

THE CENTER FOR CAREER & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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As the **Summer semester** comes to a close, we are proud to reflect on the impact the **Wallace State Center for Career & Workforce Development** has made across our region. Through **workforce training, work-based learning, and community engagement**, we continue to create opportunities that strengthen Alabama's workforce and support the needs of local employers.

The infographic below highlights just a few of the accomplishments our team has achieved this summer. These numbers represent **individuals gaining new skills, earning industry credentials, completing professional exams, and taking the next step toward meaningful careers.**

Thank you to our business and industry partners, instructors, community organizations, and students for making this success possible. We look forward to continuing our work together to **strengthen our workforce and create even more opportunities** in the months ahead.

Warm regards,
Anna Beard

BY THE NUMBERS

A SNAPSHOT OF OUR IMPACT

SUMMER 2026

May 1, 2026 – Current



49

COMMUNITY EDUCATION
ENROLLMENTS

Digital Literacy, WaLLi,
Science in the Kitchen,
Weight Training



244

WORKFORCE TRAINING
ENROLLMENTS

Phlebotomy, CDL,
Skills for Success
and more!



106

INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS
AWARDED

CPR, Forklift,
OSHA-10,
and more!



13

NEW COMPANIES SIGNED ON
AS POWERFUL PARTNERS

43

TOTAL POWERFUL
PARTNERS



84

REGISTERED APPRENTICES

Registered Nurse, Early Childhood Educator,
Tool & Die Maker, Industrial Maintenance
Mechanic & Mechatronics Technician



8

TRAININGS FOR BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

Excel, First Aid CPR,
Interview Skills, and more



798

TESTS ADMINISTERED
BY OUR PROFESSIONAL TESTING CENTER

Workkeys, CLEP, ACCUPLACER,
PSI, ProV, Pearson VUE, and more

APPRENTICESHIP SUCCESS STORIES



This spring marked a milestone for **Wallace State's** apprenticeship programs. **Nineteen Registered Nurse Apprentices**—our **largest graduating cohort to date**—completed their degrees and crossed the stage in May. An additional **17 RN** apprentices are expected to graduate in August, with **63 RN apprentices** enrolled on campus this summer.

We also celebrated **11 FAME graduates** who completed their degrees and are entering the workforce as **skilled industrial maintenance mechanics** with **more than 1,776 hours of hands-on industry experience**.

These accomplishments reflect the strength of **employer partnerships** and the value of combining **classroom instruction with paid, real-world work experience**. Congratulations to all of our graduates as they begin the next chapter of their careers.

Interested in becoming an apprenticeship partner? Contact Kit Michael-Ryan at 256-352-7874 or kaitlyn.michaelryan@wallacestate.edu to learn more.

The **Early Childhood Education Apprenticeship Program** continues to expand, with **16 apprentices enrolled for the Summer 2026 semester**. Fifteen apprentices are employed through CAPNA, and we are excited to welcome **Cullman County Schools** as one of our newest employer partners, supporting its **first apprentice** this semester.

These partnerships provide students with **valuable hands-on experience** while helping employers develop a **skilled workforce** to meet the growing demand for qualified early childhood educators. We appreciate the continued support of our employer partners in investing in the next generation of education professionals.

Interested in becoming an apprenticeship partner? Contact Lydia Williams, Career Coordinator, at lydia.williams@wallacestate.edu to learn more.

POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS CONTINUE TO GROW



On **June 30**, the **Wallace State Powerful Partnerships** network continued to expand as **13 new employers** joined the Powerful Partnership network. New partners include **Mize Electric, Hanceville Nursing & Rehab, Wellstone, Mid-America Engine, Cullman Regional, Diversicare of Arab, HomTex, People's Bank, Eagle Custom Fence, Lois A. Ellis, Cullman Area Tourism, Big Boom Coffee Company, and Tier 1 Marketing.**

The **Powerful Partnerships** program connects employers with valuable workforce development resources while providing **employees and their families** with educational benefits, including **tuition discounts, customized training opportunities, priority access to workforce events, and workforce development services.**

We are grateful for the continued investment of our employer partners and look forward to working together to **strengthen our region's workforce** and create new opportunities for students, employees, and businesses alike.

Interested in becoming a Powerful Partner? Contact Simone Grant, Workforce Training Center & Powerful Partnership Specialist, at 256.352.7453 or simone.grant@wallacestate.edu to learn more.



HELP SHAPE WORKFORCE - JOIN OUR BILT!

BILT

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM

The **Wallace State Center for Career & Workforce Development** is launching a new **Business & Industry Leadership Team (BILT)** this fall, and we'd love to have you at the table.

Our BILT **brings together local employers** to help **guide workforce training** and ensure our programs continue to **meet the evolving needs of business and industry**. Members will provide valuable **insight on workforce trends, in-demand skills, and future training opportunities**.

The committee will meet **twice each year**—once in the **fall** and once in the **spring**—with our **inaugural meeting scheduled for September 2026**.

