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CCSD Students Complete Clemson Architecture Career Camps

Charleston, S.C (July 15, 2026) - The Clemson Architecture Center in Charleston (CAC.C) hosted two camps this summer for Charleston County School District (CCSD) students interested in learning more about careers in architecture.

Rising 9th-12th graders had the opportunity to explore architecture as a career path through project-based learning and structured field study experiences. Led by Clemson faculty, in cooperation with CCSD Career and Technical Education teachers and career specialists, the camps were held at the Clemson Design Center, housed in the renovated Old Cigar Factory building in downtown Charleston.

This partnership for architecture career camps began in 2017, and hundreds of students have been impacted over the years. Some alumni of the camp have gone on to become students in the architecture programs at Clemson and other schools throughout the country.

Two field trips are included in each week of camp: A boat ride from Patriots Point in Mount Pleasant to Downtown Charleston to see the city's architecture from the water, followed by a walking tour culminating at White Point Gardens, and a special visit to architecture firm LS3P's offices on King Street to see an authentic workplace. Special thanks to Marc Marchant, CEO, and the whole team at LS3P for their generous support for this career camp every summer since the beginning!

"We are extremely thankful for our partnership with Clemson to stage these career camps," said Chad Vail, CCSD's Work-based Learning Partnership Coordinator. "Each week of camp builds timely awareness and helps confirm a specific area of interest for participating students. They truly help prepare "future-ready" students, David Pastre, camp lead instructor and Director of the Clemson Design Center, said. "The students brought an incredible amount of energy and curiosity to the camp.

"They embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, collaborated with one another, and weren't afraid to ask thoughtful questions," said Pastre. "It's inspiring to see young people so excited about architecture and the many ways design can make a positive impact on people's lives."

CCSD Career & Technology Education Programs of Study and Career Exploration opportunities are aligned with Charleston's modern workforce demands and provide seamless pathways for all students to become College, Career, and Citizenship ready, and partnerships like this are very much valued by the district and our students, Vail added.



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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district dedicated to ensuring every student has access to a high-quality education and the support needed to thrive. As South Carolina's second-largest school system, CCSD serves more than 50,000 students across 91 schools and specialized programs throughout 1,300 square miles of coastal communities, representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools.

Under the leadership of Superintendent Anita Huggins, CCSD is focused on accelerating student achievement, expanding opportunities, and preparing every student for success in college, career, and life. Recent district accomplishments include record-high academic performance on state assessments, increasing graduation rates, and significant gains in college and career readiness, reflecting the district's commitment to continuous improvement and educational excellence. Through the Peninsula Promise, CCSD is also expanding access to early learning, college and career pathways, arts, and family support services to create seamless opportunities for students living on the historic Charleston Peninsula.

CCSD offers a diverse and expanding portfolio of educational choices, including neighborhood, magnet, charter, Montessori, and International Baccalaureate (IB) schools and programs. Students have access to rich learning experiences in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); visual and performing arts; world languages; military and leadership programs; career and technical education; dual enrollment and early college opportunities; and other innovative pathways designed to meet a wide range of interests and aspirations.

Working in partnership with families, community organizations, higher education institutions, and industry leaders, CCSD remains committed to creating equitable opportunities, fostering student success, and ensuring that every graduate is prepared to contribute and compete in an increasingly complex and interconnected world.