Summer is here and we hope you're having some fun in the sun. While our students are taking a break from the books (hopefully not entirely), many continue to work at their GPP jobs through their summer breaks! The staff at GPP is busy preparing for an exciting new school year. Read ahead for highlights from the graduation celebration ceremonies as well as any updates you may need to know.

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

This month’s student spotlight goes to Monique Johnson. Upon graduation from Swainsboro High School, she was accepted into East Georgia State College. Monique completed a year in the Emanuel County Vision 2020/GPP program at East Georgia State College. She has also been accepted into the Correll Scholars Program. This program recognizes and prepares exceptionally promising students as future community leaders in the region. Students are awarded $5000 annually which is renewable each year for a maximum of 5 years! Way to go Monique! We're proud of you!

**FYI:**

- GPP will have a presentation at the 69th Annual GACTE Conference held July 11th through the 13th. We hope to see you at the presentation on the 12th or visit us at our booth!

- The newsletter will be taking a vacation during the month of July! We will return in August with exciting news to take us into the 2016-2017 schoolyear!
2015-2016 GPP GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS
We had a grand total of 183 GPP graduates statewide this year! Here are just a few of the graduation celebrations for the graduates of 2016!

Speaker Debbie Philips of the Georgia Apartment Industry Education Foundation was pleased to come back and talk to the students GPP graduates from DeKalb County. She gave them multiple tips to live by and guarantee success!

Students at Buhler Quality Yarns were recognized in Jackson County for their hard work and accomplishments!

Graduates from the Department of Corrections were honored at a beautiful outdoor picnic in Monroe County.

Congrats to all the graduates and a huge THANK YOU goes to all of those involved in honoring the students at the celebration ceremonies! Positive reinforcements is a huge part of what makes this program work!
R & F Marketing is a management marketing and sales consulting service in Swainsboro. Emanuel County students have learned everything from sewing and packing to pillow blowing! R&F joined forces with GPP in January of this year!

FLEX-Tec, Inc. is a manufacturing company out of Dooley County. They specialize in wire harness assembly, metal stamping and forming, and electro-magnetic assembly. This month they hired on their first students from the GPP program. Here, they are seen having supervisor/mentor training to prepare for the upcoming school year, the first of hopefully many more to come!

WELCOME!!!