USC Salkehatchie CONNECTS

Inside: College Tips and Campus Info
PLUS profiles of local students
Are You Concerned About Choosing the College That’s Right for You?

LOCATION
USC Salkehatchie offers you a college education close to home. We have campuses in Allendale and Walterboro.

SIZE
Would you prefer a small college with a friendly atmosphere? The faculty to student ratio at USC Salkehatchie is 1:16.

COST SAVINGS
You can save money by commuting from home to USC Salkehatchie, where there are no residence hall or meal plan costs.

SUPPORT
In addition to the caring faculty, our Opportunity Scholars Program can help with services such as counseling, study skills, tutoring, and disability assistance.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
The campus is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is part of the University of South Carolina. Our faculty all have graduate degrees in their fields of expertise, with 70% having doctoral degrees. They actively participate in both teaching and academic research.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
We offer enrichment activities year-round, from campus athletic programs and student government, to events such as dances, quiz bowl competitions, and fun days.

OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE
You can complete the first two years of coursework for degrees offered by the University of South Carolina. Transitioning to USC Columbia to complete a four-year degree is easy, and credits earned are transferable to other colleges and universities. USC Salkehatchie awards Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees. A bachelor's degree in Elementary Education is available in partnership with USC Aiken. Partnerships with USC Columbia make a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies, Organizational Leadership, Nursing, or Technology Support and Training Management another excellent option for those who need to stay in the area while earning a degree.

AFFORDABILITY
USC Salkehatchie offers affordable tuition and participates in federal and state financial aid programs. We also have scholarship programs for qualifying students.

SCHOLARSHIPS
You are eligible for academic scholarships if you scored 1000 or higher on the SAT or graduated in the top 10 percent of your class. Contact our Financial Aid office for more information.

LEARN in small class settings taught by University of South Carolina faculty.

EARN the first two years of basic degree requirements at USC Salkehatchie, then move to a four-year USC campus to complete your degree. The credits you earn at USC Salkehatchie also transfer to other four-year colleges and universities. Or, complete one of the four-year programs offered by a sister USC campus without ever leaving Salkehatchie.

Attending USC Salkehatchie for the first two years of college could SAVE you about $20,000 in tuition cost, housing, and meals.

USC Salkehatchie offers you the opportunity to earn basic degree requirements for a fraction of the cost. Four-year colleges and universities charge the same tuition rate for basic courses as they do for higher-level courses. Why not attend USC Salkehatchie to earn those basic requirements, and save your money for the first two years? Not only will you save money on tuition, but you will save money on housing and meal plans.

We want you to get the most for your money, whether you are paying by scholarship, financial aid, or out of pocket.

Attending USC Salkehatchie allows you to experience college in a friendly, helpful atmosphere, while building a foundation that will help you succeed when you leave us.

Take a look at the chart below to see the difference in savings USC Salkehatchie offers you.

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Figures are based on 2008-2009 in-state tuition and fees for USC Salkehatchie, and 2008-2009 reported in-state tuition, housing, and meals at other universities in South Carolina. Books are not included. Full-time enrollment does not include summer classes.
Spotlight on Allendale County:

Victoria Ballard

Victoria Ballard never expected to become a college soccer player, but USC Salkehatchie Coach Bill Glass gave her that chance, plus the opportunity to start her academics as part of the USC family.

“I’m really glad I chose this campus as a way to move forward and get better prepared for college,” she says. Though she moved to Allendale County a few years ago, Victoria attended Barnwell County schools. Coach Glass recruited Victoria to play on the women’s soccer team after he learned that she ran track in high school.

“I had never played soccer before; I was a runner,” Victoria says, laughing. “But he said I would adapt well to soccer - and he was right!”

“We have had a lot of luck recruiting ladies for the soccer team who played softball or basketball or ran track in high school,” says Glass. “Victoria picked up the basics of soccer very quickly, and she was a big help to the team. She was very popular with the other girls on the team; they loved her calm but feisty personality.”

