Wallace, MMI lead grad rates in Alabama

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With the start of the new school year peaking over the horizon, many local colleges are in the process of registering students and getting them prepared to continue their education.

The Queen City is home to three colleges, Concordia College Alabama, Selma University and Wallace Community College Selma, and Marion Military Institute (MMI) is just a few miles up the road.

Wallace and MMI have some of the highest graduation rates of two-year schools in the state.

The national graduation rate for two-year colleges is 19 percent, and Alabama’s rate is even lower at 16 percent.

According to Susan Stevenson, the executive vice president and chief academic officer for MMI, 27 percent of students graduate in three years and a combined 70 percent of students graduate or transfer to another school.

Stevenson attributed the school's above average rate to several programs that have been implemented over the years, such as peer tutoring, faculty advising,

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