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Media Advisory

Jobs for America's Graduates Career Development Conference to be held Thursday

S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) will host the Jobs for America's Graduates South Carolina (JAG-SC) Career Development Conference Thursday. This annual event provides opportunities for JAG-SC students to hear speakers discuss career development. Additionally, participants will compete in academic and life-skills competitions, and be recognized in an awards luncheon.

This year's theme, "Change the World," echoes the organization's commitment to inspire JAG-SC students to follow their passions because change can happen when they realize they have the ability to take control of their direction and destiny.

JAG is a dropout prevention program focused on academic success and career-readiness skills. For five consecutive years, the JAG-SC program has been awarded the National Jag 5-of-5 Award for exceeding five of the national standards for graduation rate, school placement rates, total positive outcomes rate, job placement rates and full-time jobs rates.

Who: JAG-SC students, speakers, JAG-SC advisors/teachers and SCDEW representatives.

What: The purpose of the conference is to celebrate the work of the JAG-SC students and provide them with an opportunity to learn more about how to plan a successful career pathway.

When: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 21.

Where: Brookland Banquet and Convention Center, 1066 Sunset Boulevard, West Columbia.

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About SCDEW

The South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce is putting South Carolinians to work. The agency invests in building a pipeline of quality workers, matches workers with jobs, and is a bridge for individuals who find themselves out of work for no fault of their own. This promotes financial stability and economic prosperity for employers, individuals and communities. [SCDEW](#) is dedicated to advancing South Carolina through services that meet the needs of the state's businesses, jobseekers and those looking to advance their careers.