Victoria is a LIFE scholarship recipient who also received an Academic Competitiveness Grant, a federal award that recognizes students who complete a rigorous high school curriculum and maintain exemplary academic performance in college. Victoria chose to play soccer because she wanted to meet people and make new friends while working on her degree requirements. After spending a year and a half at Salkehatchie, Victoria is changing campus to USC Aiken, where she is pursuing a degree in social work. Originally, she intended to become a nurse, but she says the idea of working directly with young women and children who need her assistance appeals to her, especially since she has always been told she is good at listening and giving advice.

“When you’re in high school, teachers tell you what they want, and if you give them one piece of what they ask for, you do OK,” she says. “But in college, whatever they want you to do, they tell you, and then that’s exactly what you have to do, or it’s not enough. Attending here really has prepared me for what college will be like on a larger campus, and it’s helped me get on a straight path to do exactly what the professors want, and do it right.”

Spotlight on Hampton County:

Drayton Kinard

Despite being ranked third in his class with a competitive GPA upon graduating from Patrick Henry Academy, Drayton Kinard wanted to start college someplace small, where he was more than a number.

“I liked Salkehatchie because it was so close to home and affordable,” he says. “But I also felt like because of its size, it was a good transition from my small high school to this.”

He knew he could attend a campus that was part of the University of South Carolina, but at a fraction of the cost of starting at a four-year campus. Receiving the LIFE scholarship and a campus academic scholarship, the Dr. Luke Laffitte Endowed Scholarship, made the choice an even better option for this Brunson-area resident.

One aspect of college life he was surprised to find on this campus was the diverse student body, particularly those from outside the immediate region.

“The students are actually from all over South Carolina, and I’ve met people from overseas,” he says. “Outside of the classroom you learn stuff and pick up things from them that you might not otherwise. ... I had a class project on Australia, and I went and talked to one of the students here from Australia, and he helped me a lot, talked to me about his country.”

Drayton plans to make the most of the tie-in with the USC system and change campus to USC Beaufort to complete a bachelor’s degree in business. He believes Salkehatchie faculty have prepared him well for the challenges he will face at a four-year campus.

“All of my professors have been knowledgeable in their subjects, and I have learned a lot more from them than I knew coming out of high school,” says Drayton. “They are also really down to earth - they do not act like they are way better than you because they are professors, and they are always willing to help one-on-one, if needed.”

He benefited from the fact that his professors got to know him and his strengths well, when he was recommended to serve as a peer math tutor for the Opportunity Scholars Program. Drayton helped students improve their math skills, working on everything from basic math to college algebra.

“In addition to being an easy way for me to make some money, it got me involved, and I got to meet other students I wouldn’t have otherwise,” he says.
Ask anyone what sets USC Salkehatchie apart from other schools, and “the faculty” is one answer that likely will be in everyone’s top five answers.

Of course, the campus is convenient for local residents, part of the USC system, and a sound financial choice - but faculty members contribute to high campus academic standards, as well as to student success. Countless students mention the willingness of professors to help them through a difficult concept, and the interest they take in students, as a lifeline to help them through a difficult concept, and the interest they take in students, as a lifeline that helps those students reach their goals.

Kindness is not the only qualification our faculty members offer. They are also highly qualified, and on par with faculty found at larger universities. All faculty members have graduate degrees in the fields of expertise, 70% of them with a doctoral degree. Their degrees represent 85 institutions, among which are included many of the most well-respected colleges and universities in the world. Our faculty also conducts research and pursues grant funding for those research efforts. Often, faculty research provides opportunities for research experiences by our students. Publications by current faculty have been featured in diverse journals related to their fields of study, from juvenile justice to history, mathematical theories, and human and animal biorhythms.

USC Salkehatchie was established in 1965 as a regional center of the University of South Carolina as a result of local civic commitment initiated by residents from Allendale, Bamberg, and Hampton Counties who organized a movement to create a regional campus in 1964.

The General Assembly of South Carolina responded to this momentum by creating the Western Carolina Higher Education Commission.

