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LaGrange, GA., April 25, 2023 – The first Work-Based Learning (WBL) and Youth Apprenticeship (YAP) appreciation breakfast was held on April 25th at Callaway Conference Center and honored the Georgia BEST Completers and Business Partners who have employed students from the program. WBL employs high school students through internships, youth apprenticeships, and cooperative education. Employers that provide WBL opportunities to students can receive up to 5% (\$2,500 max) premium credit for their business.

This school year, 317 students in YAP and WBL programs worked 33,714 hours and earned just under \$350,500.

Callaway High students - \$60,259
LaGrange High students - \$76,199
Troup County High - \$158,577
Troup County Career Center - \$41,700
THINC College and Career Academy - \$15,682

The Business Partner of the Year for 2023 was given to Hyundai Transys Powertrain.

Students honored with GeorgiaBEST Completers (Business Employability Skills Training) passed 15 aptitudes based on personal characteristics, interactions with others, and employer expectations. They were rated in four categories:

- 80% rating comes from their supervisor
- Students cannot be suspended
- Maintains a C+ cumulative grade point average
- Meet/exceed their school's attendance policy

Twenty-two students were recognized as GeorgiaBEST Completers. A WBL Student of the Year was chosen from each school. Callaway High - Shelby Thompson, LaGrange High - Lily Daniel, Troup County High - Reagan Cole, Troup County Career Center - Justin Bradley, and THINC College and Career Academy - Wesley Davidson. Of these, Lily Daniel was announced as the overall WBL Student of the Year. Lauren Burgess earned special recognition for YAP. She met several qualifications, including reaching 720 hours of training and completing a pathway related to her job site.

Congratulations to all students accepting the opportunity the TCSS Work-Based Learning team provided.

About Troup County School System

Troup County School System is an accredited educational system with over 12,200 students in grades K-12. TCSS does offer a free Pre-K program at each elementary school. The system is comprised of eleven elementary schools, three middle schools, three high schools, one college and career academy, and one alternative learning center. Students within the school system are taught a rigorous and relevant curriculum that helps them make college and career choices beyond graduation. The system 2022 graduation rate is 85.9 percent. To learn more about Troup County School System, visit troup.org and the Troup County School System Facebook page.

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