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TRAINING STUDENTS FOR A CAREER



IN MODERN AGRICULTURE

John de la Howe School for Agriculture

John de la Howe School for Agriculture is a state-funded, public, residential high school focused on providing a unique and challenging agricultural education program. Our school, the first statewide program of its kind in the nation, will allow students to receive hands-on training in the fields of agriculture, agribusiness, forestry, land management, food science, and more - all aimed at assessing the needs of modern farms.



OUR HISTORY:

John de la Howe School is the oldest educational institution in South Carolina for children under college age. The school was established in 1797 through the will of Dr. John de la Howe, a French physician who served in the Seven Years' War and immigrated to South Carolina in the 1760s. Dr. de la Howe's will provided the establishment of an "agricultural seminary" for 12 poor boys and 12 poor girls — with the provision that they study the basic courses, agriculture, and related subjects so that they could prosper for a lifetime.

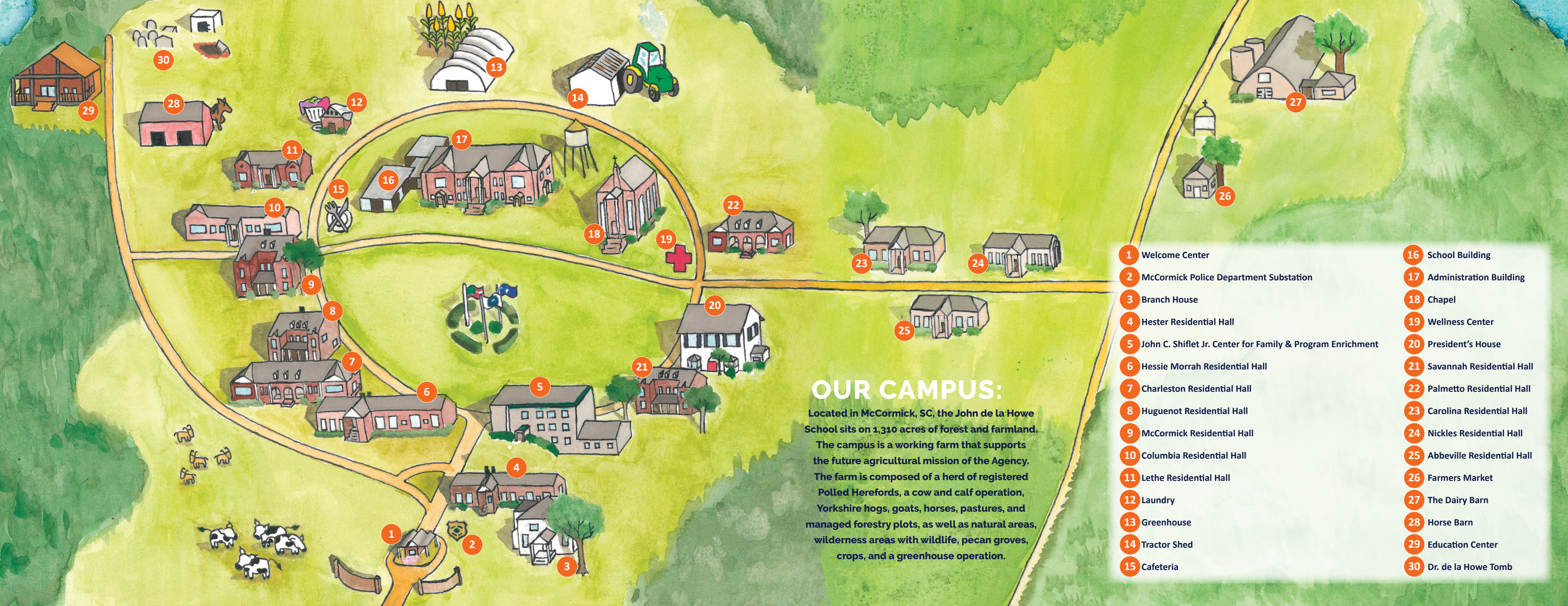
The School for Agriculture provides a challenging academic program that enhances students' knowledge and experience in the field of agriculture and meets the requirements for a high school diploma in South Carolina. Our program will offer three of the five majors in the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources cluster. Students will have the opportunity to choose from the following majors:

- **ENVIRONMENTAL & NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**
- **HORTICULTURE**
- **PLANT & ANIMAL SYSTEMS**



John de la Howe School became an agency of the State of South Carolina in 1918. For many years, it was known as the "state's orphanage." This mission continued Dr. de la Howe's desire for children in need to have a home and receive an education in an agricultural setting. In the 1980s, the mission changed and offered a haven for children to grow, heal, and make lasting changes.





OUR CAMPUS:

Located in McCormick, SC, the John de la Howe School sits on 1,310 acres of forest and farmland. The campus is a working farm that supports the future agricultural mission of the Agency. The farm is composed of a herd of registered Polled Herefords, a cow and calf operation, Yorkshire hogs, goats, horses, pastures, and managed forestry plots, as well as natural areas, wilderness areas with wildlife, pecan groves, crops, and a greenhouse operation.

- 1 Welcome Center
- 2 McCormick Police Department Substation
- 3 Branch House
- 4 Hester Residential Hall
- 5 John C. Shiflet Jr. Center for Family & Program Enrichment
- 6 Hessie Morrah Residential Hall
- 7 Charleston Residential Hall
- 8 Huguenot Residential Hall
- 9 McCormick Residential Hall
- 10 Columbia Residential Hall
- 11 Lethe Residential Hall
- 12 Laundry
- 13 Greenhouse
- 14 Tractor Shed
- 15 Cafeteria
- 16 School Building
- 17 Administration Building
- 18 Chapel
- 19 Wellness Center
- 20 President's House
- 21 Savannah Residential Hall
- 22 Palmetto Residential Hall
- 23 Carolina Residential Hall
- 24 Nickles Residential Hall
- 25 Abbeville Residential Hall
- 26 Farmers Market
- 27 The Dairy Barn
- 28 Horse Barn
- 29 Education Center
- 30 Dr. de la Howe Tomb



OUR FUTURE:



Guided by a 2017 Feasibility Study, the school's leaders have developed a residential School for Agriculture that serves high school students interested in agricultural and mechanical studies.

THE CONVERSION IS UNDERWAY WITH AN OPENING DATE OF AUGUST 2020.

ADMISSIONS:



Our School is set to open in August of 2020 and the 2020-2021 application for the School for Agriculture is available now! Admissions for the first year will be limited to upcoming 10th and 11th grade students who are interested in being either residential or day students.

Call us at (864) 391-2131 for more information or visit us online at delahowe.sc.gov to complete the application process online.

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