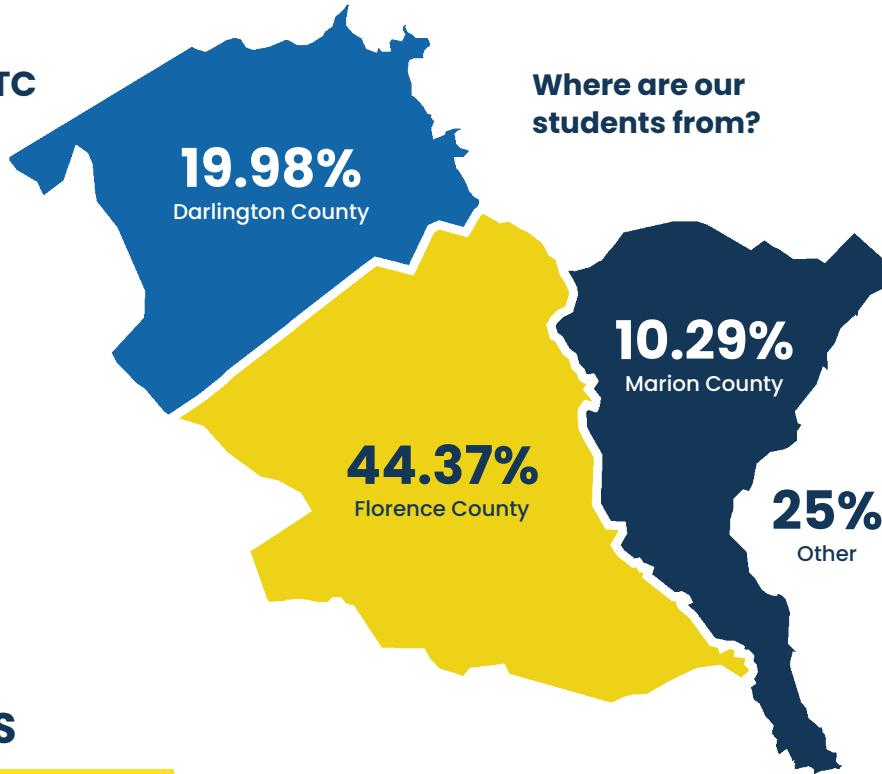
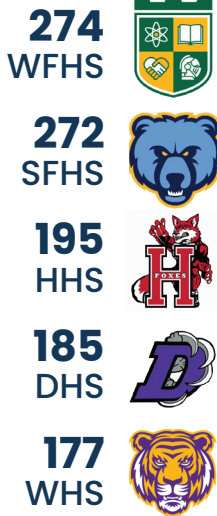


