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WCCS faculty complete Instructional Leadership Academy

SELMA, AL. – Wallace Community College Selma recently had 42 academic and technical instructors graduate from the Alabama Community College System Instructional Leadership Academy. To better assist individual colleges in developing a more unified instructional approach across the state using proven, high-impact strategies, the Alabama Community College System office began a year-long Instructional Leadership Academy (ILA) led by Dr. Tony Holland from ACCS.

"This strategic initiative has enhanced the college's growth as we continually seek to provide excellence in instructional delivery" said Dr. James Mitchell, WCCS President. "The Instructional Leadership Academy was an opportunity for our faculty to remain current in our quest to be more student and learning centered."

"The WCCS faculty's participation in the Instructional Leadership Academy has not only had a profound impact on our students' success in the classroom, it has set the foundation for the instructional culture at the college," said Dr. Tammie Briggs, WCCS Dean of Instruction. "We now see a culture of excellence in teaching and learning on our campus that is committed to meeting students where they are and taking them as far as they can go. Our instructors have demonstrated that they believe that every student has a right to learn and that faculty have a responsibility to do whatever it takes to give them the best opportunity to succeed in the learning process."

"Participating in the Instructional Leadership Academy has been a very rewarding experience for me! From the article reviews, workshop sessions, to implementing instructional strategies and seeing documented success in my courses," said Ghytana Goings, mathematics instructor. "Participating in ILA not only helped to quench my thirst for life-long learning, but it also reminded me the importance of being intentional in all aspects of learning and assessment."

"Just as the name implies the intent is to not only develop enhanced instructional strategies, but to also develop the leadership mindset needed to magnify the results of this training across the colleges/state," said Dr. Tony Holland, ILA facilitator for ACCS. "The Chancellor's intent is to have all faculty across the state trained through this program within 5-6 years."

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