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**Date:** 5/4/2017 10:43:39 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Anderson Career and Technology wins national honors

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Lily,

Thank you for working with us. We'll gladly follow your lead.

I know this would be mostly a guess, but when do you think the Senate might convene that day? I fully appreciate that it is the last day of the regular session, but if, for example, the chances of a photo op with the Lt. Governor might increase by having them here by 10, we'll gladly ask them to do so.

Whatever's best!

Thanks!

John

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**From:** Danny Varat [<mailto:DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 10:47 AM  
**To:** 'John Durst'; Lily Cogdill  
**Cc:** 'Douglas OFlaherty'  
**Subject:** RE: Anderson Career and Technology wins national honors

John, I'm copying Lily Cogdill on this email so that she can coordinate from here. It is likely that they'll be in session by then, and he won't be able to leave the desk. Please work with Lily on how we can make this happen.

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**From:** John Durst [<mailto:John@scrla.org>]  
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Danny,

They would prefer to come down on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Would it be possible for them to have a photo op with the Lt. Governor perhaps at 11 or later and, of course, be recognized in the Senate gallery? Unfortunately, the coach, Chris Moree, will be unable to join them, but Hollie Harrell, Director, Anderson Districts 1 and 11 Career and Technology Center, will accompany them.

Thanks!

John

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 03, 2017 12:30 PM  
**To:** John Durst  
**Subject:** Re: Anderson Career and Technology wins national honors

Sure.

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**From:** John Durst <[John@scrla.org](mailto:John@scrla.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 3, 2017 11:08 AM  
**To:** Danny Varat  
**Subject:** RE: Anderson Career and Technology wins national honors

I'll be glad to check. May I say I'm doing so on y'all's behalf?

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**From:** Danny Varat [<mailto:DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 03, 2017 11:08 AM  
**To:** 'John Durst'  
**Subject:** RE: Anderson Career and Technology wins national honors  
It'll have to be next week. Can that happen?

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**From:** John Durst [<mailto:John@scrla.org>]  
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Danny,

Good morning! Hope all is going as well as possible during this very busy time!!

If you haven't heard already, here's some extremely exciting news!! Students from the Anderson Career and Technology Center won second place in the management competition in the National ProStart Invitational held this weekend, and their fellow students took fifth place in the culinary competition. SC was the only state to have winners in both the management and culinary competition.

Some other background facts:

- . its very rare for one high school to win both the management and culinary competition at the state level, which Anderson Career and Technology did in March in the statewide competition held at North Myrtle Beach
- . the national competition was held at the North Charleston Convention Center. SC had won the bid to serve as the host site about three years ago
- . the coach's name is Chris Moree. His contact info is [chrismoree@icloud.com](mailto:chrismoree@icloud.com) mobile # (864) 979-3398.

I wanted to respectfully suggest that the Lt. Governor invite these national winners to the State House to be introduced in both the Senate and the House.

Please keep me in the loop, and, if I can assist in any way, please let me know.

All the best!

John

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John,  
Here is the release along with some pictures from the event!  
Thanks,  
Katie

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