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Three NCHS students chosen to attend Summer Transportation Institute at Benedict College

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Charleston, SC – Three students from North Charleston High School were awarded the opportunity to attend the Summer Transportation Institute at Benedict College from July 5 – 28, 2022.

The Summer Transportation Institute at [Benedict College](#) looks to expose high school students across South Carolina to educational and career opportunities in the transportation industry.

J'wan Brown, Z'marion Brown, and Trinity Halls were selected for the program and will receive weekly stipends of \$100.00 over the four week program.

Maxine Smith, Chief Executive Officer of Maximum Consulting Services, LLC hosted a meet and greet for the families June 29, 2022 and presented the students with going away gifts that included items essential to their success during their time at the institute.

The students went through an application process at the school level and after careful consideration were selected with the help of Family Advocate Abria Pryor.

"Students were chosen based on their GPA, and references, but just as important, we wanted students who would represent North Charleston High School well," said Pryor. "This is a tremendous opportunity for these students."

The students will have access to workshops conducted by statewide and local transportation leaders. There will also be field trips to Boeing of South Carolina and the Challenger Learning Center. Students will learn about roadway construction and road safety.

"Transportation is often times thought of to be just only engineers but transportation is such a vast industry," said Summer Transportation Institute program director Dr. Vareva Harris.

Alumni of the program have gone on to have engineering careers at the South Carolina Department of Transportation. Others have even started their own businesses.

"We are grateful for the community's contributions as well as the gifts and financial contributions from Maximum Consulting Services, LLC," said Pryor. "This will enhance the student's experience so that they can immerse themselves in the college setting without distraction. I have tasked myself with pushing these students to take their education to the next level after they leave NCHS and it is our hope that this opportunity will further that."

The four-week residential program is funded by the [Department of Transportation](#) and the Federal Highway Administration. The program has been in place for nearly 20 years and started at [South Carolina State University](#).

For more information, contact the Division of Strategy and Communications at (843) 937-6303.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 49,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), music and other creative and performing arts, career and technical preparation programs, and military.