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CCSD Schools Participate in Build A Shed

Ladson, SC – Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with ABC Carolinas, presented Build A Shed, a building competition for students and career-ready youth in Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties on Friday, May 3, 2019.

R.B Stall High School (team name - Stall Nailed It!) took second place, and Wando High School (Building Warriors) placed third.

The 2019 Build A Shed event included a one-day building competition of an 8' x 11' garden-type shed. Teams consisted of regional high school students with interest in construction careers and summer jobs. After the competition, these young adults will be prepared to be matched with employers for summer internships through The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Work Experience program.

Seven teams completed the shed using the same blueprint while being mentored by volunteer construction industry professionals in safety, quality, planning, scheduling, and communication. All participants earned the OSHA 10 Certification.

Completed sheds were auctioned off to the community. All proceeds support future Chamber-led talent and workforce development efforts.

Wando engineering teacher Katie Johnston said this competition brought to life the basics of their engineering courses.

"They literally see the bigger picture," said Johnston. "They can use these universal skills throughout their lives and their careers."

Tyler Yates, a freshman at Wando, grew up around carpentry, learning from his father.

"Seeing the design come to life was a whole different experience from drawing it on the computer," said Yates. "Mrs. Johnston made it a lot of fun, too. The hardest part about the day was the problem-solving that we had to do as a team."

Noah Iorio is a senior at Stall. He hopes to go into engineering or physics.

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"I love the hands-on experience of the work," said Iorio. "This competition helped me expand my knowledge of what we're learning in the classroom."

Through this building competition, students are provided the opportunity to work directly with construction professionals and learn about the fast-paced and lucrative construction industry. Participants have the opportunity to connect with leaders that are looking for skilled talent. Construction has numerous entry points, both with and without a college degree, and those who want to learn new skills can find a career within this field.

To learn more about the Build A Shed competition contact Suzi Raiford, Regional Career Specialist/AVP Career Preparedness Programs for the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce at (843) 805-3032 or the Office of Strategy and Communication at (843) 937-6303.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 86 schools and specialized programs. With approximately 6,100 employees district-wide, CCSD is the fourth largest employer in the region.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, charter, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), and Montessori schools, and is divided into three Learning Communities. Options include specialized programs in science, engineering and mathematics; liberal arts; music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military and other public service enterprises.