

Anderson Five Career Campus Wins Pacesetter Award

School honored for engaging students in quality instruction aligned with grade-level standards

July 10, 2019 — Anderson Five Career Campus in Anderson, South Carolina, is the winner of a 2019 Gene Bottoms Pacesetter School Award from the Southern Regional Educational Board. Anderson Five was honored at SREB's Making Schools Work Conference on July 10 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Pacesetter School Awards recognize schools that are implementing one of SREB's Making Schools Work school improvement frameworks and are achieving success in meeting bold goals related to increases in student graduation rates, readiness for college or careers, and credential attainment.

Anderson Five implemented Technology Centers That Work, SREB's school improvement design for technology centers, in 2013. The center's goal was to increase relevant and challenging CTE assignments and embed rigorous college- and career-readiness literacy instruction in classrooms. In 2016, the center also began implementing SREB's Teaching to Lead teacher preparation program for new CTE teachers entering the classroom after successful careers in business and industry. Teaching to Lead builds the capacity of new teachers to plan instruction, engage students, manage classrooms and create standards-driven assessments.

Quality instruction has transformed the Anderson Five campus. Seniors completing a CTE program of study increased their reading language arts scores from 65 percent in 2013 to 89 percent in 2016 and increased their math scores from 58 percent to 88 percent over the same period. In 2016-17, 99 percent of seniors graduated on time.

The Making School Work Conference brings together educators from schools that are implementing the instructional strategies of SREB's school improvement programs. These schools have increased their focus on quality career and technical education by redesigning assignments around projects that integrate academic and technical knowledge and skills.

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