

## South Carolina STEM Teacher Honored by SREB

*July 14, 2017* – Patrick Smallwood of the Center for Advanced Technical Studies in Chapin, South Carolina, received the Excellence in Action Award for Outstanding Advanced Career Teacher from the Southern Regional Education Board at the 31st Annual High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, on July 12.

Smallwood is committed to encouraging his students, the next generation of STEM professionals, to confront the nation's energy challenges. Projects in the AC Clean Energy curriculum, which he teaches, blend rigorous, contextual learning in a manner that promotes student engagement and allows multiple opportunities for student success. His students have been recognized for their work, with one student named 2016 Young Innovator of the Year.

SREB's Advanced Career pathway programs prepare students for both college and career. The High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference brings together educators from schools that have implemented the instructional strategies of SREB 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.

*The Southern Regional Education Board works with states and educators to improve public education at every level, from early childhood through postsecondary education.*

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