



# DUKES DISCOVER COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Helping students  
**sharpen their skills**  
and **explore their future**.

## THE PROCESS:



Dukes Discover is a program that allows Cumberland County High School students to explore their talents and career possibilities prior to high school graduation. This program connects students with local businesses and community members like you, giving them pathways to discover their skills, strengths and passions.

Dukes Discover is centered around five essential 21st Century skills: creativity, critical thinking, communication, collaboration and citizenship. Students who enroll are given a chance to show future employers or higher education institutions their knowledge and competency in in-demand skills.

Over a year, enrolled students design and work to implement a project that fulfills the Dukes Discover project requirements. Upon successful project completion, students will earn badges which will serve as a credential that employers and higher education institutions will recognize and value as a part of the student's resume and transcript.



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Each student enrolled in Dukes Discover will be required to connect with and work alongside a business or community professional in the area they are focusing on for their project. Serving as one of these partners means you are investing your time and knowledge to help these students sharpen their skills and explore what a future in your field might look like.

This partnership and collaboration may include things like helping the student early in the process to generate an idea for their project, supporting the student in developing greater understanding of the problem or challenge, sharing personal insight about your field, and/or critiquing drafts.

## BECOMING A PARTNER

Are you ready to invest in the future of our students? We would love to have your help. If you are able to join us in this innovative new program, please visit our website [www.dukesdiscover.com](http://www.dukesdiscover.com) or contact:

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