

## DARE TO DREAM

2013 Theme

Welcome to the seventh annual Jobs for America's Graduates—South Carolina (JAG-SC) Career Development Conference. On behalf of the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce and the State Workforce Investment Board, we thank you for participating in the students' capstone event.

The 2013 conference theme, *Dare to Dream*, has captured our participants' imaginations. It is reflected in their visual displays, written entries, and speeches. We hope you will find it equally captivating.

JAG-SC proudly serves over 1,300 youth this year, of which 399 are seniors poised to launch their postsecondary educational and career pursuits. Diverse beginnings strengthened their bonds, and now each student is empowered with the knowledge, tools and goals to reach their full potential. It is our hope that their legacy will be defined as individuals who truly made a difference in their respective communities.

For those who are new to our program, JAG-SC is a proven school retention program, assisting some of our State's most deserving youth in graduating from high school and moving confidently toward their dreams. We are delighted to have you with us, today.

Many of you are here to serve as speakers, judges and volunteers. We value your support! This conference is only made possible through your engagement and commitment to our students

To our students....

We know you and we believe in you! Our mission is to support you as you launch toward your dreams. We hope you will always follow this bit of wisdom:

***"Do what you can, with what you have,  
where you are."***

- President Theodore Roosevelt

## 2012 - 2013 Specialists and School Affiliates

Ms. Nicole Shea..... C.A. Johnson High (Richland)  
Ms. Geraldine Sackiel..... Calhoun High (Calhoun)  
Mr. Oscar Neely..... Carolina High (Greenville)  
Mr. Clay Cohen..... Chesnee High (Spartanburg)  
Ms. Brittany Heath..... Chester High (Chester)  
Ms. Catherine Smith..... Clinton High (Laurens)  
Ms. Renée Jamison..... Colleton High (Colleton)  
Mr. Cyrus Birch..... Colleton High (Colleton)  
Ms. Dorothy Fore..... Creek Bridge High (Marion)  
Ms. Noreen Wingate..... Darlington High (Darlington)  
Ms. Kirsten Nash..... Estill High (Hampton)  
Ms. Sonya Allen..... Lake Marion High (Orangeburg)  
Mr. Joe Watson..... Lancaster High (Lancaster)  
Ms. Carolyn Reed..... Manning High (Clarendon)  
Ms. LaTonya Leverette..... McCormick High (McCormick)  
Ms. Terry Davis..... Mullins High (Marion)  
Ms. Angel Connell..... North District Middle (Hampton)  
Ms. Gail Blake..... Rock Hill High (York)  
Ms. Nikki Jett..... South Florence High (Florence)  
Ms. Tammy Jones..... Swansea High (Lexington)  
Ms. Terry Sanders..... Wade Hampton High (Hampton)  
Ms. Linda Williams..... West Florence High (Florence)



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## 2013 JAG-SC Career Development Conference

*Go Confidently  
in the direction of your*

*Dreams!*

*Live the life you have imagined.*

-Thoreau

April 19, 2013  
8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
**DOUBLETREE BY HILTON**  
2100 Bush River Road, | Columbia, SC

## 2013 Youth Awards and Exhibits

### Recognition Awards

#### Governor's Award

Recognizes a student who has demonstrated achievement & commitment through JAG

#### Executive Director's Award

Recognizes students demonstrating significant growth through JAG

### Competitive Awards

#### Career Association Chapter Display

Visual displays of the 2013 conference theme

#### Career Association Chapter Manual

Visual record of the school's local activities

#### Theme Essay

Entrants create original essays based on the 2013 theme

#### Theme Poetry

Entrants create original poems based on the 2013 theme

#### Theme Poster

Entrants create original artwork based on the 2013 theme

#### Employability Skills

Entrants compete for a simulated job involving the application, résumé, and interview process

#### Telephone Techniques

Entrants compete to secure job-related information & an interview

#### Words in the Workplace

Entrants proceed through elimination rounds to spell terms related to careers

#### Decision Making

Entrants dissect a simulated situation to develop viable problem solutions

#### Public Speaking

Entrants present an original speech related to the 2013 theme

#### Team Challenge

Teams from each school compete through elimination rounds, testing their knowledge of career, employment and current events

#### JAG-SC District & State Champions

Awarded to the district and school with the highest cumulative competitive points

## 2013 Conference Agenda

8-8:30 a.m.

Registration

8:30-11:00 a.m.

Competitive Events

8:45-9:30 a.m.

Opening Session

Welcome

Elaine Midkiff

Duet

Mullins High School

Alumnus Speaker

Antriel Palmer

Guest Speaker

Susan Pretulak

-Vice President, SC Technical College System

**Director's Awards  
Governor's Award**

Order of the Day

Elaine Midkiff

9:45-10:45 a.m.

Networking Workshop

Guest Speaker

Al Duncan

**Community Service Awards**

-Freddricka Pressley

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Ballroom

Presentation of the Colors — Mullins High JROTC

National Anthem — ?????

JAG Creed — Swansea High

Retiring of the Colors — Mullins High JROTC

Awards Luncheon

12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

Ballroom

Keynote Speaker

Al Duncan

-Al Duncan Enterprises, LLC

Presentation of State Delegates—State President

**Golden Key Awards  
Competitive Awards Recognition  
1st Place Public Speaking**

Keep Moving

Colleton County High School

Closing

Elaine Midkiff

## 2013 JAG-SC State Career Association

### State Officers

President

Freddricka Pressley (Creek Bridge)

VP of Leadership

Malika Bellamy (South Florence)

VP of Community Service

Adam Alnatour (Woodmont)

VP of Social Awareness

Toni Hogan-Hash (Rock Hill)

Secretary

Miranda Crawford (Carolina)

Historian

Chelsea McBride (Wilson)

Parliamentarian

Keiosha Bingley (Colleton 2)

Executive Council:

- Robert Kane (Chesnee)
- KaShaira Givens (Colleton 1)
- Kenya Watson (Manning)
- Shaneaquia Kerson (West Florence)



***It starts with a dream.***

Add faith,  
and it becomes a belief.

Add action,  
and it becomes a part of life.

Add perseverance,  
and it becomes a goal in sight.

Add patience and time,  
and it ends

with a dream come true.

- Doe Zantamsta

### State Delegates

Andrena Freeman.....	C.A. Johnson
Keymo Walker.....	Calhoun County
Miranda Finley.....	Carolina
Kierra Carter.....	Chester County
Lillie Lee.....	Clinton
Octavia Simon.....	Darlington
Jaylen Orr.....	Estill
Brianna Richards.....	Lake Marion
Ja'Miara Buolware.....	Lancaster County
Courtney Maddox.....	McCormick
Brittany Rogers.....	Mullins
Christian Moore.....	Swansea
Trayvon Pratt.....	Wade Hampton