



Shining a light on the Amazing Things happening at Rock Hill Adult Education



The Rock Hill Workforce Development & Adult Education Program presented at the School District Board Meeting on February 11th. We highlighted our success so far this school year, introduced our staff, and forecasted the future of the Program.





Rock Hill Workforce
Development & Adult
Education Program coming
together in the month of
LOVE, to create an inclusive
and supportive environment
that allows students to





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# WHAT'S NEW AT THE VIEW

The Team that makes it all come together...

Mrs. Shanell Wilkes, Assistant Director



Mrs. Wilkes is an amazing leader and catalyst of many of the initiatives and collaborations that we engage in. She is an experienced educator with 25 years of supporting students to reach their optimum success. Mrs. Wilkes was previously the Program Coordinator before being named the Assistant Director. Her passion for connecting all stakeholders to the teaching and learning process, while helping our students who seek career advancement is unmatched. When Mrs. Wilkes isn't working hard, she takes time to read, write, travel, and enjoy the quality time she has with her own family and friends.

Mrs. Nicole Jordan, GED Teacher Mrs. Jordan is that "Harbor of Hope" teacher that can motivate, nurture, and inspire students to achieve even when they aren't confident in themselves. She has been teaching here at Rock Hill Workforce & Development and Adult Education for 17 years. Twelve of those years she served as a Special Education Teacher. Mrs. Jordan is currently an Adult Basic Education Teacher, who teaches Math, Social Studies, and Reading Language Arts. She is usually that last stop for students as they progress to taking their General Education Diploma (GED) Subtests. Outside of the classroom you can find Mrs. Jordan enjoying the great outdoors. She is an avid camper who truly enjoys nature, and

spending time with her family.



"Don't sit down and wait for the opportunities to come. Get up and make them." — Madam C.J. Walker





#### Mrs. Kelly Lynah, Data and Assessment Coordinator



Mrs. Lynah is absolutely essential to our program. Her contribution to our success is priceless. Mrs. Lynah has been a part of this amazing team since 2010, as our Data and Assessment Coordinator. Her work has been recognized by the state when she was honored as the South Carolina Adult Education Paraprofessional/Administrative Assistant of the Year, in the 2022-2023 SY. Mrs. Lynah gets to know each student very well and she is often that last person they interact with before and after they assess. She is always doing what she can to support their goals. When Mrs. Lynah takes time to herself, she loves to read, spend time with family and friends, explore, and most of all thrift for furniture to refurbish.

### Mrs. Linda Rushing, CCN (Career and College Navigator)

Mrs. Rushing is the "Swiss Army Knife" of our team. She participates in every aspect of a student's journey through our program, from orientation to credentialing to post graduate decisions. Mrs. Rushing is an experienced educator with over 36 years in workforce development, seventeen of which has been with Rock Hill Workforce Development & Adult Education. Mrs. Rushing uses her skills in career counseling to guide our students towards reaching their goals and realizing their potential. When Mrs. Rushing is away from the program she simply likes being at home with family, reading, exercising, and enjoying the outdoors.









Mrs. Kellie Conner, GED Teacher



Mrs. Conner is a dynamic educator who has been moving students and helping them to achieve for the past 27 years. She has been working with adults here at Rock Hill Workforce Development and Adult Education for the last 3 years. Mrs. Conner has a love for Science that makes it come alive for our students and prepares them to excel as they pursue their credential. She teaches Science and middle-level math. Her work builds that foundation our students need to matriculate through the Math and Science curriculum. Outside of the classroom she finds so much joy in warm summer days relaxing outdoors, swimming, walking, and/or reading.

#### Mrs. Dorothy Whitmire, ESL Teacher

Mrs. Whitmire has had a rewarding and diverse career in education! She has enjoyed her experience teaching ESL to adults, especially those from various backgrounds and professions. Her tireless work pays off when she sees her students' success and progress, helping them improve their English skills to pursue further education or better job opportunities.

Mrs. Whitmire's career started as an elementary special needs teacher and teacher supervisor, which shaped her passion for teaching. Her experience in China and her certification through TEACH INTERNATIONAL further highlight her dedication to supporting non-native speakers.

Away from school Mrs. Whitmire enjoys singing in her church choir and volunteering at the Billy Graham Library.







February was another amazing month filled with student success! Several students rang the BELL of Accomplishment and Completion. Now they are ready to SOAR...

"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it ids faced." James Baldwin

2/3/2025

Aylin Blas Quiroz - passed the Math GED Subtest
Norma Carrillo - passed the Science GED Subtest
Barbara Robinson - earned an MSG by passing the Math GED
Subtest and Graduated!

"Believe in yourself, learn, and never stop wanting to build a better world." — Mary McLeod Bethune







2/4/2025

**Breon Love** - earned an MSG by passing the Science GED Subtest

Isabella Martinez - made an ESL MSG with a Posttest

Johnathan Lopez - earned an MSG by passing the Math GED

Subtest

Breezi Hughes - earned a level 3 WRC

2/10/2025

**Breon Love** - passed the Social Studies GED Subtest **Dwight Cousar** - made an MSG by passing a Posttest

2/11/2025

Jah Shakur - made an MSG by passing a Posttest

Alexis Jones - made an MSG by passing the Social Studies GED

Subtest

Litzy Rivera - made an ESL MSG with a Posttest Lisa Barnes - made an MSG by passing a Posttest

2/18/2025

**Breon Love** - passed the Reading Language Arts GED Subtest **Sheena Williams** -made an MSG by passing the Reading

Language Arts GED Subtest and **Graduated!** 



**Brenda Garcia** -passed the Math GED Subtest

**Elena Moreno** -made an MSG by passing the Social Studies GED

Subtest





2/19/2025

Alexis Jones - passed the Reading Language Arts GED Subtest Maria Quiroz - made an ESL MSG with a Posttest

2/24/2025

Ana Balderrama made an ESL MSG with a Posttest

Brenda Garcia passed the Reading Language Arts GED Subtest and Graduated!



**Breezi Hughes** -made an MSG by passing the Science GED Subtest

2/25/2025
De'Onte Cloud-Cruz - earned a level 3 WRC
Saiye Golden - earned a level 3 WRC
LJ Williams - earned a level 4 WRC
Lee White - earned a level 4 WRC
Christian Hope - earned a level 3 WRC







2/26/2025
Chryslaine Rogers - passed the Science GED Subtest

2/27/2025 Henry Gamboa-Cruz - earned a level 4 WRC Alexis Jones - earned a level 3 WRC

**Breon Love** - passed the Math GED Subtest and <u>**Graduated**!</u>



**Terry Pullin** - passed the Math GED Subtest and **Graduated**!



"From what we get, we can make a living; what we give, however, makes a life." — Arthur Ashe







Mr. Gaither took part in an incredible event on Thursday, February 27th at Bonnie Cone Leadership Academy. He was one of the panelists who shared insight about workforce development. Opportunities like this are what make education truly powerful, not just teaching students, but exposing them to real-world possibilities and career pathways.

At Rock Hill Workforce Development and Adult Education Program we love our Leaders, Teachers, and Students.

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars, to change the world." — Harriet Tubman