Barnwell County joined the compact three years later, followed by Colleton County in 1984. For over 40 years, USC Salkehatchie has provided opportunities in higher education to thousands of students from the region and beyond. While the majority of students come from nearby counties, more national and international students are being drawn to the campus by the excellent educational and athletic opportunities available to students on this campus. As the campus has grown, so has its educational, cultural, and economic impact on the community.

Today, the campus boasts an internationally diverse faculty dedicated to providing quality educational experiences to students and serves as an educational hub for cultural and economic development of the region. About 1,000 students call USC Salkehatchie home each year.

A Brief History of Campus Development

Faculty Sets Tone for Success, Excellence

USC Salkehatchie students do well once they leave this campus, whether they transfer to another school or earn a degree here and leave for the workforce. In 2007-2008, more than 61% of Salkehatchie students were deemed successful using an internal success indicator, meaning they either graduated, transferred to another USC campus, or met requirements for transfer to another USC campus.

According to the S.C. Commission on Higher Education, Salkehatchie students complete their education at a higher rate than students from non-USC two-year institutions.

USC data also indicates that from 2005-2007, Salkehatchie transfers to USC Columbia had a better final, cumulative GPA than their counterparts from non-USC two-year schools, proving this campus is a great place to learn and an excellent springboard to baccalaureate education.

How Do Salkehatchie Students Perform?

USC Salkehatchie has a proud history of preparing students for future college work and a successful life post-college. Below are some alumni we consider notable because of their career progress and contributions to the community once they left our campus.

This is not a comprehensive list, but one that demonstrates the diversity of our students and their experiences.

Paula Harper Bethea - former chair of the S.C. Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of America; 2006 S.C. Chamber Business Leader of the Year

Danny Black - president of the Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance; former Barnwell County Councilman

Rita Bragg Cullum - graduate of USC School of Education, Salkehatchie students complete their education at a higher rate than students from non-USC two-year institutions.

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Salkehatchie Successes

H. Woodrow “Woody” Gooding - Allendale County attorney

Henri Mac Grant - Allendale County Auditor

Charlotte Heaton - former Colleton County Auditor; works with the S.C. Department of Revenue

LeBon Joyce - professional scout for the Atlanta Braves organization

Jay Lemacks - agent in charge in Colleton County for the S.C. Department of Probation and Parole

Tim Medlin - President of Welcome to the Big Leagues Baseball and Softball Academy in Columbia; former head baseball coach at Newberry College

Jerry Morris - director of the Barnwell County Museum

Walter “Wally” Pangalangan - owner of Walterboro Physical Therapy Works

Oliver Santos - drafted in 2009 by the Cincinnati Reds MLB organization

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### Elementary Education
The Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education program is conducted in partnership with USC Aiken. The core requirements are completed as USC Salkehatchie courses. Upper level courses can also be completed at USC Salkehatchie, but they are USC Aiken courses taught by USC Aiken faculty. You can complete the entire degree without ever leaving our campus. For more information, contact education advisor Buddy Phillips at 1-800-922-5500, ext. 128 or (843) 549-6314, ext. 346.

### Nursing
The Bachelor of Science in Nursing is conducted in partnership with the College of Nursing at USC Columbia. General education and lower-level courses (first two years) are completed as USC Salkehatchie courses. Upper-level nursing courses are offered on the USC Salkehatchie campus through USC Columbia, with most clinical practice in local hospitals and clinics. Students complete the first two years of pre-nursing courses, then apply to the upper division nursing program. For more information, contact nursing advisor Cindy McClure at 1-800-922-5500, ext. 261 or (843) 549-6314, ext. 370.

### Technology Support and Training Management
The Bachelor of Arts in Technology Support and Training Management is conducted in partnership with the College of Hospitality, Retail and Sports Management at USC Columbia. General education and lower-level courses (first two years) are completed at USC Salkehatchie. Upper-level courses are offered via distance education from the College of Hospitality, Retail and Sports Management. For more information, contact Jane Brewer at 1-800-922-5500, ext. 117 or 843-549-6314, ext. 301.

