

EDGE Delivers for Emanuel County

EDGE CCA's approach to community and business engagement ensures that students, families, employers, and the entire community benefit from strong, intentional partnerships.

Together, we build a future-ready workforce for Emanuel County.



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EDGE Board of Directors November Meeting

The November EDGE (Educate, Develop, Grow Emanuel) College and Career Academy Board of Directors meeting took place Wednesday, November 19, on the Southeastern Technical College Swainsboro campus for a tour of the Larry J. "Butch" Parrish Technology Center. The board members had a firsthand look at the Industrial Electrical Technology program, Welding and Joining Technology program, Machine Tool Technology program, Salon and Spa Support Specialist certificate program and the Engineering and Technology pathway program. During this month's Board meeting the focus was on work-based learning for EDGE

students, strategic planning and expanding program offerings next fall. Mr. Ken Warnock, CEO of the

Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce and Development Authority led the discussion on work-based learning concepts while Dr. Glenn Deibert offered ideas on the development of an EDGE College and Career Academy strategic plan.

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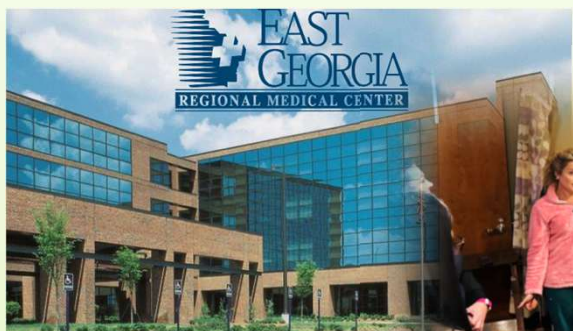
EDGE Students visit East Georgia Regional Medical Center in Statesboro.



CAREER EXPLORATION

EDGE students visit local businesses in their pathway to gain real world knowledge and understanding.

CAREER EXPLORATION AT EAST GEORGIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER



EDGE College and Career Academy students recently visited East Georgia Regional Medical Center for an exciting Career Exploration Day, gaining firsthand insight into the wide range of opportunities available in the healthcare field. During the visit, students toured multiple departments, including emergency services, radiology, laboratory sciences, and patient care units. Hospital staff and administrators shared real-world perspectives on the skills, education, and professionalism required to succeed in today's medical careers. Students asked questions, observed daily operations, and learned how different roles work together to provide high-quality patient care. The experience helped them see how classroom learning connects directly to future career pathways and gave them a clearer understanding of the many options within the healthcare industry. EDGE CCA's partnership with East Georgia Regional Medical Center continues to strengthen workforce readiness and inspire students to explore high-demand, high-impact careers in their own community.



CAREER EXPLORATION DAY IN EMANUEL COUNTY

Students from EDGE College and Career Academy recently participated in Career Exploration Day, visiting local businesses to learn more about careers connected to their programs of study. The event gave students the opportunity to see firsthand how the skills they are learning at EDGE apply in real-world settings.

Through tours, demonstrations, and conversations with industry professionals, students gained valuable insight into career paths in fields such as advanced manufacturing at Nordson Corporation, Cosmetology at Changes/Merle Norman, Shades of Beauty, and Southern Gents, and Health Science at Emanuel Medical Center. Local employers shared advice on workplace expectations, job opportunities, and the importance of technical and soft skills.

Career Exploration Day helps strengthen the connection between education and local industry, ensuring students are prepared for success after graduation while building partnerships that support workforce development in our community.

"EDGE CCA: Where Effort Meets Opportunity."

EDGE CCA Instructor & Student of the Month



Congratulations to our EDGE College and Career Academy Instructor and Student of the Month! Both come from our Cosmetology Pathway.

These two shine in the salon every day — demonstrating skill, creativity, and professionalism that set the standard for excellence at EDGE.

We're proud to celebrate their hard work and dedication to success in the Cosmetology Pathway!

Instructor of the Month: Ms. Daniela Avendano Hernandez

Ms. Daniela Avendano Hernandez is recognized for her dedication to student success and her passion for teaching.

She consistently goes above and beyond to help students build confidence, develop technical skills, and prepare for careers beyond the classroom.

Student of the Month: Ke'Daysia Smith

Ke'Daysia stands out for her hard work, positive attitude, and commitment to excellence. She demonstrates professionalism, creativity, and a strong desire to learn each day—setting a great example for her classmates and representing EDGE CCA with pride.