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New Tech Network Names Cougar New Tech Entrepreneurial Academy as National Demonstration Site

Cougar New Tech is cited as exemplary school in the New Tech Network

Walterboro, South Carolina (April 25th, 2016) – [New Tech Network](#) (NTN) announced today that Cougar New Tech Entrepreneurial Academy (CNT) was selected as a National Demonstration Site in the New Tech Network (NTN). CNT epitomized the best example of the New Tech mission – to help students gain the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in life, college and the careers of tomorrow.

“These schools have achieved a very high honor. We consider them exemplary schools within the New Tech Network. They have shown enormous dedication to the key aspects that makes a great New Tech school as is evidenced by the students. Through the schools hard work, students are not only better prepared for life and college, they have achieved a deep love of learning and a fundamental understanding of the deeper learning skills needed to succeed in life after high school,” said NTN President and CEO, Lydia Dobyns.

To receive this prestigious distinction, CNT achieved many notable accomplishments. The school had to develop a clear set of student learning outcomes consistent with skills required to succeed in college, career or civic life. These include content mastery tied to state standards as well as work ethic/collaboration, critical thinking and oral and written communication. All courses must demonstrate rigorous and relevant Project-Based Learning (PBL) to amplify deeper learning while engaging students in the classroom. The deep integration and use of technology must be present in all classrooms. Finally, a school culture that establishes students at the center, built on trust, respect and responsibility must be evident throughout the school.

Cougar New Tech opened in 2013 with its first class of freshman. The school, located in Walterboro, South Carolina is now in its third year. Lead Teacher Joshua Cable detailed the steps his school has taken to achieve NTN Demonstration site status.

“We have been focused on bringing a world class education to our students here in Colleton County since day one. Our staff has worked tirelessly to gain the skills and knowledge necessary to guide our learners to become college and career ready. Earning this distinction is an honor and reaffirms our dedication to sharing our learning experiences with educators from around the country.” Cable said.



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Demonstration site schools play a key role in the development and scale of the New Tech Network as well. CNT will host tours for national, state and local schools and districts to experience a New Tech school firsthand. Visitors will take part in student-led tours to learn about the fundamentals of the school, including project-based learning examples, integrated use of technology and the culture shift that is integral to every New Tech. Last year, NTN schools saw thousands of visitors wishing to experience a New Tech school. In addition to tours, demonstration sites play an important role for critical New Tech training events. These trainings often provide an authentic immersion experience within a New Tech school for teachers and administrators as new districts and communities prepare to open and teach in their own schools. Events like leadership summits, teacher shadowing and leadership residency are hosted by demonstration sites, allowing for a first-hand experience within a New Tech school.

New Tech Network recently released its 2015 Data Report showing the high rate of college enrollment is evident in New Tech Network schools in diverse communities across the nation.

New Tech Network Students:

- Graduate from high school at a rate 9% higher than the national average.
- Enroll in college at a rate 9% higher than the national average.
- Persist in college at a rate of 92%.

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Cougar New Tech Entrepreneurial Academy
150 Cougar Nation Drive
Walterboro, SC 29488

For a full list of New Tech schools, visit our website at:
http://www.newtechnetwork.org/newtech_schools

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New Tech Network (NTN) is a design partner for comprehensive school change. We work closely with districts and schools to create innovative learning environments. Through a proven school model, proprietary learning management platform, and powerful professional development we guide schools toward lasting change and ongoing improvement.

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