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## ***Media Release***

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Expeditions Signing Day puts students in Troup County to work**

LaGrange, Ga., – May 10, 2022 – During the 5th annual Expeditions Signing Day, 27 high school students signed on for Work-Based Learning opportunities.

There were 14 employers this year that will recruit, train, and employ students and prepare them to have the skills needed to have a successful career after high school.

Held at the Callaway Conference Center, each employer partner commented on why they chose to participate in Expeditions and what they have planned for their new student hires this summer and for the 2022-2023 school year.

In March, students were invited to attend informational sessions where they were able to meet and learn more about their potential employers. They next had to apply and submit an application. There were 350 applicants, 80 students were interviewed. 27 of them were hired with one of the 14 companies.

Expeditions is a work based learning program aimed at connecting students to careers in manufacturing, healthcare and business. In the beginning, Expeditions were only offered to THINC Academy students but has since expanded to all students in the Troup County School System.

87% of students in Expeditions stay in the job at least one year after high school.

\*\*\*Pictures attached in Google Drive link\*\*\*

#### **Business**

CHICK-FIL-A

Katie Barnes (THINC), Team Member

GREAT WOLF LODGE

Andreyia Gilliam (THS), Attractions  
James Johnson (CHS/THINC), Food & Beverage  
Caniya Poythress (CHS/THINC), Food & Beverage **(Not pictured)**  
Taliyah Stenson (CHS/THINC), Food & Beverage **(Not pictured)**

#### KIMBLE'S FOOD BY DESIGN

Anja McCord (CHS/THINC), Catering Assistant

#### LaGRANGE/TROUP COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Jayla Tigner (CHS), Intern **(Not pictured)**

#### THINC MARKETING - SPARK

Janae' Johnson (LHS/THINC), Team Member  
Wesley Davidson (THS/THINC), Team Member

### **Healthcare**

#### CHILDRESS DENTAL CENTER

Madison Staples (LHS/THINC), Dental Intern

#### THINC HEALTHCARE

Alexis Miley (THS/THINC), Healthcare Lab Technician

#### TROUP COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM HEALTH SERVICES

Bianca Holliman-Graves (LHS/THINC), School Nurse Apprentice

#### WELLSTAR

Lauren Burgess (LHS/THINC), Care Partner Assistant  
Bethany Cullwell (THS/THINC), Care Partner Assistant  
Kyleigh Kurian (THS/THINC), Care Partner Assistant  
Waylan McRae (CHS/THINC), Care Partner Assistant  
Janiya Pitts (THS/THINC), Care Partner Assistant  
Shelby Thompson (CHS/THINC), Care Partner Assistant

### **Manufacturing**

#### DURACELL

Austin Cooley (CHS), Manufacturing Apprentice **(Not pictured)**

#### HYUNDAI TRANSYS POWERTRAIN

Jonah Miller (THINC), Manufacturing Quality Team Apprentice

#### KIA GEORGIA, INC.

Christian Sizemore (THS/THINC), Engineering/Maintenance Apprentice  
Myles Davis (CHS/THINC), Engineering/Maintenance Apprentice  
Aaliya Connally (LHS/THINC), Healthcare

Armani Harris (CHS/THINC), Manufacturing/Quality  
Oni Smith (LHS/THINC), Marketing/Public Relations **(Not pictured)**  
MOBIS  
Calvin Williams (CHS/THINC), Maintenance WBL Student

#### WEILER FORESTRY

Brandon Dean (CHS/THINC), Assembly/Engineering **(Not pictured)**

#### **About Troup County School System**

Troup County School System is an accredited educational system with over 12,100 students in grades K-12. TCSS does offer a free Pre-K program at each elementary school. The system is comprised of eleven elementary schools, three middle schools, three high schools, one college and career academy, and one alternative learning center. Students within the school system are taught a rigorous and relevant curriculum that helps them make college and career choices beyond graduation and succeed in life. The system 2021 graduation rate is 85.9 percent. To learn more about the Troup County School System, visit [troup.org](http://troup.org) and the Troup County School System Facebook page.

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