

“Equipping Students for the  
Climb!”



# Skills to Pay the Bills/ Exploring RDA (new this year)

- Course has been a SUCCESS! 100 students took the “class” and became student/leaders for RDA.
- “95%” of 1<sup>st</sup> semester RDA students participated in ROPES course activities and soft skills training through student leadership from Skills Class. Just starting to work 2<sup>nd</sup> semester students in.

**Worked to get “All” students experiences in Teambuilding – so much FUN to watch!**



# Ropes Course – 8 elements – “All” Student Led Activities



# Enrollment – Highest ever- maxed out in multiple program areas

## First Semester

○ BHS - 330

○ DHS – 936

○ WHS – 125

**Total 1391**

## Second Semester

○ BHS – 332

○ DHS – 957

○ WHS – 125

**Total 1414**

Unduplicated Count: 2680

Duplicated Count: 2805

(125 students take multiple classes)

# Maxed out Programs

**“Maxed out” defined – we have more demand for the course than we can fill and students have to be put on a waiting list. Priority is determined by grade level and pre-requisites.**

- Culinary Arts
- Welding
- Agriculture
- Architectural Design/Mechanical Design

# District 5 & 6 - 9<sup>th</sup> grade Enrollment

- Started allowing 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the Spring of 2013-14 (after new addition) 50 students first year (DFA)
- 2014-15 – 209 9<sup>th</sup> graders attended RDA
- 2015-16 – 325 9<sup>th</sup> graders are attending RDA (they use every slot they are given) 100 from BFA

# Dual Credit -

- 268 students earning Dual Credit in their “elective” courses at RDA (all 3 schools)
- 81 students from BHS
- Health Science, Welding, Machine Tool, Carpentry, Auto Collision



# Riding/Driving to RDA

- **Success and THANK YOU! 141 BHS students provide their own transportation to RDA.**
- **49 students ride or drive in the AM**
- **92 students ride or drive in the PM**
- **District is saving money by only sending 2 buses to RDA daily instead of 3. (cost of bus, driver, gas, etc.)**

# What are BHS students taking at RDA in 2015-16?

- Culinary Arts – 72
- Automotive Technology/Collision Repair – 87
- Cosmetology – 16
- Business/Web Design/Entrepreneurship – 36
- Health Science – 197 \*\*\*\*
- Agriculture – 127
- Carpentry – 75
- Architectural & Mechanical Design – 32
- Graphic Arts – 80
- Manufacturing/Machine Tool/Welding – 115 \*\*\*\*\*
- Fire/Law - 67

# Business & Industry

- We have 60+ students on co-op jobs so far this semester (Since January!) Many more are working “after” school hours in related jobs
- Largest demand – continues to be in Machine Tool Technology & Welding
- Spartanburg Steel
- AFL Communications
- Machine Shop Services
- SEW Eurodrive
- Comfab
- M & E Body Shop
- Griffin Gear
- Image Collision
- Nichol’s Painting
- Menzel
- Meyco
- Tidewater Construction
- Zaxby’s
- Papa John’s
- El Limon
- Westside Collision
- Discount Tire
- Krispy Kreme
- Ken Roach Painting
- 6 new partners starting this semester : Sloan Construction, Leigh Fibers, Kapasi Glass Mart, ChartSpan, Turner Graphics

# They are HERE!!!! Industry boom on 290!

- **Kobelco** – Heavy machinery manufacturer will produce crawler excavators
- **Ritrama** – Italian Chemical company. Manufacture and sale pressure sensitive adhesive roll materials. Range of products: roll labels for containers; visual communication graphics, and industrial labels/sign.
- **Sterling Contract Packaging** – Spartanburg based company. 140,000 sq. ft – in front of RDA. Provides turn key packaging solutions. Blister packs, shrink wrap, folding cartons
- **Toray** – World leader in carbon fiber industry will specialize in production of precast carbon fiber for its North American customers, including Boeings facility in Charleston. This will be Toray's only fully integrated carbon fiber facility.
- **Praxair** – Air separation plant beside Toray (supplier)

# Great News

- December - The Gene Haas Foundation donated \$20,000 to our scholarship fund for our Machine Tool Program. This money will be used for scholarships for students choosing manufacturing/machining in post-secondary. Also, professional development for the instructors. Instructors to Maine this summer.
- Department of Commerce – donated \$3800 to our Engineering program for us to begin working with Drone technology. (in architecture)

**Thanks for your continued  
Support of RDA!!!**