### Liberal Studies
The Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies program is conducted following a blended delivery method consisting of traditional classrooms, two-way video, and online courses taught by faculty members from USC Salkehatchie and the other regional campuses of the University of South Carolina. All courses can be taken at USC Salkehatchie. The degree is awarded by Continuing Education at USC Columbia. For more information, contact BLS advisors Dr. Roberto Refinetti at 1-800-922-5500 ext. 167 or 843-549-6314 ext. 323 or Professor Duncan McDowell at 1-800-922-5500 ext. 171 or 843-549-6314 ext. 324.

### Organizational Leadership
The Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership program is conducted following a blended delivery method consisting of traditional classrooms, two-way video, and online courses taught by faculty members from USC Salkehatchie and the other regional campuses of the University of South Carolina. All courses can be taken at USC Salkehatchie. The degree is awarded by Continuing Education at USC Columbia. For more information, contact BOL advisors Dr. Roberto Refinetti at 1-800-922-5500 ext. 167 or 843-549-6314 ext. 323 or Professor Duncan McDowell at 1-800-922-5500 ext. 171 or 843-549-6314 ext. 324.
Athletics Add Flavor to Salkehatchie Life

USC Salkehatchie competes in five sports through Region X of the National Junior College Athletic Association

USC Salkehatchie is much more than a fine place to learn ~ it’s also a wonderful place to make friends and experience other parts of college life, like sports. A number of athletes choose to start their college careers at USC Salkehatchie, and those students who aren’t part of a team are an important support system for the Indians athletic programs.

Some sports are centered on the West Campus in Allendale, and others on the East Campus in Walterboro, but teams include students who attend class at either location.

USC Salkehatchie Baseball
Baseball has a long tradition at USC Salkehatchie, and it returned to the campus in 2005, gaining strength with each season. The USC Salkehatchie baseball field is located in the athletic complex on the West Campus. Fall practice begins at the end of August. While there is an abbreviated fall game schedule, the official baseball season begins in February of each year. For more information, contact Coach Bubba Dorman at 1-800-922-5500, ext. 143.

USC Salkehatchie Softball
Softball came to USC Salkehatchie in Fall 2006, providing local young women with an opportunity to play college ball near home. The USC Salkehatchie softball field is located in the athletic complex on the West Campus. Tryouts are held in August, and the official softball season begins in the spring. For more information, contact Coach Mitch Smith at 1-800-922-5500, ext. 255.

USC Salkehatchie Soccer
Soccer is one of the newest additions to the Salkehatchie athletic family. Women’s soccer was added in Fall 2006, and men’s soccer in Fall 2007. The USC Salkehatchie men’s and women’s soccer field is located in the athletic complex on the West Campus. Soccer practice and seasons for both men and women begin in August. For more information, contact Coach Bill Glass at 1-800-922-5500, ext. 156.

USC Salkehatchie Men’s Basketball
Basketball returned to the campus in Fall 2007, after an absence of more than 10 years. The USC Salkehatchie men’s basketball team plays in the gym on the East Campus. The season begins in November. For more information, contact Coach Travis Garrett at 843-549-6314, ext. 316.

Be sure to check our athletics web site at www.uscsalkathletics.com for athletic schedules and stats.

Five intercollegiate sports are offered on the USC Salkehatchie campus - baseball, men’s soccer, women’s soccer, basketball, and softball. Members of the athletic teams train hard to make the Indians competitive in region play.
There are definite advantages to earning a college degree, whether you decide to earn a two-year associate’s degree, a four-year bachelor’s degree, or go even further into master’s or doctoral coursework.

Research has shown that on the average, the amount of money you earn throughout your life increases as your level of education grows. People with bachelor’s degrees earn about twice as much over their lifetimes as do their counterparts with only a high school diploma and half a million dollars more than those who complete only some college work, such as a certificate program.

