Four New College and Career Academies Awarded with Check Presentations

ATLANTA - Representatives from four new College and Career Academies joined Lt. Governor Casey Cagle in Atlanta today for an awarded check presentation on their behalf. The College and Career Academies represented were Hart County College and Career Academy, Polk County College and Career Academy, Griffin Area College and Career Academy and Hutchings College and Career Academy. Each College and Career Academy will be a part of the College and Career Academy Network backed by the Technical College System of Georgia.

“As Lt. Governor, I am committed to providing every student in Georgia access to a college and career academy. Their proven success at providing our children the relevant, job-related skills they need is more important than ever in the 21st Century economy,” said Lt. Governor Casey Cagle.

Because of Cagle’s initiative, there are currently a total of 33 college and career academies in Georgia. Students from different college and career academies across the state enjoy graduation rates in the high ninetieth percentile and 100% post-secondary or job placement rates.

College and Career Academies, an initiative of Lt. Governor Casey Cagle, partner local school systems with the state’s technical colleges, other post-secondary institutions, and local businesses, enabling the development of high school and college-level programs that train students for quality, in-demand jobs. Students find that the academies’ challenging, hands-on programs provide greater relevancy and value which not only lead to higher graduation rates, but also employment. The specified training for students is attractive to area businesses and communities prosper from the highly-trained and skilled workforce. Businesses have found that partnering with the college and career academies provides a qualified and prepared workforce.

The Four New College and Career Academies are listed below with their funding amounts.

- $2.11 million in College and Career Academy funding for the Griffin Area County College and Career Academy, a partnership between the Butts, Pike and Spalding County School Systems and Southern Crescent Technical College.
- $3.11 million in College and Career Academy funding for the Hutchings College and Career Academy, a partnership between the Bibb County School System and Central Georgia Technical College.
- $2.11 million in College and Career Academy funding for the Hart County College and Career Academy, a partnership between the Hart County School System and Athens Technical College.
- $3.11 million in College and Career Academy funding for the Polk County College and Career Academy, a partnership between the Polk County School System and Georgia Northwestern Technical College.