



Golden Isles
CAREER ACADEMY FOUNDATION

FORGING PARTNERS



Golden Isles Career Academy
delivers a skilled, well-trained workforce
 to the Glynn County community.

In fact,
GICA students printed this.



Become a GICA Partner
 and help us energize
Coastal Georgia.



STUDENT
 SCHOLARSHIPS



ACADEMIC
 COMPETITIONS



SERVICE
 LEARNING



COMMUNITY
 PARTNERSHIPS

Since 2009, the Golden Isles Career Academy has trained Coastal Georgia's next generation of engineers, graphic designers, hospitality professionals, machinists and welders.

Founded

August 2009

Enrollment (2015-2016)

578 students

Foundation Mission

To provide enriching opportunities for students involved in the community and pursuing postsecondary education

Foundation Vision

To ensure Glynn County has a 21st century workforce

These 21st century graduates have helped fuel the region's growth, and GICA stands ready to further develop the area's workforce.

During the 2015-2016 academic year, the *Forging Partners* campaign seeks to enhance services in four distinct areas:

- student scholarships
- academic competitions
- service learning
- community partnerships



“More than 500 Glynn County residents achieve their dreams at GICA every day. We teach cutting edge skills and help students develop a solid work ethic that permeates their day-to-day lives. Forging a partnership with us assures these students and our community achieve lasting success.”

— Rick Townsend, CEO



Student Scholarships

GICA helps our growing economy flourish by providing Golden Isles employers the skilled workforce they demand.

And when career expansion requires additional education and training, GICA scholarships empower Glynn County graduates to continue their educational journey with community-based financial assistance.



Academic Competitions

Local, regional and national competitions shape student achievement and improve GICA's reputation for workforce-ready graduates.

By applying real-world experience to academically-based principles, GICA students develop productive, efficient habits reinforced by a dedicated sense of community pride and a first-rate technical proficiency.



Service Learning

Support for area partners underscores our commitment to the community while providing first-hand experience to our students.

Moreover, community engagement encourages students to cultivate a strong sense of civic responsibility, which is central to the Career Academy's holistic education platform.



Community Partnerships

A unique combination of local partners, parents, government officials, college administrators and regional business leaders oversee GICA's operation, including the CEO's performance and the foundation's activities.

Since 2009, the GICA Foundation has helped secure more than \$1M in gifts to support enrichment opportunities and promote postsecondary education in the region.



DRIVING GLYNN COUNTY'S ECONOMY

“Our workers provide the ultimate competitive edge. We couldn't compete without their skills and dedication.”

— Randal Morris, Public Affairs Manager

As Georgia's southeastern hub for manufacturing, logistics and trade, the expanding Glynn County economy demands a competitive, competent workforce.

That's why now, more than ever, employers are looking to GICA graduates.

Randal Morris is the public affairs manager at Georgia-Pacific's Brunswick Cellulose mill, which employs more than 500 people. As his company's process operations become more sophisticated, the skills of machinists, operators and technicians must also increase.



Randal credits the company's success to the mill's high quality, committed and hardworking employees. GICA partners with community leaders like Georgia-Pacific to assure its programs align with their needs.

EMPOWERING LOCAL STUDENTS

“I decided to stay in Brunswick and attend the College of Coastal Georgia because of my GICA scholarship.”

— Zach Boone

“My teachers helped me develop excellent welding skills, then the Career Academy helped me land an apprenticeship at Gulfstream.”

— James Miller

Glynn County residents Zach Boone and James Miller recently embarked on their higher education journeys. Following a competitive application process, including teacher recommendations and a committee evaluation, both men received community-based scholarships made possible by the GICA Foundation's partners and friends.

After considering several out-of-state schools, Zach—a 2015 graduate and scholarship recipient—began studying at the nearby College of Coastal Georgia. His leadership in GICA's agriculture program inspired a dream of joining the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, where he hopes to protect this region's unique ecological landscape.

James also remained close to the Golden Isles. Because of his noticeable work ethic and proficient welding skills, Gulfstream Aerospace offered the 2014 GICA graduate an apprenticeship. With a Career Academy scholarship, he is currently earning an Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) certification at Middle Georgia State University and hopes to return to the jet manufacturer in a full-time capacity.

Both Zach and James illustrate the traits that have come to define GICA graduates since 2009. Indeed, it's vitally important that students like these remain rooted in the community. That's why the GICA Foundation has awarded more than \$30,000 in student scholarships over the last four years.

PARTNER WITH THE CAREER ACADEMY

Foundation Partner\$10,000+

- Placement of logo and/or company name on Partners Wall, GICA website with a link to the company webpage
- Sponsorship recognition at all events, invitation and reserved table for eight to the Annual Fall Event Dinner
- Logo outside lab or classroom to recognize partnership

Scholarship Partner \$5,000

- Placement of logo and/or company name on Partners Wall, GICA website with a link to the company webpage
- Sponsorship recognition at all events, invitation and six tickets to the Annual Fall Event Dinner
- Logo outside lab or classroom to recognize partnership

Platinum Partner \$2,500

- Placement of logo and/or company name on Partners Wall, GICA website with a link to the company webpage
- Sponsorship recognition at all events, invitation and four tickets to the Annual Fall Event Dinner

Gold Partner \$1,000

- Placement of logo and/or company name on Partners Wall, GICA website with a link to the company webpage
- Sponsorship recognition at all events, invitation and two tickets to the Annual Fall Event Dinner

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