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Daniel Jenkins Academy students showcase construction and collaboration skills

North Charleston, SC – A group of Daniel Jenkins Academy (DJA) students participated in the [Lowcountry Maritime School](#), which offered students the incredible opportunity to engage in the art and science of building wooden boats. This program is led by Sam Gervais, who serves as the executive director.

DJA students began this collaborative project in September 2023 and concluded the construction of their boat in January 2024. This hands-on activity enhanced a variety of skills for students such as accuracy, attention to detail, collaboration, communication, creativity, and learning how to utilize a variety of construction tools.

One of the participants, DJA sophomore Isaiah Hess Rivers, enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity.

"I loved working with my hands," said Hess Rivers. "My peers and I had to collaborate to build our rowboat successfully. I want to thank Mr. Sam for providing us with the opportunity to build a boat and learn something new. I gained new skills that I can apply to different areas in my life."

Once students completed the construction of their rowboat, they, along with Gervais and Principal Quintella Middleton revealed and launched their rowboat last month at Quarterman Park. Community members were also there to cheer them on.

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