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Students Score Platinum in Career Readiness Certificate

PIERRE, S.D. – Three students from Central High School in Rapid City scored at the platinum level of the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC). Seniors Ryan Farr, Quinten Glass and Krystiaan Robinson have accomplished what only .52 percent of certificate holders across the nation can claim.

The NCRC is an industry-recognized, evidence-based credential used across all sectors of the economy. The credential verifies essential skills needed for workplace success, such as reading, problem solving, critical thinking and work-related mathematical reasoning. Certificates can be earned at platinum, gold, silver and bronze levels.

“The NCRC helps students set workplace goals,” said state Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman. “Students taking the NCRC are able to identify how their skills correlate to their goals.”

Farr achieved a perfect score in the locating information assessment, which focuses on locating, synthesizing and applying information presented graphically in workplace documents.

“I plan to go to Digipen University in Washington to get a degree in computer programming or game design,” said Farr. “I hope I can use the certificate to benefit my chances of being accepted into college and later finding a good quality job.”

In the 2015-2016 school year to date, 3,107 students have tested for the NCRC in South Dakota.

The opportunity for South Dakota high school juniors and seniors to obtain an NCRC resulted from a joint workforce development effort between the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation and Department of Education.

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[Pictured L-R: Krystiaan Robinson, Quinten Glass, Ryan Farr](#)