In addition to the increased earning potential that comes with a college degree, there is the fact that many careers now require a college degree, four-year or higher, include: architects, lawyers, teachers, nurses, psychologists, accountants, and computer applications software engineers, and networks systems analysts. Other jobs you may be considering that generally require a college degree, four-year or higher, include: architect, lawyer, teacher, nurse, psychologist, accountant, and office manager.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics regularly produces a list of what will be the nation’s fastest-growing jobs over the next few years. Of the 10 fastest-growing jobs between now and 2016, 60% require a college degree, either an associate’s or higher. Some of those most promising careers include substance abuse and behavioral counselors, veterinarians and vet techs, personal financial advisors, computer applications software engineers, and networks systems analysts. Other jobs you may be considering that generally require a college degree, four-year or higher, include: architect, lawyer, teacher, nurse, psychologist, accountant, and office manager.

The Birth of a New Area of Interest
Katina says this campus has filled the needs she has as a non-traditional learner, and she knows it has assisted, ranging from tutoring and special seminars to educational trips, for students who need a little extra attention to make sure they succeed in college. Her involvement with OSP has led to a change in her personal educational direction. Katina is now enrolled in the Bachelor of Liberal Studies program offered by Salkehatchie professors and the benefits of smaller classes.

Non-traditional Student Spotlight: Katina O’Neal Brown
Katina O’Neal Brown was led to USC Salkehatchie by the recommendations of other people, the fact public school teachers she knew said this campus was a great place to learn and work on a degree in education. Katina was working then as a substitute teacher in Barnwell County’s Williston-Elko School District, and she says she was looking for a program that would allow her to pursue her bachelor’s degree in education, while balancing her responsibilities as a wife and mother.

She learned about the Elementary Education program offered on the Salkehatchie campus in partnership with USC Aiken, and her interest grew: “I visited some other schools and decided this campus was the right fit for me,” she says. “Salk is close enough to home to where if my kids need me, I can go, but I still get a university education.”

After spending some time in the education program, Katina was given the opportunity to begin working on campus as the administrative assistant for the Opportunity Scholars Program (OSP). OSP provides assistance, ranging from tutoring and special seminars to educational trips, for students who need a little extra attention to make sure they succeed in college. Her involvement with OSP has led to a change in her personal educational direction. Katina is now enrolled in the Bachelor of Liberal Studies program at Salkehatchie, a baccalaureate degree track that allows her to tailor her studies to a newly-discovered area of interest - career development and counseling.

“OSP is a great place to start, both for incoming freshmen and for anyone who has been out of the loop for awhile and may need some support,” she says. “We have all the resources to help them reach academic success here at Salkehatchie, even if that just means someone to talk through things with them.”

Katina says this campus has filled the needs she has as a non-traditional learner, and she knows it has done the same for others through the years. She has experienced first-hand the excellent instruction offered by Salkehatchie professors and the benefits of smaller classes.

“We have some of the best professors around,” she says. “And because of the small size, we have better access to the professors than you might have other places. It was really important for me to be able to talk to the professors so I could get the extra help when I needed it, and I have not been disappointed. The campus is very user-friendly, and there is always somebody who’s willing to help you to get through whatever you’re going through.”
There's More to College than Studying
Student Activities Provide Fun for Salkehatchie Students

Students are the lifeblood of USC Salkehatchie, and the campus seeks to provide for the diverse interests of our students - from the classroom to the athletic field, but also after hours, with purely recreational events.

The Student Government Association (SGA) is responsible for planning and overseeing many of the student activities on campus, with guidance from the Student Activities staff. About 30 USC Salkehatchie students, with representatives from both the East and West Campuses, represent the larger student body on the SGA. Officers are elected each year, and representatives are elected each fall semester, after school begins. Events range from “Pack the Stands” days to support campus athletics to toga parties, dances, holiday dinners, karaoke nights, outdoor water slides, cookouts, tailgating bashes, homecoming events, Feast Day, and paint ball tournaments.

“The beginning of each school year is an exciting time for our students and SGA,” says Jane Brewer, Dean of Student Services. “It’s always a fun time watching the students getting to know each other since many come from varied locations across the state and beyond. They all bring something new to the campus, and they take on each event with a great deal of enthusiasm.”

