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Halifax County Schools is pleased to announce the resounding success of the Halifax County Schools College & Career Symposium, held in partnership with the esteemed Epsilon Sigma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated. The event, which took place on January 25, 2024, saw enthusiastic participation from students and educators alike, marking a significant milestone in fostering academic and professional opportunities for the youth of Halifax and surrounding counties.

The Symposium, a collaborative effort between Halifax County Schools and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, attracted students from various educational institutions, including Halifax County Early College, Southeast Collegiate Prep Academy, Northwest Collegiate & Technical Academy, Rocky Mount Prep, and North Edgecombe High School. Their presence underscored the event's importance in providing comprehensive resources and guidance for the future endeavors of our youth. Dr. LaVonne McClain, Director of Secondary Education and CTE, states, “We are thrilled to extend an invitation to other schools within our region as we work together to help students determine their paths after graduation to become successful global residents as aligned with our district's vision”.

With over 25 colleges and career vendors in attendance, the Symposium offered diverse opportunities for students to explore higher education pathways and career options. From informative classroom sessions to engaging discussions with representatives from esteemed institutions, attendees gained valuable insights into their prospective academic and professional journeys.



Bobbie Clark, planning committee member, states, “The Halifax County Schools College Fair and Career Symposium, in partnership with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was a vital



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educational and career-enhancing endeavor for all students who attended. This event aided students in selecting or considering colleges or the career path they wanted to pursue. This program served to educate, inspire, invigorate, and motivate high school students in eastern North Carolina to continue their prospective educational goals and employment opportunities. Kudos to all the colleges/universities, agencies, organizations, and vendors that were present, and the Halifax County Schools College Fair and Career Symposium Planning Committee for making this a successful event”.



One of the highlights of the event was the provision of on-the-spot college acceptance and scholarships, offering students immediate opportunities to further their education without delay. This tangible support reflects the commitment of Halifax County Schools and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated to empower students with the resources they need to succeed in their academic pursuits.

"We are thrilled to see the overwhelming response to the Halifax County Schools College & Career Symposium," said Dr. Eric Cunningham, Superintendent of Halifax County Schools.

"This collaborative effort with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated has truly made a difference in the lives of our students, providing them with invaluable resources and opportunities as they chart their paths towards higher education and career success."



Halifax County Schools extends its appreciation to its Student Support Services team and the Epsilon Sigma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated for their partnership and dedication to empowering the youth of Halifax County. "We are happy to see the overwhelming support from the vendors, colleges, and each individual that made this day possible. Epsilon Sigma Lambda Chapter of Alpha

Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. is excited to see what the future brings as we continue to strive for academic excellence", stated James Middleton on behalf of the chapter. Together, they remain committed to nurturing a culture of academic excellence and equipping students with the tools they need to thrive in an ever-evolving world.