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2014 S.C. COLLEGE APPLICATION MONTH OPENS:

EVENTS TO BE HELD FROM SEPTEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education is pleased to announce the start of the College Application Month season. During the months of September - November, high schools across the state will host College Application events to assist students with the college application process. The goal of College Application Month is to provide a forum for all South Carolina seniors to complete and file college applications while receiving the assistance and resources they need to successfully access higher education. College admission personnel from our local colleges will assist in these local school events. This program has the opportunity to provide one-on-one college application assistance to over 40,000 high school seniors statewide with the potential to complete over 63,000 college applications.

Myrtle Beach High School kicked off college application events by recognizing Myrtle Beach High School's College Application Day with an official proclamation at the City Council meeting on September 9, 2014. Businesses in the Waccamaw community will be placing College Application Day messages of encouragement and congratulations on marquees, as well as donating door prizes and refreshments. Myrtle Beach High School Guidance Counselor Cookie Goings, with support from Principal John Washburn, will host an evening event on September 23rd. Ms. Goings, stated, "Here at Myrtle Beach High, the question is not 'IF' our students are going to college, rather it's WHERE are they going? There is an expectation for them to go and our entire guidance team, administration, faculty and staff, and our Seahawk family share this feeling!"

As the Regional Education Center Coordinator for the Waccamaw region, Eileen Patonay stated, "College Application Day shines a light on our students in the Waccamaw region and throughout South Carolina on being College and Career Ready. Myrtle Beach High School has successfully turned College Application Day into a community event. College representatives will attend, offering application fee waivers, and all Seahawk seniors and their families will join in a barbecue provided by Partners in Education. The support from Partners in Education is appreciated. Our educated students are helping to support and grow our economy. Together, we are making a difference."

For more information and a schedule of events to be held across South Carolina, please visit www.sccango.org.

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE) serves as the state's coordinating board for higher education. Its mission is to promote quality and efficiency in the state system of higher education with the goal of fostering economic growth and human development in South Carolina. Information about current activities of CHE and higher education in South Carolina can be found on the agency's website: www.che.sc.gov