



THE CENTER FOR CAREER & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Happy December!

I hope this season finds you feeling joyful and looking forward to time with family, friends, and rest.

As we wrap up another busy and productive year in the Center for Career & Workforce Development, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation for your continued partnership and support. Working alongside you to strengthen opportunities for our students and meet the evolving needs of our business and industry partners has been a true highlight of my first months as Director of Workforce Initiatives.

This month's newsletter reflects the momentum we've built together—celebrating accomplishments, sharing updates, and shining a light on the exciting opportunities ahead in the new year.

Please note that our offices will be closed for the holiday break and will reopen on January 5. We look forward to reconnecting in the new year.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season filled with warmth, gratitude, and moments to recharge. I'm looking forward to all we will accomplish together in 2026.

*Warm regards,
Anna Beard*

Spring Workforce Training Schedule Now Available



Wallace State's Center for Career & Workforce Development has released the Spring workforce training schedule, featuring short-term, skills-based programs. Each listing includes class dates and registration details.

Employers are encouraged to share this schedule with job seekers, incumbent workers, or community partners.

👉 Access the Spring Workforce Training Schedule: <https://shorturl.at/mIW6>

Stay tuned — a refreshed CCWD website experience is coming in 2026.

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Your workforce connection

CCWD Hosts Inaugural Industry Partner Appreciation Event



Wallace State's Center for Career and Workforce Development recently hosted its inaugural annual **Industry Appreciation Dinner**, celebrating the **impact of local business and industry partners** on workforce training and student success. The event included awards for **outstanding partnerships and student achievements**, including **Employer of the Year** and **Work-Based Learning Student of the Year** honors. Leaders emphasized the **importance of collaboration** in preparing students for **in-demand careers** and **highlighted growth in workforce engagement** over the past year.

👉 Read the full story: [Wallace State Celebrates Industry Partners, Student Success](#)

Tools of the Trade Inspires Future Careers



More than **1,600 eighth graders** from five area school systems visited Wallace State for the annual **Tools of the Trade** career showcase on October 23. This **hands-on** event gave students the chance to explore potential career paths by trying activities like performing **CPR**, **hammering nails**, **cutting hair**, and **learning life skills** while interacting with **Wallace State programs and local business and industry partners**. Leaders from the College and the community highlighted the **importance of early career exploration** and collaboration to help students envision future opportunities.

👉 Read the full story: [Wallace State hosts annual Tools of the Trade](#)

Nursing Apprenticeship Update



We're proud to announce that **Cohort 7** of our Nurse Apprentice program has been onboarded and is ready to begin work this spring! This year, 25 students joined this single cohort, bringing the total number of nursing apprentices on campus to **nearly 70**.

These apprentices are gaining real-world experience while working for a variety of employers, including **UAB Hospital, Huntsville Hospital, Marshall Medical Center, Rehab Select, Riverview Regional Medical Center, Decatur Morgan Hospital, Gadsden Regional Medical Center, Cullman Regional Medical Center, Grandview Medical Center, and Highlands Medical Center.**

The program continues to provide a **win-win for students and healthcare employers**, offering hands-on training, career development, and a pathway into high-demand healthcare careers. Congratulations to all our students on this exciting next step in their nursing journeys!

Register Today for our Annual Career Fairs!

Our **annual career fairs** are right around the corner! These events **offer employers a valuable opportunity to connect with Wallace State students**, share **career opportunities**, and build **meaningful workforce partnerships**. Don't miss your chance to participate—[registration is now open](#) for both upcoming fairs.

CAREER SERVICES CAREER FAIR

*Wallace State Community College will host two exciting career fairs this spring.
Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!*

HEALTH SCIENCES
26 FEBRUARY, 2026
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

*Designed for students in Nursing,
Diagnostic Imaging, Dental
Assisting, Medical Assisting, and
other health-related programs.*

CAMPUS
12 MARCH, 2026
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

*Open to students across all
divisions—technical,
academic, and health
sciences.*

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Meet the Future Workforce—Spring Sessions Are Here!

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INDUSTRY COMES TO WSCC

Wallace State's Center for Career & Workforce Development hosts monthly meet & greets for industries to connect with our students. This event is free of charge and each employer will have access to a recruiting table as well as allotted presentation time.

Dates: January 12, February 9, April 20

Time: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Location: JBC Lobby & Auditorium

REGISTER NOW



Contact Career Services at 258.352.7450

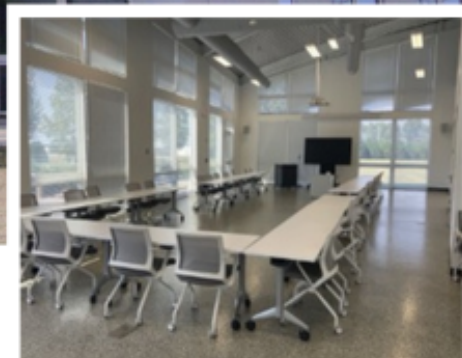
We're excited to get back to campus this spring with new dates for Industry Comes to Wallace State! This **free, monthly event** allows employers to **present to and speak directly with students** about their company—think of it as a **mini career fair** with a focused selection of students based on **your hiring needs**. **Register today!**

Each participating employer **receives a dedicated table for one-on-one conversations with students**, along with **15 minutes in the auditorium** to share information **about your company, culture, and career opportunities**. All presentation needs are provided. We look forward to welcoming you back to campus!

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- ✓ Kitchen Access
- ✓ Flexible Workspace Options
- ✓ Meeting and Conference Rooms

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