

Lt. Governor Cagle Announces March Student Spotlight: Donovan Mitchell

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Today, Lt. Governor Casey Cagle recognized Donovan Mitchell, a graphic communication pathway student at William S. Hutchings College and Career Academy (CCA), as the Lt. Governor's March Student Spotlight. Each month, Lt. Governor Cagle features an exceptional Georgia College and Career Academy student who exemplifies academic and pathway success, extracurricular involvement, and strong leadership skills.

"I'm proud of Donovan and all he has accomplished. His success demonstrates why College and Career Academies are vital to the future success of Georgia's students," said Lt. Governor Cagle. "I'm confident Donovan will continue to make Bibb County and the State of Georgia a better place through his hard work, dedication, and commitment to professional and academic excellence."

"Donovan Mitchell is an innovative student leader who is hardworking, resourceful, and solution-oriented," said Cassandra Washington, CEO of W.S. Hutchings College and Career Academy. "He has a proven record for utilizing effective communication skills and demonstrating commitment in excelling in the classroom, community and his work-based learning training site. He is the epitome of a future-ready graduate of a College and Career Academy."

"Donovan's work ethic and positivity makes him a role model to the many students in our community and state. His strong leadership qualities and academic accomplishments will continue to reward him long into the future," added Senator David Lucas.

"By applying the valuable skills Donovan has gained at Bibb County's College and Career Academy, he has embraced the ability to pave his own educational path with a career focus," said Senator John Kennedy. "His love of learning and motivation for personal growth will serve him well as he continues on a path of success. I am grateful for Lt. Governor Cagle's leadership in establishing this exceptional Middle Georgia economic engine."

Tell us about yourself:

"My name is Donovan Mitchell, and I am currently enrolled at Hutchings College and Career Academy in the graphics communication pathway. I completed the banking and finance pathway where I acquired significant skills which gave me proficiency in budgeting, financial planning, and accounting. I was the top student in that pathway, earning the highest overall grade and highest NOCTI score. I've earned Microsoft Office Certification in Word, Access, and PowerPoint. I'm also currently an Intern for Bibb County working in the Capital Improvement Department."



Why did you choose to enroll at your CCA?

“Based on my first-year experience, I chose to be a part of my CCA for a second year. It has been one of the greatest learning experiences of my high school career. In my prior year, I was a banking and finance pathway student. In that pathway, I learned to be more mature, professional, and to have a mindset for success. I was encouraged and pushed by the staff members to go beyond fitting in and to challenge myself to do the absolute best that I could. HCCA truly helps all students prepare for success as adults.”

Which career pathway are you enrolled in and why?



“I am currently enrolled in the graphic communication pathway. I chose this pathway because I intend to either pursue industrial design or architecture. Taking this pathway has allowed me to hone in on my design skills. I also chose this pathway because I really enjoy drawing.”

What is the most valuable learning experience you have gained from your CCA?

“My time as Hutchings ambassador has been a very rewarding learning experience. Being an ambassador taught me how to be professional, including how to dress professionally, communicate succinctly, and excel at whatever I pursue. These qualities will help me succeed in any career.”

What services/resources at your CCA have you found to be the most valuable?

“This is a hard question to answer because I have found great value in all the resources that HCCA offers. However, the most important opportunity that has given me significant real-world work experience is placement with community partners. This truly is invaluable. Being part of the youth apprenticeship program has allowed me to see what it's like to work in a professional work environment, putting into practice some of the things I have learned. Because of HCCA staff's dedication to reinforcing values of a good work ethic, character, and professionalism, I am having great success as a youth apprentice.”

What are your plans after graduation?

“After my graduation I intend to go to college to either pursue industrial design or architecture, I have not decided. I also plan to start my own shoe and clothing store where I hope to feature my own shoe and clothing designs.”