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Daniel Jenkins Academy students partake in forklift training program

North Charleston, SC – In collaboration with Neal Brothers and the Community Resource Center, Daniel Jenkins Academy (DJA) piloted a forklift training program for high school students and recent graduates.

Darryl Griffin, the Neal Brothers' CEO, implemented this initiative and now offers students the opportunity to learn how to operate a forklift and safety procedures to earn their forklift certification and obtain employment through this unique program.

Neal Brothers, founded in 1916, is a global export packing company that aims to uplift the community by providing training, employment, financial stability, and career advancement within their organization to the program's participants.

Eleven students (current and former) from DJA, North Charleston High School, and Wando High School successfully completed the program on June 6, 2024. They were offered employment positions with Neal Brothers.

DJA's principal, Quintella Middleton, and staff are looking forward to growing this partnership to provide students with what Mr. Griffin calls "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

For more information, contact the school's publicity representative, Tarikia White, at (843) 747-6609.

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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 50,000 students in 87 schools and specialized programs.

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