Spotlight on Barnwell County:
Sam Scroggs

USC Salkehatchie seemed like the perfect fit for Sam Scroggs when he graduated from Williston-Elko High School in 2009 - small classes, strong academics, and the chance to play college baseball.

“I liked Salk because it’s sort of the small-town atmosphere,” he says. “The smaller classes mean it’s easier to focus more, it’s close to home, and I like the baseball program here a lot too.”

Sam, who lives with his parents on the outskirts of Blackville, knew all about the benefits of a small campus like Salkehatchie long before he enrolled in classes here. His older sister, who graduated from USC Aiken, started out here as well, and he knew to expect one-on-one interaction with his professors.

“I have a lot of work, but it’s not overbearing,” he says. “And I really like the professors; they are all really good and make the classroom interesting.”

Sam played baseball through the years he was growing up, time he said led him to an appreciation of the trainers and others who help injured players on the sidelines. Because of those experiences, as well as physical therapy he underwent after breaking an ankle, Sam is interested in pursuing a career in physical therapy and rehabilitation. Eventually, he plans to move to another USC campus to complete a four-year degree.

His baseball skills brought him to the attention of Salkehatchie’s Head Baseball Coach Bubba Dorman, who says this Barnwell County student athlete has the makings of an excellent pitcher. Sam was named to the 2008 All-State Team for single-A schools during his junior year of high school, and he was named Williston-Elko’s Most Valuable Player on the varsity baseball team his senior year.

“He locates the ball well and he competes,” Dorman says. “From a personal standpoint, he is a young man that has his feet on the ground. He shows he has ethics and morals, and he has exemplary character.”

Sam says he’s staying focused on his long-term goals, something he encourages other students to do as well. “Because it’s a small school, it can actually be hard sometimes to stay focused because you know everybody and you want to talk to them and be involved,” he says. “But you have to remember that this is a part of your life and not just be in the moment. Remember that you need to work for your family here, even though you may not even have a family yet. It’s important to stay on track.”
Spotlight on International Students:

Oliver Santos

When USC Salkehatchie Head Baseball Coach Bubba Dorman went to a baseball showcase in Columbia, S.C., in the summer of 2007, he happened to meet a couple of baseball players from the Dominican Republic who had just arrived in the United States, hoping to find a college where they could learn and play baseball. After watching them for a few minutes, Coach Dorman invited them to come play at USC Salkehatchie. To him the combination of a small campus where they would receive individual academic support in the classroom and support services outside the classroom, plus the chance to play baseball, made USC Salkehatchie the perfect choice.

Oliver Santos, one of those two student athletes, agrees. “When I first visited Salkehatchie, I couldn’t believe how beautiful the baseball field was. It’s one of the nicest I’ve seen. And that was what made me want to come play here. Plus Coach Dorman. I knew he could help me get better on the field. The school part I was a little unsure about. But I wanted to give it a try.”

Oliver says he figured he’d approach school like he does everything else – show up and work hard. So he did. And it worked. His first semester at USC Salkehatchie, he made the Dean’s List. That approach continued to work for the two years he was here, resulting in the awarding of his Associate in Science degree in May 2009 with over a 3.0 GPA.

“Going to USC Salkehatchie is the best decision I could have made both with baseball and with the academics,” he says. “The professors and staff are great at USC Salkehatchie,” says Oliver. “They will work with you in class and help you outside of class any time. They want you to succeed.”

And what about the baseball part? Well, the show up and work hard approach worked there as well. Santos was the #17 hitter nationally in the NJCAA his second season and was the #1 hitter in Region X with a .453 batting average. Santos had 73 hits in 161 at bats with 17 doubles, 2 triples, 8 home runs and 45 RBI. That success was capped by his being selected in the First Year Player Draft in June 2009.

Santos clearly lives the Salkehatchie motto “Start Here, Go Anywhere.”