10.7%
from Spring 2022

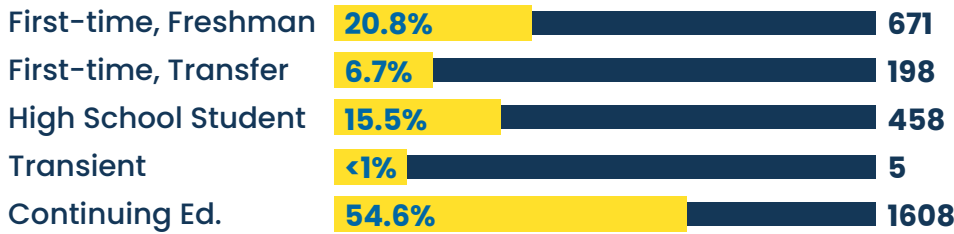


12.2%
from Summer 2022

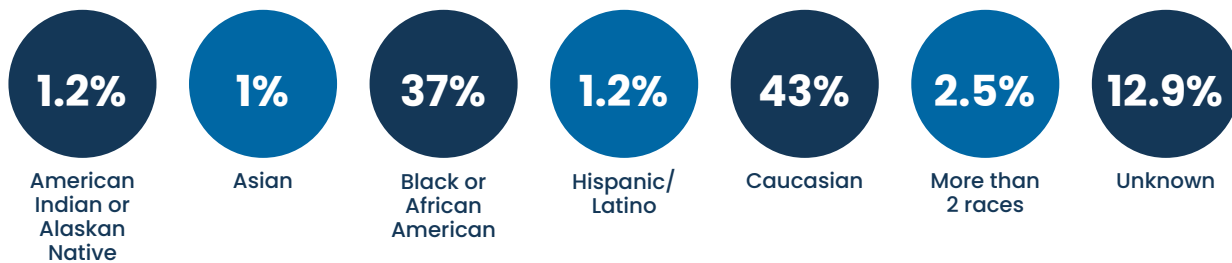
TOP HIGH SCHOOLS REPRESENTED AT FDTC



STUDENT STATUS



RACE/ETHNICITY



TOP 3 UNIVERSITIES OUR STUDENTS TRANSFER TO



FINANCIAL AID AWARDED

2022-2023

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AWARD NAME	# STUDENTS	TOTAL AMOUNT DISBURSED	AVERAGE PER RECIPIENT
Federal Pell Grant	1,700	\$6,720,683	\$3,953
Federal SEOG Supplemental Grant	467	\$176,250	\$377
Direct Loan	385	\$1,869,476	\$4,856
Parent Plus Loan	6	\$39,511	\$6,585
Veteran Affairs (VA)	71	\$296,703	\$4,179
GED by '23	10	\$46,903	\$4,690
Institutional Scholarships	152	\$212,053	\$1,395
SC Ed. Lottery Tuition Assistance	789	\$1,119,734	\$1,419
SC Merit Based Scholarships	353	\$1,513,217	\$4,287
SC Need Based Scholarships	480	\$693,718	\$1,445
SC Workforce Scholarships	1,290	\$1,845,028	\$1,430
Federal Work Study	34	\$100,123	\$2,945
Private Alternative Loan	14	\$124,106	\$8,865
Athletic Scholarships	42	\$76,470	\$1,821
Non-Institutional Scholarship/Awards	208	\$502,129	\$2,414
TOTAL All Scholarships	6,001	\$15,336,104	\$50,662

DUAL ENROLLED HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS	# STUDENTS	TOTAL AMOUNT DISBURSED	AVERAGE PER RECIPIENT
Workforce Scholarships	585	\$577,840	\$988
SC Ed. Lottery Tuition Assistance for High School Students	490	\$527,255	\$1,076
ESSER for Dual Enrollment	169	\$194,377	\$1,150
TOTAL All Dual Enrolled Scholarships	604	\$1,299,472	\$2,151





FACILITIES

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PROJECTS & UPGRADES

- New pedestrian bridge and balcony renovations
- Renovations to the 5000 Building including painting, carpet replacement, lighting upgrades.
- Roof replacement to the 600 Building.
- Restored automotive paint booth ventilation system in the 650 Building
- Renovations to the 7000 Building including infrastructure repairs, painting and floor repair.
- Repairs to the roof and interior of the 800 Building.
- Replaced HVAC units to several buildings across our main campus and external campuses.
- Replaced damaged siding and painted building at our Hartsville Campus.
- Replaced entrance canopies at our Mullins Campus.

Additional Main Campus projects:

- Central Energy Plant Cooling Tower | **In Progress**
- Re-stripped Parking Lots | A, AA, 200 Building, Frontage Road

All Campuses | Life Safety | Camera installation continues throughout campus sites:

- Mullins, Hartsville, and Cosmetology
- CDC, Maintenance Shop, Physical Plant, Warehouse
- HSC Interior
- Main Campus

2022-2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

Xometry donation to fund tuition for 33 students

FDTC announced a major scholarship donation in the amount of \$420,435 from the Xometry Company. Xometry is a Maryland-based manufacturing company, who has worked on numerous 3D printing projects with the Southeastern Institute of Manufacturing & Technology (SiMT). The scholarship donation will go



towards tuition for 28 Machine Tool Technology students and five Mechanical Engineering students. "Xometry believes that manufacturing is the bedrock of a strong American economy, and it will continue to be the foundation of production for generations to come," Laurence Zuriff, Co-Founder of Xometry and Managing Director of Xometry's DAF said. "Manufacturing requires an increasingly skilled workforce and, through our Donor Advised Fund, we're committed to investing in talent that will support manufacturing growth in the United States."

