

## Superintendent Michael Freeman Selected 2017-2018 Sandhills Superintendent of the Year

### ACS Board of Education members support Superintendent Freeman

While participating in the annual North Carolina Schools Boards Association Conference, several board members and colleagues attended a reception honoring Anson County School Superintendent Michael Freeman for being selected as the 2017-18 Sandhills Superintendent of the Year.

Mr. Freeman was also recognized during the awards ceremony at this event.



## High School Selection Events Coming Up

There will be a Parent Forum for eighth grade parents, guardians and students about high school selection 2018 on Tuesday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. at Anson Middle School.

There will be an Open House for eighth grade parents, guardians and students about high school selection 2018 on Thursday, March 8 at the following schools:

- Anson Academy, 4 to 7 p.m.
- Anson Early College, 4 to 7 p.m.
- Anson High School, 4 to 7 p.m.



## Deloris Covington Named Rocky River Conference Coach of the Year

We want to congratulate Deloris Covington, EC Teacher/Behavior Support at Anson Academy, for being named 2018 Rocky River Conference Coach of the Year. Mrs. Covington and her coaching staff have done an excellent job helping the Anson High Varsity Girls Basketball team win the 2018 Rocky River Conference Tournament Championship. They were Co-Champs for the regular season also.

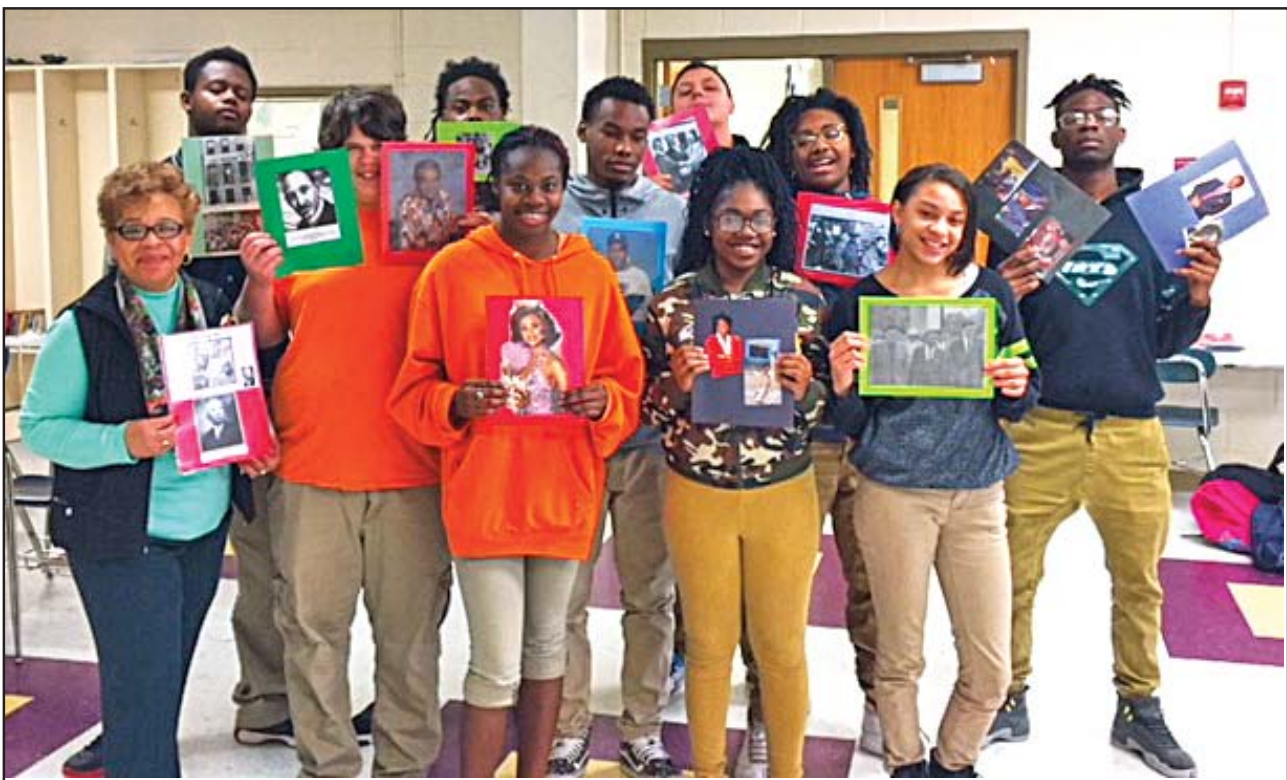
Anson Academy would like to take this time and recognize Mrs. Covington for the great work that she does at Anson Academy. She works with several students who require modifications and accommodations during daily instruction. She also works with students who display negative behavior.