Associate in Arts and Associate in Science

USC Salkehatchie offers an Associate in Arts or an Associate in Science degree to those students who have earned 60 hours of credit and have a 2.00 GPA. Students can go into the workforce with these associate’s degrees, or they can use this coursework as part of their bachelor’s degree at a four-year USC school, or other colleges or universities.

These degrees are awarded to those students who have completed the following requirements:

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*must have earned a grade of a C or higher in both ENGL 101 and ENGL 102.

**must include 3 hours of MATH excluding 221, 222

In addition to the requirements stated above, a student must also:

1. obtain a 2.00 GPA (does not include course grades earned by challenge examinations); and
2. earn the last 15 semester hours at a USC campus.
Spotlight on Bamberg County:

Dylan Tippins

Dylan Tippins chose USC Salkehatchie because the East Campus in Walterboro was close to his home in Cottageville, and because he knew it was part of the University of South Carolina. But even before his first semester ended, he knew it was the right place for him, and he is excited about the campus’ addition of a full-time criminal justice professor to its faculty.

“They already offered some of the criminal justice classes I was interested in taking, and I want to get as many classes as I can here before going on to Columbia,” says Dylan, who is also a LIFE scholar.

His interest in criminal justice is due in large part to the fact that his dad worked in corrections and his brother-in-law is a SWAT officer for Colleton County. In fact, he was allowed to take part in a ride-along with SWAT, though of course he had to stay in the car while the officers conducted their entry. That experience impressed Dylan, though he wants to take a slightly different path in law enforcement.

“I want to start in police work, but then maybe move into the Department of Natural Resources, or even the FBI, though I know I would need my master’s for the FBI,” he says.

Dylan says the class offerings at Salkehatchie allowed him to design a schedule that lets him do all the things that are important to him outside of school - like his job at the local recreation center, his volunteer work as an assistant den leader for an area Boy Scouts troop, or his involvement with the Colleton County High School band. He was a member of the band all four years of high school, and he continues to support the band and help out when he can, with everything from band camp to loading and unloading the truck for band trips. The fact he could attend college close to home for the first few years, save money, and stay involved in his community was important to Dylan. His brother and sister both attended USC Salkehatchie, and he says he has seen first-hand with them the opportunities available here for those students who know they eventually want to move on to a four-year USC campus.

“It’s definitely a good starter school,” he says. “There are a lot of classes to take, it’s less expensive, and it helps students get started if you are having to pay for college yourself, or if you just need a lower cost option for the first few semesters.”

Spotlight on Colleton County:

Erica Bessinger

As salutatorian of her high school class, Erica Bessinger had a lot of options available to her for college, but she says USC Salkehatchie stood out to her as the best fit for her when she started her college journey.

“I probably could have gone straight to Columbia,” she says. “But I chose to come here because I didn’t want to get to a big campus, get overwhelmed, and have my GPA drop.”

In high school, Erica not only focused on academics, but she was also a member of the women’s basketball team at AJA. She grew up in Ehrhardt and attended the private school from kindergarten through high school. Her family owns a gas station and a restaurant in Ehrhardt, and she says much of her time growing up was spent at the businesses. Recently, she helped her dad coach the basketball team at AJA.

Salkehatchie has been a type of family tradition in the Bessinger family, with both of her brothers having attended classes here as well, before moving on to complete their four-year degrees.

She says the small class sizes and family atmosphere drew her to the campus, as did the closeness to home and the fact she had friends who were students here as well. According to her, the quality of education she has received from her Salkehatchie professors has been excellent, and she feels well-prepared for the rigor of a baccalaureate program elsewhere within the University system.

“They have prepared me well, and I have left my classes knowing what I need to know to move on.”

Erica plans to graduate from USC Salkehatchie with an associate’s degree in business, then change campus to Columbia, where she hopes to study either finance or marketing. She encourages other students to consider USC Salkehatchie as a first choice for college, just as she did, allowing the campus to serve as a pathway into higher education.

“A lot of people want to go off to school, move away,” she says. “But I think Salkehatchie is the first step towards Dylan Tippins’ dream of going into law enforcement.
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