FDTC receives \$75k gift from McLeod Health

FDTC received a \$75,000 donation from McLeod Health for scholarships to students and maintain the College's nursing program. "The need for healthcare services is increasing due to many factors including the national shortage of nurses as well as the growing number of aging baby boomers," stated Tony Derrick, Chief Nursing Officer for McLeod Regional Medical Center. "This is why it is vitally important to McLeod that Florence-Darlington Technical College continues to educate nurses."





FDTC launches TECH Day program for area high school students

FDTC launched our new TECH Day program to give high school students an opportunity to come to our campus and experience our programs first hand. In all, we had nearly 800 students on campus. The students had the opportunity to visit with our Allied Health programs, Cosmetology, Automotive, Auto Body, HVAC, Engineering, Industrial Maintenance, CNC, Nursing, Welding, Machine Tool Technology, Electrician, Human Services, Early Childhood, Paralegal, Criminal Justice, Accounting, Business, and Computer Technology programs across the eight TECH Day events we hosted.



FDTC hosts breakfasts for area education leaders

FDTC hosted four breakfasts for our area K-12 Superintendents, Principals and Counselors. Dr. Ford and our Student Services Enrollment Management team shared FDTC's commitment for student success, retention, and reestablishing FDTC's relationships with our internal and external stakeholders.



2022-2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

FDTC re-opens 5000 Building bridge

FDTC celebrated the official reopening of the 5000 Building pedestrian walkway with a ribbon cutting ceremony. There were several speakers including Dr. Ford, Area Commission Chair Paul Seward, and FDTC Student Government Association President Letia James.



Early Childhood Development program receives donation from SC Endeavors

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Florence–Darlington Technical College received a \$16,500 donation from SC Endeavors for the colleges Early Childhood Education program which educates students interested in a career working with children as child-care workers in private and public centers, school systems, community and state agencies, as well as religious institutions. “The donation is incredibly generous and greatly appreciated,” FDTC Early Childhood Instructor Elizabeth Crow said. “With this funding, our program will be better equipped to educate our current students, connect with alumni and recruit new students in our service area. SC Endeavors has always been a dedicated supporter of Florence–Darlington Technical College, and the size of this donation is a testament to the mission of the agency. I cannot thank SC Endeavors enough for the opportunities that this funding will provide.”





FDTC introduces first ever class ring

FDTC launched our first ever class ring! This exciting new tradition will become a staple for future graduates of the College and will be something that all graduates will come to look forward to. In addition to the launch of the new ring, we hosted our first ever Ring Ceremony during our Honors Night ceremony in which 12 students participated.

FDTC Dental Hygiene hosts free children's dental care event

FDTC's Dental program hosted Little Smiles, a free children's dental care event, that provided more than 100 children preventive dental treatments in honor of National Children's Oral Health Month. The event had 33 dental hygiene and assisting students to provide free dental care including dental assessments, x-rays, cleanings, fluoride treatments, and sealants which equaled nearly \$30,000 worth of free care. "The event was a huge success," FDTC Dental Hygiene and Assisting Program Director Alicia L. Johnston said. "We are so grateful for all of the people who made this such a huge success, including the College's Early Childhood Development program, College Administration, and all dental faculty, staff, and students."



2022-2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

Blanchard Machinery donates nearly \$17k to FDTC

Blanchard Machinery donated \$16,666 to the College as part of its ongoing agreement for our Diesel Technology – Caterpillar Dealer Service Technician Program. “For over 20 years of Blanchard’s 40-year history in South Carolina, graduates of the Caterpillar Dealer Academy have worked in our



dealership to support our organization, more importantly, our customers and ultimately our community,” Blanchard Machinery’s Community & Employee Relations Director Katherine Blanchard Whittle said. “This gift will ensure the program has the technology needed to support the rapidly changing advancements associated with our diverse business.”

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American Specialty donates Modula state-of-the-art storage system to FDTC

American Specialty, a local distributor of high-density storage and inventory management systems, donated a state-of-the-art Modula ME25 storage system to the College and its Southeastern Institute of

Manufacturing and Technology (SiMT). Principal Owner of American Specialty Marc Weaver said this donation is meant to give FDTC students hands-on

training with some of the newest technologies in manufacturing and warehousing spaces. "This is a state-of-the-art facility, it is a real showplace, and I think it really will impress clients coming in to see state-of-the-art equipment in a state-of-the-facility," he said. "Employees of SiMT will get great benefit from using this state-of-the-art equipment and their students will be exposed to the same equipment that they are going to see out in the workplace."



