



Good News Report

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Transylvania County Schools
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Davidson River School's Tamika Hunter Recognized for Her Work

Communities In Schools of NC's *Jobs for North Carolina Graduates* (JNCG), provides vulnerable high school juniors and seniors with academic and social/emotional support, employability skills training, and guidance for one year after graduation. Each JNCG classroom is headed up by a college and career specialist, who helps students overcome barriers and make it to the graduation stage. At Davidson River School, JNCG college and career specialist Tamika Hunter recently received national recognition with the JNCG "5 of 5" Award. This award recognizes that Hunter's outcomes are exceptional, with 100% of her 2021 seniors graduating from high school this year despite facing obstacles such as low-income households, single-parent homes, WiFi connectivity issues, or housing insecurity. JNCG programs are proven to work with the majority of students graduating and entering college or the workforce:

- 95% of JNCG seniors graduated in 2021.
- 62% of JNCG students are working part-time or full-time while attending high school.
- 51% of JNCG graduates go directly into the workforce or the military after graduation.
- 10% of JNCG students attend community college or university after graduation.



LET'S GO Boys and Girls STEM Program Expansion at TC Henderson

The STEM program that T. C. Henderson School of Science & Technology piloted last year with the non-profit LET'S GO Boys and Girls, Inc., will be expanded this year to grades 3-5. LET'S GO works to break the cycle of poverty by partnering with schools and youth organizations to establish high-quality, "hands on, minds on" informal STEM programs for youth in under-resourced communities.

The program budget for the 2021-2022 school year is \$29,250, all of which will be funded by volunteer donations.



Thank you as always to the Transylvania County Sheriff's Office and our SRO for tonight's meeting.



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