

## 2023 Advisor of the Year

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Congratulations to Paige Griffin of Heyward Career Center for being named the 2023 SkillsUSA South Carolina Advisor of the Year. Mrs. Griffin has been a SkillsUSA Advisor for 15 years. During that time, she has helped Heyward Career Center grow their SkillsUSA chapter within the Chapter Excellence Program and become a Chapter of Distinction – Gold Level for the past two years (2021-2022 and 2022-2023). She has also had multiple students earning state championships at the State Leadership and Skills Conference in both Secondary (High School) and Post-Secondary (College) levels. Mrs. Griffin has also had multiple national placers over the years.

Mrs. Griffin currently teaches in the Victory Program (Special Populations) at Heyward Career Center. Her commitment to helping her students become highly qualified workers is demonstrated daily and recognized by her co-workers. She demonstrates exceptional teaching skills regardless of her class's age, ability, or diversity of learning levels. Mrs. Griffin ensures success by challenging their abilities to encourage as much growth and development as possible. Her impact on her students, school, and local community is not because of her success as a SkillsUSA Advisor, her success as an Advisor is because of the impact she has every day on our future workers and leaders.

Due to Heyward Career Center's success in the Chapter Excellence Program, Paige Griffin qualifies to be considered for the Region 2 Advisor of the Year for 2023. Her application will be reviewed and compared to Advisor of the Year candidates from Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, should they qualify. If chosen as the Region 2 Advisor of the Year, she would then progress to the National Leadership and Skills Conference for in-person interviews in an effort to be named the National Advisor of the Year.

Congratulations to Paige Griffin on this great honor!