SiMT awarded Xometry's Excellence in Manufacturing Award

The Southeastern Institute of Manufacturing and Technology (SiMT) was awarded Xometry's Excellence in Manufacturing Award for the year of 2022. This is SiMT's fifth consecutive year being recognized for this award. "We are incredibly proud of the SiMT team for consistently demonstrating an unparalleled level of excellence, skill and dedication," Xometry's Senior Vice President of Global Network Operations, Kim White said. "They are an invaluable partner and their expertise in additive manufacturing only strengthens the Xometry ecosystem."

CORPORATE & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

CWD has exceeded both its enrollment and net contribution to the college over the last year, which is another record for the division. As of May 31, 2023, CWD has enrolled 2,786 students.



CWD introduced a telehealth medicine module, in partnership with MUSC, for Certified Nursing Assistant courses. This will become a permanent module in all CNA classes, going forward. CWD also helped MUSC register their first adult CNA apprenticeship program, and MUSC's first apprenticeship cohort began their studies in June of 2023.

CWD has helped McLeod Health register a youth CNA apprenticeship program for high school students, and their first youth apprentices will begin this fall.

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EMT apprenticeships were expanded to include the employers Lifeguard Ambulance and Florence County.

CWD will be launching an evening electrical program this fall, and hosted an apprenticeship session for employers interested in hiring from the class.



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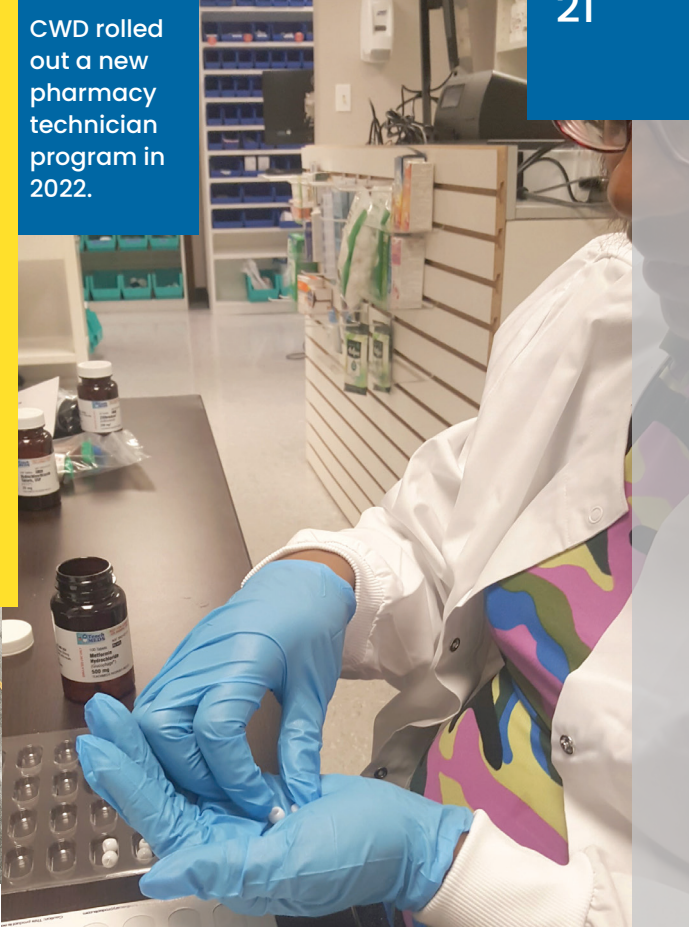
The Power of Dreams



CWD has continued to support the Honda workforce pipeline through delivery and support of the Production Welding course, where students enroll in a two-week MIG welding class, and then go to work at Honda, following completion of their training.

CDL classes have been expanded to include weekend training, creating an option for students who may be working currently, but who cannot take classes during the day.

CWD rolled out a new pharmacy technician program in 2022.





SUMMARY OF 2022–2023 SEASON

The Lady Stingers Softball team finished the season 25–22 overall.

