

Governor proclaims May as South Carolina College and Career Decision Month

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, USA, May 3, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Governor Henry McMaster proclaimed May as South Carolina College and Career Decision Month at the annual College and Career Decision Day rally on Tuesday in recognition of graduating high school seniors across the state who are making the decision to pursue success through higher education or employment.

Mirrored after National Signing Day and organized by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, College and Career Decision Day provides an opportunity for the state to recognize and applaud students who are committing to college or university enrollment, beginning a vocational or training program, joining the military, or entering the workforce.



Approximately 1,700 seniors attended the rally at the South Carolina State House.

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The Governor’s proclamation of May as College and Career Decision month extends this recognition for those who were not able to attend the event in person.

“You’ve finished high school, you’ve made it through, you’ve done the hard part. You’ve got that behind you, you’ve got that in the bank. All you have to do now is make a decision,” said South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster, keynote speaker at the College and Career Decision Day rally. “Whatever you want to do, we are here to see to it

that you get the opportunity to go as far in any direction as you want to go.”

Approximately 1,700 high-school seniors from nearly 40 high schools across the state marched

down Main Street in Columbia to converge on the South Carolina State House for the rally portion of the event.

“You’ve completed one leg of your educational journey, but your education is not over,” said CHE President and Executive Director Dr. Rusty Monhollon at the rally. “Our information driven, fast-paced and ever-changing world demands we gain new knowledge and skills throughout our lives. If you choose to enter college now or choose to enter the workforce and then pursue postsecondary education later, please know that South Carolina’s higher education system will be here to support you.”

South Carolina Superintendent of Education Ellen Weaver also offered words of encouragement and a challenge to the seniors.

“We are here to celebrate your hard work and your success and your future. You have invested hard work in yourself and there are so many people who have invested in you,” she said. “As you go forward into your exciting futures, think about how you can pay back the wonderful gift you’ve been given on your educational journey.”

Co-emcees Whitney Sullivan, WLTX News 19 Columbia, and Mikel Hannah-Harding, WRDW News 12 Augusta, Ga., welcomed the crowd, gave words of encouragement, and kept the seniors energized throughout the program.

College and university representatives set up tables at the celebration rally on the State House North steps and lawn and were joined by representatives from the business community and



Students arrive at the event prior to the march down Main Street.



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state government.

Last year, approximately 1,100 students from 21 high schools attended the inaugural event.

Registered high schools for this year's event included:

- Airport High School
- Allendale Fairfax High School
- Bethune-Bowman Middle/High School
- Broome High School
- Chester High School
- Clinton High School
- Colleton County High School
- Crescent High School
- Dutch Fork High School
- East Clarendon High school
- Edisto High School
- Fairfield Central High School
- Gaffney High School
- Hardeeville Junior Senior High School
- Hemingway High School
- Irmo High School
- Kingstree High School
- Lake Marion High School
- Lexington School District 2 Innovation Center
- Lower Richland High School
- May River High School
- Mayo High School
- Midland Valley High School
- Midlands Technical College Upward Bound Program
- North Middle High School
- Northwestern High School
- Orangeburg HS for Health
- Orangeburg Wilkinson High School
- Richland Northeast High School
- Ridgeland Secondary Academy of Excellence
- Swansea High School
- Timberland High School
- Union High School
- Wagener-Salley High School
- Westside High School
- Whitmire Community School
- Woodland High School

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