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ORANGEBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMENCES 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR WITH INSPIRING CONVOCATION: 'RECONSTRUCTING THE FUTURE: THE HARD RESET'

ORANGEBURG, S.C. – The Orangeburg County School District (OCSD) commenced the 2023-2024 academic year with their annual District Convocation, attracting over 2,000 participants to the Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center. The energizing event, themed "Reconstructing the Future: The Hard Reset," saw faculty, staff, and community members congregating with a shared aim of reshaping the future of education.

"The Convocation is much more than a routine gathering; it is a symbol of unity, shared ambition, and our relentless commitment to providing the best educational environment for our students," said Superintendent Dr. Shawn Foster. "The theme, 'Reconstructing the Future: The Hard Reset,' embodies our resolute determination to rebuild and reinvigorate our educational practices in response to changing times," continued Foster.

A highlight of the day was the engaging address by acclaimed motivational speaker, Prince EA, who captivated the audience with his compelling insights on embracing change and reshaping the future of education. His thought-provoking words resonated with many, including Amanda

Charley, a teacher at Marshall Elementary. "Prince EA's mesage was nothing short of inspiring. It's instilled in me a renewed enthusiasm to give my best this school year. As we all reset and reconstruct our practices, I am eager to see the positive changes we will bring about for our students," said Charley.

In addition, more than 20 schools within the district received significant grants from the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). These grants, a generous response to a health challenge, will enable schools to further enhance their health and wellness programs, contributing to a healthier school environment.

Following the Convocation, employees headed to the Orangeburg Fairground, where they were treated to a delicious lunch provided by over 30 food vendors. This joyful gathering served as a wonderful conclusion to the Convocation, allowing staff to connect on a personal level and foster camaraderie ahead of the new school year.

The Orangeburg County School District Convocation has set an inspirational tone for the 2023-2024 academic year, laying a strong foundation for continuous improvement and renewed dedication to the advancement of its students. The District is grateful for the collective efforts of its staff and the generous contributions of the community partnerships.

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The mission of Orangeburg County School District, the catalyst of innovation and excellence, is to ensure all students discover and develop their person, purpose, and platform through high-quality educational experiences distinguished by a culture of collaboration, equity, and inclusion; a creative learning environment with inspiring opportunities; a commitment to nurture the academic, physical, social and emotional well-being of all. Visit us online at ocsdsc.org

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