The Stingers Baseball team finished the season 50–13 overall and 20–3 in Region 10. They were Region 10 regular season and tournament champions, and ranked Top 10 in every poll.

STUDENT AWARDS | LADY STINGERS SOFTBALL

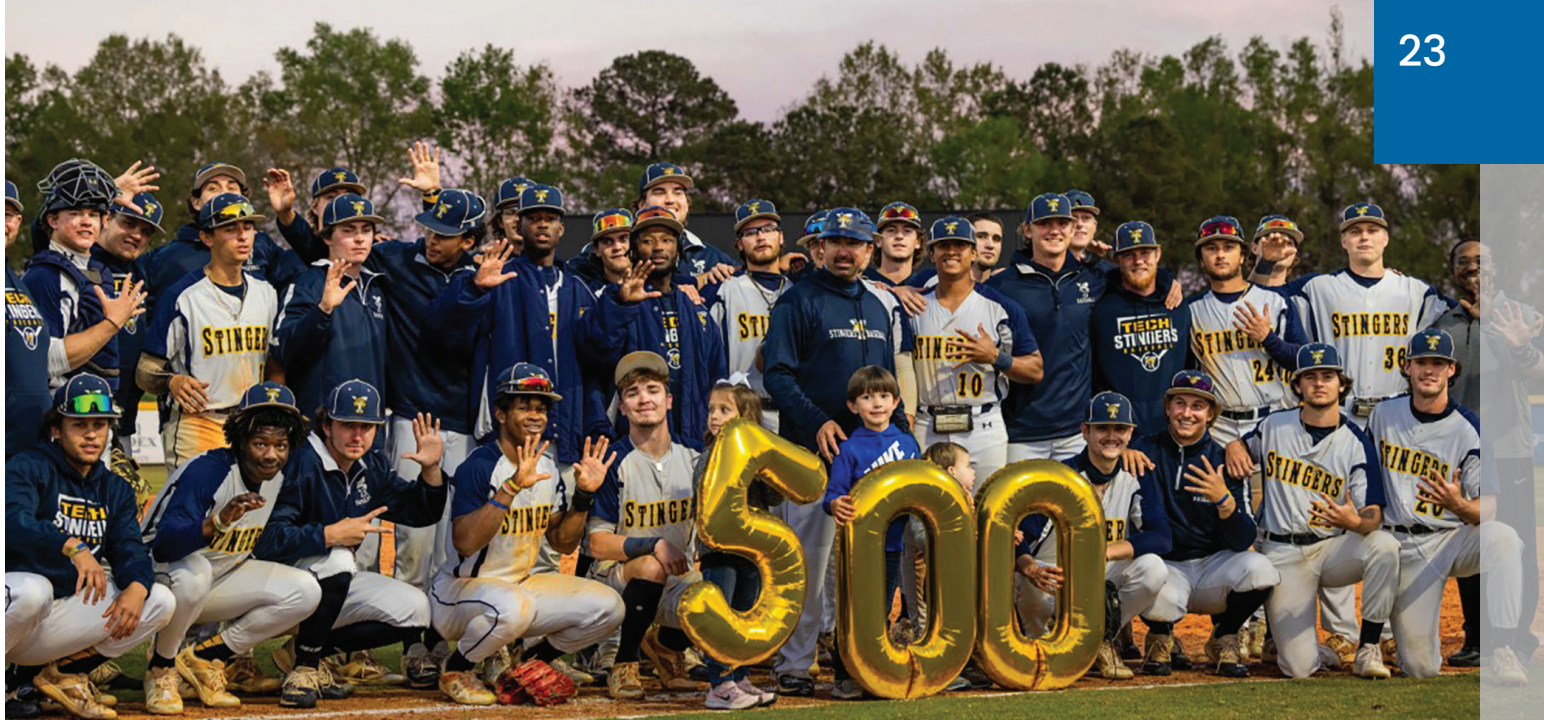
- Allison Carter** | 1st Team All Region Utility
- Savannah Evans** | 1st Team All Region Catcher
- Kylie Johnson** | 2nd Team All Region Infielder
- Olivia Voltolina** | 2nd Team All Region Outfielder