Interested in helping shape the future workforce? Contact Anna Beard at anna.parrish@wallacestate.edu or 256.352.8356.

COMMUNITY IMPACT: LEARNING AT EVERY AGE



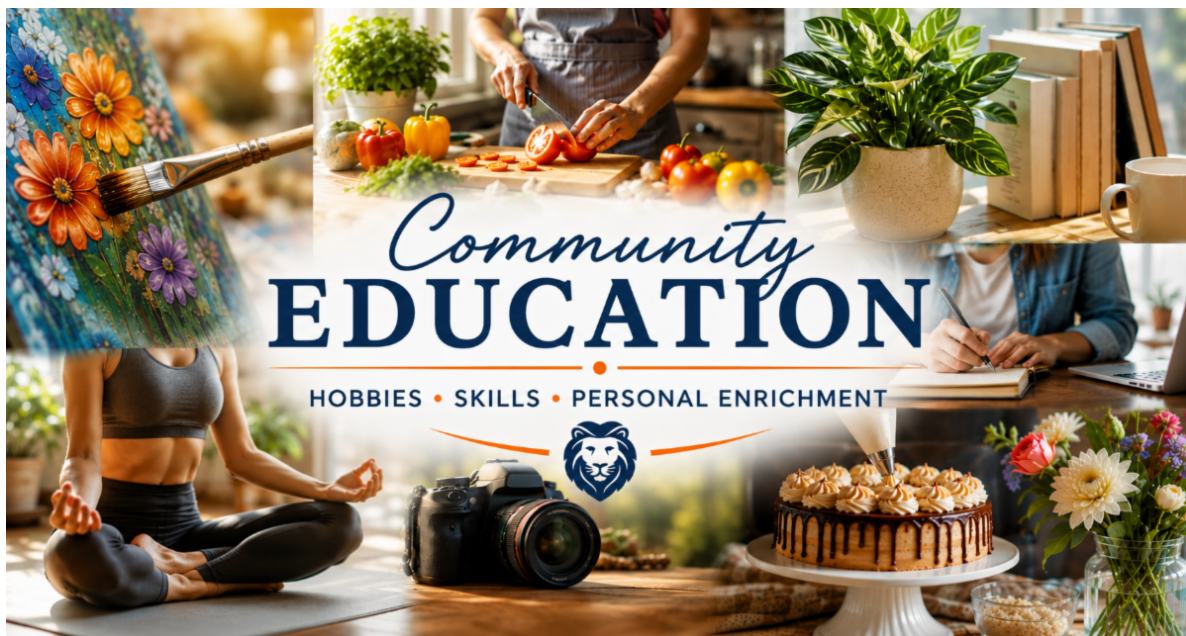
At the **Wallace State Center for Career & Workforce Development**, we believe **learning has no age limit**. From introducing young children to the excitement of science through **Science in the Kitchen** to helping older adults build confidence with technology through our **Digital Literacy** classes, we are committed to creating educational opportunities for every stage of life.

This summer, **our third Digital Literacy cohort** graduated in Cullman through a partnership between the **Wallace State Center for Career & Workforce Development**, **Cullman County Public Library System**, and **Sprout Fiber Internet**, powered by **Cullman Electric Cooperative**. We are also excited to celebrate the completion of our **first Digital Literacy class in Arley** next week at the new **Winston County Community Learning Center**.

As we continue expanding educational opportunities across our service area, **stay tuned this fall** for even more community learning programs and partnerships designed to help individuals of all ages gain new skills, build confidence, and connect with lifelong learning opportunities.



CAST YOUR VOTE FOR FUTURE CLASSES



At the **Wallace State Center for Career & Workforce Development**, we're always looking for new ways to serve our community—and we want your input! Help us shape future **Community Education** offerings by sharing the classes, workshops, and hobbies you'd like to see.

Whether you're interested in learning a new skill, exploring a hobby, advancing your career, or even **teaching a class yourself**, we'd love to hear from you. Your feedback will help us build programs that reflect the interests and needs of our communities.

[Click here to take our quick survey and cast your vote for future Community Education classes!](#)

LOOKING AHEAD: FALL REGISTRATION OPENS AUG 1

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WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS & CERTIFICATIONS

PROFESSIONAL TESTING CENTER

COMMUNITY EDUCATION & PERSONAL ENRICHMENT CLASSES

A new **registration experience** launches **August 1** for all **Workforce and Community Education** programs! Our new online registration portal will make it easier than ever to **browse classes, register, and manage your enrollment**.

Upcoming Fall Programs Include:

- CDL Training
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Medication Assistant Certified (MAC)
- Phlebotomy
- Pharmacy Technician
- Community Education & Professional Development

- And more!

For class dates, registration information, or to **be notified when the new registration portal goes live**, please contact workforce@wallacestate.edu or 256.352.7451.

Whether you're looking to train your workforce, advance your career, or partner with Wallace State, we're here to help. We look forward to serving you!

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