



**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER** — Mr. Robbie Ellis from ZF Transmissions in Gray Court was an informative and engaging guest speaker at eighth grade Career Lunch and Learn at Laurens Middle School. He shared with students about the history of ZF and their production as a global leader in driveline and chassis technology. His main focus, however, was to inform students of ZF's successful apprenticeship program that begins right after high school graduation to students who qualify. Pictured are some of the students who attended one of the Lunch and Learn sessions with Mr. Ellis. From left, Emily Whiteford, Anna Powell, Stella Jenkins, Reese Munyan, Arrianna Cogsdill, Anna Nance Reynolds, Chandler Rook, Hadden Martin, James Rawl, Nathan Lindley, Brandon Crisp, Morgan Harshaw, Robbie Ellis, Cayson Elledge, Jaedon Goodwin, Andy Robertson, Braden Corley, and Cameron Wilson.

## Senator Scott accepting applications for summer 2019 internships

U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) has announced he is accepting congressional internship applications for available positions in his Washington, D.C., North Charleston, Columbia and Greenville offices for the summer of 2019. The internship program offers undergraduate and graduate students practical experience in constituent services, the legislative process, government policy, and press. The internship provides students with the ability to work with and learn from public service professionals. All internships are unpaid, but students will learn invaluable work experience and skills throughout their internship that will help them gain a better understanding of how their government functions.

Washington, D.C. Office:

In Washington, interns have the unique chance to research legislation, attend Congressional hearings and briefings, assist with press tasks, and help with constituent letters on issues. Responsibilities also include answering phones, helping to coordinate meetings, and other administrative tasks. By the end of the program, students will come away with a stronger understanding of the lawmaking process, will have improved their communication writing skills, and critical thinking abilities.

South Carolina Offices: (North Charleston, Columbia and Greenville) In the South Carolina Offices, interns will take an active role in the community, working on state-based projects of importance, while also answering phones, completing research and

other projects, and being an integral part of day-to-day office operations. State office interns have the ability to assist with issues that are personally affecting our citizens.

Internship hours are flexible to accommodate students' course schedules, but can generally run 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Interested South Carolina students can apply through our website at <https://www.scott.senate.gov/constituent-services/internships>. For any additional questions, contact the internship coordinator at [internships@scott.senate.gov](mailto:internships@scott.senate.gov) or 202-224-6121.

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## Remember S.C.'s state forests at tax time

The South Carolina Forestry Commission encourages citizens to make a charitable contribution to the S.C. State Forests Fund on their tax returns.

Taxpayers have the opportunity to support the five state forests — Harbison, Manchester, Poe Creek, Sand Hills and Wee Tee — by making a check-off contribution on their state tax returns using Form I-330.

South Carolina's state forest system receives no state funding and relies solely on timber receipts, pine straw sales and recreational permit revenue for its operating funds. "We're completely self-supporting, so any money we receive from the check-off program goes directly back into these forests and facilities," said Mike Shealy, SCFC state lands manager.

The State Forests Fund check-off program has raised more than \$112,000 in the eight years since its inception, with all of the money

used to make improvements and repairs that directly benefit visitors and enhance their experience on state forest lands. Your support is helping the state forests carry out their mission to be healthy, productive, forested ecosystems, improving the quality of life of South Carolina's citizens through the environmental, educational, economic, and recreational benefits of active forest management.

Not only do the state forests support themselves, but they also provide funding to school systems in the counties that host them, giving more than \$743,000 to school districts in 10 counties last year alone.

How To Give To The S.C. State Forests Fund:

1. Enter the amount of your donation on Line 28 of your individual income tax form, S.C. Form 1040.
2. Then enter the amount of your donation on Line 15 of S.C. Tax

Form I-330, then again on Line 18. 3. Attach S.C. Tax Form I-330 to your tax filing or give it to your professional tax preparer.

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