STUDENT AWARDS | STINGERS BASEBALL

- Javier Crespo** | 1st Team All Region Infielder
- Will Dorrell** | 2nd Team All Region Outfielder
- Rio Foster** | 1st Team All Region Outfielder
- Spenser Hamblen** | Region 10 Pitcher of the Year
- Dylan Johnson** | 1st Team All Region Catcher | All-Defense Team Catcher
- Rom Kellis** | 1st Team All Region Infielder
- Owen Taylor** | 2nd Team All Region Infielder
- Austin Windham** | 2nd Team All Region Pitcher



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Congratulations to Coach Preston McDonald for his 500th career win! The Stingers Baseball team defeated the Fayetteville Tech Trojans 5-2 to clinch the win. Preston was awarded the 2023 Region 10 Coach of the Year after the team's tremendous season.



TOTAL BUDGET \$575,505 | **SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN** \$388,102 | **PORTFOLIO** \$2.5M

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VIP

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Jeronell Bradley	LaKeisha Johnson
Steven Broach	Tyron Jones
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Terry Dingle	Dawn Nelson
Sierra Flynn	Mary Rueckerl
Tressa Gardner	Michael Smith
Andrew Golden	Lisa Wiley
Angie Hayek	





REMOVING BARRIERS AND CREATING EQUITABLE ACCESS

Florence-Darlington Technical College's (FDTC) Early College Academy (ECA) has been around for years, but we have now lifted barriers that prevented students from accessing this life changing program.

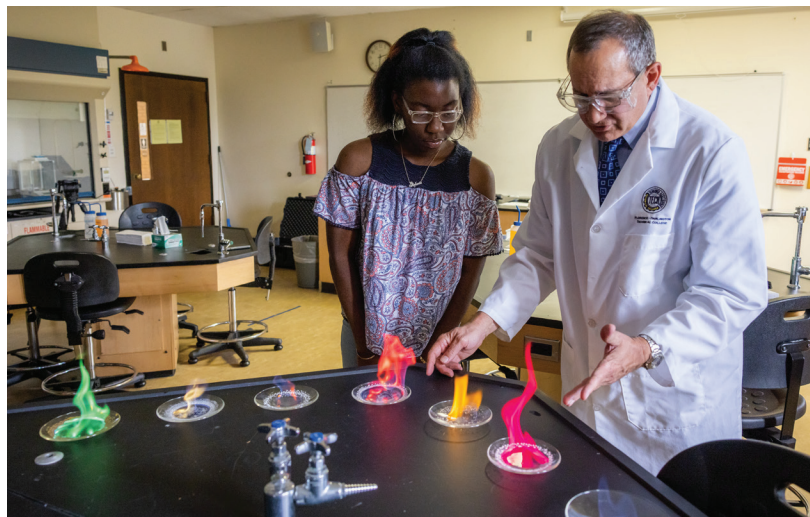
ECA provides public, private, charter, and home school association students with equitable access to college-level courses while still in high school. The program accelerates pathways to degree completion, allowing students quicker entrance into the workforce or a 4-year college experience with junior status.

Although this program is not for all students, we are committed to creating fast-track educational opportunities for high school students interested in getting a head start on their careers. Our ECA programs enable students to eliminate two additional college years and accumulated debt.

Learn more about the program by scanning the QR code to the right.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Student | Stefanie Stewart
Graduating Class | 2023
**Degrees | Associates in Arts,
Associates in Science**
Destination | Florida A&M



WHO AM I?

"I'm Stefanie Stewart and I graduated from Darlington High School in 2023 as Salutatorian and I graduated magna cum laude from Florence-Darlington Technical College with both my Associate of Science and my Associate of Arts"

What would you tell interested students?

"For people that are interested in the Early College Academy, I want to say that it seems bigger than it is. Once you first come in, you're younger. When I came in, I was 14 [...] and having college classes or even thinking about being in a college class was very intimidating. But once you get into it, it's not that scary [...] It's hard work, I don't want to say it's not hard work, of course, everything that you want is going to be hard work, but it's worth it in the end."

How will ECA benefit your future?

"I think it's very beneficial [...] I'm going to Florida A&M as a Junior and saving two years of tuition, which is not cheap. I'm saving two years of work. So I think that the benefits definitely outweigh anything that you're scared of."





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