Spring is finally upon us! Along with the arrival of warm temperatures and blooming trees, this season also brings us closer to the most wonderful time of the year... **GRADUATION!!!** Since the last school year, Great Promise Partnership has grown immensely. Moving forward, we can only expect the program to continue to grow. To make it easier for all counties involved, this year’s graduation ceremonies will be held regionally. Stay tuned for more details.

### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

As promised, we want to start recognizing our exceptional students on a regular basis. This month’s GPP Student Spotlight is **Malikia Ross**! Malikia is a student at Social Circle High School in Walton County. When she isn’t focused on her studies, Malikia works as a secretary with the Hunter Development Program in the **Wildlife Resources Division** of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Her administrators and supervisors describe her as a bright and hardworking quick learner. Malikia has been a valuable member of the Wildlife Resources Division. When she graduates, Malikia plans to continue her education **at Savannah State University** and become a registered nurse.

**WAY TO GO MALIKIA!!!**

### Reminders:

- We are now on Instagram! Stop by our page and give us a follow!
- Keep the nominees **coming** for students employers and mentors/ supervisors who you think should be featured in the newsletter and on our social networks!

Cross Keys High School’s Work-based Learning Coordinator Glenda Bonds and GPP Regional Coordinator Hilda Smith at a Career Fair held in DeKalb County this month. Current GPP students took initiative in recruiting fellow classmates for the program!
A BIG thank you is in order for our EIGHT new work-sites in Emanuel County: Advanced Metal Components, Inc., American Steel Products, Crider Foods, R & F Marketing, East Georgia State College, Hotset, Nordson, and Southeast Georgia Technical College. WELCOME ABOARD!!

All smiles at the new Swainsboro-Emanuel work-sites. Who says you can’t giggle while you work!

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It’s that time of year again for GeorgiaBest reports. The deadline to turn these in are April 8th. Follow the links below for the needed forms.

- Student rating sheet
- Grading Rubric
- Completion Form

Coordinators can return these to Rebecca Ann McGhee at the Department of Labor by the deadline. Let’s help out students put the skills they’ve learned to use!

Thanks again to everyone who has proven to be dedicated and determined to make a change in our student’s lives. They are noticing more and more each day that they are capable of achieving anything they put their minds to. As the kids would say, YOU ROCK!!