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DJA students attend HBCU Fair and tour schools



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North Charleston, SC – The month of November was an active, enlightening, and motivating one for students at Daniel Jenkins Academy (DJA). On November 8, 2024, students attended “Destination HBCU,” an event hosted by Charleston County School District that spotlighted historically black colleges and universities as well as provided students and other attendees the opportunity to speak with college and career representatives. Students also participated in trivia for prizes and were entertained by student performances.

“I really enjoyed the trivia and learning about all sorts of careers,” said DJA student Brendan Johnson. “I am particularly interested in pursuing a career in firefighting because I want to save lives and working three days per week while earning full-time pay is a bonus as well.”

That following week, students traveled to three universities: Coastal Carolina University, Francis Marion University, and South Carolina State University. For some of our students, this trip afforded them their first time ever visiting a post-secondary institution. Students were excited to visit the various campuses, learn what majors are offered at each university, and learn a bit more about what college life has to offer.

Another student, Tiana Ponder, marveled at the warm welcome and wide array of food options provided at Francis Marion.

“Our tour guide [at Francis Marion] made us feel welcome as soon as we stepped off the bus,” explained Ponder. “When we went to Claflin University, I enjoyed learning about their robotics program, and I felt a sense of belonging.”

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

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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 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse portfolio of educational options and specialized programs delivered to the students of CCSD through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools and programs. Rich educational opportunities for students include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; military; dual credit; and many more.