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Student Skill Powers the Future at Utility Line Worker Rodeo

YORK, S.C. — Students from across York County put their skills to the test today during a high-energy Utility Line Worker Rodeo, showcasing hands-on training and real-world readiness in front of industry professionals and community partners.

Participants from Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center, York Comprehensive High School, Clover High School, and York Technical College demonstrated essential line worker skills including pole climbing, equipment handling, safety procedures, and teamwork. The event provided a unique opportunity for students to apply classroom learning in a competitive, real-world environment while gaining valuable exposure to potential employers.

Representatives from local utility companies were in attendance, observing student performance and had the opportunity to engage with participants about career pathways in the energy sector. Their presence highlighted the strong partnership between education and industry, and the growing demand for skilled workers in utility careers.

A highlight of the event was a generous \$15,000 contribution from Duke Energy to York Comprehensive High School. The funding will support the continued growth and sustainability of the school's line worker training program, ensuring students have access to the tools and resources needed for success.

Photos from today's event can be found on the [York School District 1 Facebook Page](#). Please credit YSD1.

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