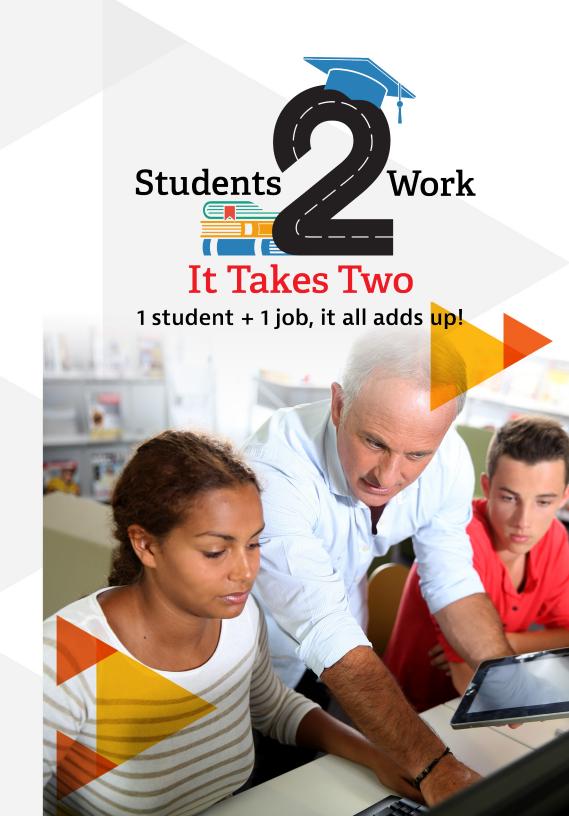


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## **MISSION**

The Student Workforce Committee is a sub-committee of the Business Education Advisory Council (BEAC). Our mission is to provide 250 high school students with opportunities to gain valuable hands-on work experience in local businesses within the metro Augusta area. This committee serves as an advocate for public education by helping to ensure a superior and competitive future workforce.

## BEAC's Workforce Committee

Fran Forehand (Chair)  $\cdot$  Georgia Power VP

Dave Brendza · ADP

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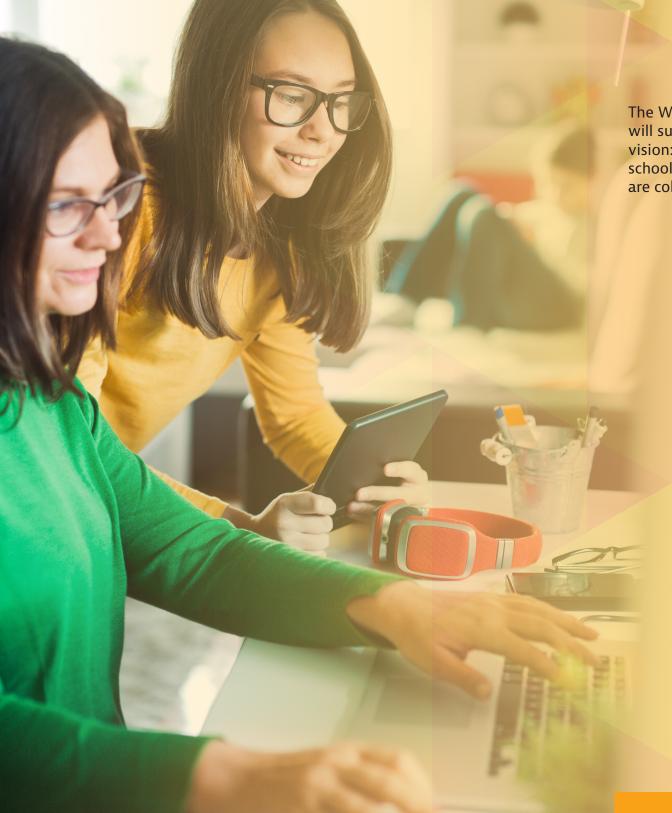
Dr. Lisa Palmer · Augusta Technical College

Rich Henderson · Jani-King

Steven Kendrick  $\cdot$  Richmond County Tax Commissioner

DeMargo Lewis · Richmond County BOE





The Workplace Learning Initiative (Students2Work) will support the Richmond County School System's vision: to create a world-class, globally competitive school system where all students will graduate and are college/career ready. Our internships will:

## **GOALS**

- Improve student achievement and school attendance
- Reduce discipline-related issues
- Develop next-generation leaders
- Enable students to explore career options
- Provide networking opportunities
- Guide career paths
- · Enhance resume
- Provide mentors

# **BUSINESS BENEFITS**

- Gain fresh ideas
- Enhance recruitment
- Meet organization needs
- Develop future workforce
- · Increase company profile
- Strengthen community
   awareness of the company's brand
- Help students become employable and better citizens



"My summer internship at the Augusta Metro Chamber has provided me with great skills that will help me in any workplace. I learned many valuable lessons, participated in volunteer community events, interviewed local business leaders, and conducted research on different topics to help improve the Chamber."

Nicholas Koenig/ AR Johnson High School



"Internships provide students with workplace experiences that are invaluable when deciding on what they want to do with their lives. The opportunity to learn about a career and its day-to-day responsibilities can be the difference for some students. Providing students with opportunities is satisfying as an employer when you think of the impact you are having on a young life. Students learn about real -life work experiences from the employer each day and employers sometimes get a good look at potential workers who may want to return later to full-time work. It can be a great situation for both."

Steven Kendrick/ Richmond County Tax Commissioner



"My summer internship at Georgia Power Company was a great opportunity because I was given real-world experience, instead of just learning theory, while earning money."

Tobias Patterson/ Richmond County Technical Career Magnet School



"Internships are an all-around win. They are placed in a real environment that naturally allows them to develop their business etiquette and soft skills. Employers have an opportunity to develop the next generation by stimulating work ethic and coaching young talent, while utilizing additional resources to accomplish business goals. For each intern that you host, you move mountains within our community and within people's lives. You will recover financial investment through production."



"Internships are important for students because it provides an opportunity to learn industry specific skills that may not be taught in a classroom. Internships for the upcoming generation of students provides an opportunity of transition from youth to adulthood."

Kaitlyn Mills/ Davidson Fine Arts School



"Intern programs are beneficial for the intern, the company and the community. At the base level, the intern develops skills, the company builds morale and creates strong leaders, and the community workforce is enhanced as a whole. A company will benefit from an internship program if it is a priority

for the business, structured, and provides students with the supervision they need to be successful. The experience and benefits far outweigh the cost."

Michele Haynes/ Whole Life MINISTRIES

Lennie Brame/ Georgia Power Company