

# DeKalb County Tech Center Wins Pacesetter Award

*Center honored for building business and community partnerships that engage students in career and college exploration*

*July 11, 2018* – The DeKalb County Technical Center in Rainsville, Alabama, won a Gene Bottoms Pacesetter School Award from the Southern Regional Education Board. DCTC was honored at SREB’s 32nd Annual High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference on July 11 in Orlando, Florida.

Pacesetter School Awards recognize schools that use HSTW key practices to transform teaching and learning and motivate students to succeed in college, careers and life. With support from an Alabama State Department of Education career coaching effort, DCTC’s counselors are partnering with business, community and postsecondary partners to educate students and parents about careers.

DCTC’s innovative career exploratory experiences include a Citizen Soldier Career Expo sponsored by the Army National Guard, which maintains a satellite facility at the center. DCTC also partners with the City of Rainsville, the DeKalb County Office of Economic Development, Auburn University, Jacksonville State University, Northeast Alabama Community College and the University of Alabama.

The High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference brings together educators from schools that have implemented the instructional strategies of SREB’s school improvement programs. These schools have increased focus on career and technical education by redesigning assignments around projects that often involve both academic and career pathway classes.

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