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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**OCSD ANNOUNCES UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE: MEDIA INVITED TO COVER  
ARRAY OF SIGNIFICANT OCCASIONS**

**ORANGEBURG, S.C.** – Orangeburg County School District (OCSD) is pleased to provide an early advisory of key upcoming events. This notice aims to ensure these events are on the media's radar well in advance, with detailed follow-up advisories and press releases to be issued closer to each event date.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Gater Cafe Opening at Lake Marion Technology Center**

- **Date:** March 8, 2024 at 12 noon
- **Details:** Culinary Arts students unveil their skills at the Gater Cafe's grand opening, showcasing the practical application of their culinary training in a real-world environment.

**OCSD & Palmetto Citizens Federal Credit Union MOU Signing Day**

- **Date:** March 11, 2024 at 2:30 pm
- **Details:** This event will introduce the partnership that supports OCSD educators and staff with up to \$15,000 in financial assistance for home ownership, through Palmetto Citizens Federal Credit Union's Affordable Housing Grant Program.

### **Area 3 Special Olympics at Orangeburg Wilkinson High School**

- **Date:** March 22, 2024. Opening ceremony at 9:30 am.
- **Details:** Experience the spirit of competition and friendship as student-athletes participate in the Area 3 Special Olympics, demonstrating their skills and determination in a variety of sports.

### **The Hope Initiative Signing Day with OC Tech**

- **Date:** March 27, 2025 at 9:30 am and 11:30 am.
- **Details:** The Hope Initiative, a collaboration with OC Tech that promises to expand educational and vocational opportunities for our students. This opportunity gives all seniors in OCSd acceptance to OC Tech on a provisional basis.

### **MLK Oratory Competition Winners Tour Claflin University**

- **Date:** April 9, 2024
- **Details:** The winners of the 2024 OCSd MLK Oratory Competition will explore Claflin University, following a commitment to their educational future with promised scholarships.

### **Employee Appreciation Day in Downtown Orangeburg**

- **Date:** April 30, 2024
- **Details:** We will celebrate our valued employees at the 2024 Employee Appreciation Day, recognizing their dedication and contribution to the success and well-being of our students and community.

This schedule is provided well in advance to assist in your planning for coverage of these significant events. Detailed advisories with specific times, locations, and further information will be sent out as each event date approaches. We appreciate your attention to these events and look forward to your participation in covering them.

For further information and media inquiries, please contact PJ Walker, Office of Communications, Business & Community Partnerships at [pervis.walkerjr@ocsdsc.org](mailto:pervis.walkerjr@ocsdsc.org).

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