## Anson Academy Students Learn About Significant Events and People During Black History Month

During Black History Month students at Anson Academy have been taking a look at some little-known but significant events and people in black history. A few of the topics were:

- Carter Woodson, the father of black history, was the second African American ever to earn a doctorate degree from the prestigious Harvard University in 1912.
- Madam C. J. Walker, born with the name of Sarah Breedlove, was the first black female self-made millionaire.
- Bessie Coleman was the first African American woman to become a pilot.
- Cheyney University in Pennsylvania was the first of the historically black colleges and universities (HCBUs), established in 1837.



## Anson County Early College Students Complete the Certified Nursing Assistant I Program

Anson County Early College Students recently completed the Certified Nursing Assistant I Program through South Piedmont Community College. This is the first group of Early College students who have completed the program, and we are very proud of their accomplishments.

The students who completed the program are Kiantie Clark, Emily Dalrymple, Juacara Diggs, Avah Gardelle, Kathryn McRae, Keeley Pope, Kaytlin Teal and Kaylee Wess. These students plan to continue their studies at a four year university in the fall and are interested in pursuing a career in nursing or another medical-related field.

To meet program requirements students had to complete classroom coursework hours and clinical hours at a skilled nursing facility. Once the students completed the coursework and clinical hours they were eligible to take the Nursing Assistant I State Exam, and upon successful completion of the exam they can get a job as a Certified Nursing Assistant.

Kathryn McRae (pictured at right), one of the students who completed this program, currently has a job as a Certified Nursing Assistant at an assisted living facility. This is a great experience for her before she goes to a four year university in the fall to further her education in nursing. Several nursing programs across the country now require students to have their Certified Nursing Assistant requirements met before applying to nursing school. This is just another way we are helping to further our student's education before going onto a four year university.



## “Preparing Students for College Success Orientation” at Anson County Early College

On Friday, February 9 Anson County Early College and South Piedmont Community College held their first annual “Preparing Students for College Success Orientation” for all ninth graders. This event was organized by Ms. Marian Teachey who serves as the Early College Coordinator for the Anson campus and Ms. Katrina McLain who serves as the Early College Coordinator for the Union campus.

Ninth graders enrolled at Anson Early College begin their first college course during the second semester of their freshman year, therefore it is very important that students are familiar with the services available to them at South Piedmont Community College.



The purpose of this event was to introduce ninth grade students to individuals, procedures and policies related to South Piedmont Community College. Dr. Maria Pharr, the President of South Piedmont Community College, welcomed students and shared with them her excitement for the opportunities available to Early College students. Throughout the day students learned about the requirements for an Associate's Degree, counseling services offered by SPCC, safety procedures and campus security, the academic and honors programs, as well as tutoring services offered by the Academic Support Center.

The students were provided with information packets and t-shirts from the program. They expressed enthusiasm for the journey that lies before them in both their college and high school experiences. Ninth grade student Abigail Gano stated, “The program was highly informative, and I had a lot of fun while learning all about college coursework.” Anson County Early College staff and South Piedmont Community College staff are dedicated to helping Early College students navigate through their educational journey. We look forward to having this event for first year Early College students for years to come!