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MEDIA ADVISORY

**SC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO AWARD \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS TO
THREE ORANGEBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS**

WHAT: Joni McDaniel, regional workforce advisor from the South Carolina Department of Commerce, will present three scholarship checks of \$1,000 each to the following students:

- Keliyah Gidron-Mitchell, Lake Marion High School
- Jasmine Rhodes, Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School
- Isreya Johnson, Edisto High School

These scholarships were funded by contributions from Zeus, Allied Air, WT Whiting Turner Contracting Company, and Savannah River Nuclear Solutions.

WHERE: The presentations will take place at the students' respective schools:

- 9:00 am at Lake Marion High School
- 11:00 am at Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School
- 1:30 pm at Edisto High School

WHEN: Wednesday, May 17, 2023

WHY: These scholarships were awarded on March 14, 2023 to the students as part of the "Power Up Your Future: Career and College Day" hosted by the SC Department of Commerce, the Lower Savannah Workforce Development Area, and the Orangeburg County School District. The event was held at South Carolina State University. The event aimed to create awareness and about career and college opportunities for high school juniors and seniors from Allendale, Bamberg, Calhoun, and Orangeburg counties.

Over 40 businesses and 25 post-secondary institutions participated, offering interactive experiences and information on various career paths and educational requirements. The scholarships will be distributed to the college each student is enrolled for the Fall 2023 semester by the Orangeburg County Economic Development Partnership, which collected the contributions.

Media is invited to attend the scholarship presentation ceremonies.

Orangeburg County School District

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