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### **Luncheon celebrates joint venture to promote financial literacy at Garrett Academy of Technology**

*15 classes at Garrett Academy of Technology learned about financial literacy, workforce readiness and entrepreneurship from passionate volunteers thanks to \$10,000 SCE&G grant.*

Charleston, SC – Over 40 Students, Teachers, Volunteers, Supporters, and School District Officials gathered last Thursday at the Garrett Academy of Technology Culinary Arts Dining Room for a special Luncheon. Chef Lucia Boines and her culinary arts students prepared and served a delicious meal for the guests in attendance.

The event was in celebration of 15 Junior Achievement (JA) programs delivered this academic year by passionate JA Volunteers. These programs were made possible by the generous support of SCE&G.

Junior Achievement of Coastal SC facilitated the volunteer assignments and provided the turn-key curriculum kits with age appropriate materials. The teachers welcomed the JA Volunteers into their classroom to share their professional experiences through each lesson and activity.

Junior Achievement volunteers utilized the JA Careers with a Purpose<sup>®</sup> and JA Success Skills<sup>®</sup> programs to teach students the soft skills needed to achieve success in the working world. These programs encourage students to take a leadership role in their future as they determine their noble purpose, and the career pathway that best fits their needs and wants. Other JA Programs deployed included JA Exploring Economics<sup>®</sup> and JA Be Entrepreneurial<sup>®</sup>. Each JA Program delivers the Financial Literacy, Workforce Readiness, and Entrepreneurship.

The programs were part of a Joint Venture between the Trident Regional Education Center (TREC) and Junior Achievement of Coastal SC designed to empower students with the tools they need to own their future economic success.

During the luncheon's response time JA Volunteer Geret de Piper shared, "I truly enjoyed my time in the classroom getting to know the students and sharing the universal truths of finance using JA's programs – I must admit I get just as much, if not more out of the experience than the kids."

Many students shared powerful testimonials about their experiences with Junior Achievement this year.

Garrett Academy senior Jalonna Robinson spoke about her JA experience saying, "I had the pleasure of being in two JA classes this year and truly appreciated the volunteer's coming to share their time and talents – I got to buy and sell stocks, play a business simulation computer game, and learn about the importance of ethics in the business world."

Garrett Academy Principal David Parsons said, "We are very thankful for the volunteers from Junior Achievement this year in our classrooms – they brought relevancy to the lessons' – we hope to have them back next year!"

Through the generous support of SCE&G and many other JA Champions and Volunteers, Junior Achievement of Coastal SC indeed plans to partner with the Trident Regional Education Center to run programs at Garrett Academy next year.

#### **About Junior Achievement of Coastal SC**

Since 1966, Junior Achievement of Coastal South Carolina has been empowering volunteers to deliver JA's **credible, targeted, and proven financial literacy curriculum** to elementary, middle and high schools in Horry, Georgetown, Dorchester, Berkeley, Charleston, Hampton, Colleton, Beaufort and Jasper counties. Teachers welcome JA volunteers into their classrooms to share their powerful, primary source message: **The American Dream is Alive & Well**. It is imperative that we share these fundamental concepts in our classrooms – **Now More Than Ever!** [www.JACoastalSC.org](http://www.JACoastalSC.org) for more info

So far this academic year, JA of Coastal SC has deployed over 175 programs empowering over 3000 students with the tools needed to own their future economic success!

#### **About Trident Regional Education Center**

As one of twelve Regional Education Centers in South Carolina, the Trident Regional Education Center is a network of information and resources for Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester county citizens. The services provided by the Center should prove useful to students and adults as they seek resources to assist them in their quest to become the prepared employees the state needs to compete and excel in the global economy. For more info visit, <http://personalpathways.sc.gov/trident/>