

GA Ford PAS Hub Update

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Approximately one year ago this month, Lt. Governor Casey Cagle welcomed several supporters of the Georgia College and Career Academy Network (GCCAN) to the State Capitol to thank them for their financial contribution to the program. Members of the Georgia Apartment Industry Education Foundation, representatives from AT&T, and associates from Georgia Power all gathered in the Lt. Governor's office to discuss on-going plans for GCCAN. These funds were to be used to assist college and career academies in receiving technical support from Georgia's Ford HUB, a partnership between Ford Motor Company Fund, TCSG, and the Georgia College and Career Academy Network. Five Georgia college and career academies received mini-grants (Douglas County College and Career Institute, Floyd County College and Career Academy, Hapeville Charter Career Academy, Houston County Career Academy, and Lanier Charter Career Academy) toward 3 full days of Ford PAS Next Generation Learning professional development. Each of these college and career academies completed their 3 days of workshops, with the exception of Douglas (which will host their 3rd day this fall), during the 2010-11 school year. This translates into 125 educators, both secondary and postsecondary from the Technical College System, receiving instruction on how to implement project-based and inquiry-based learning using the Ford PAS resources. Below are a few quotes from participants of these workshops:

"The learning is relevant. The learning is real. Our students never raise their hand and ask the teacher, 'Why are we having to learn this?' It's real obvious."

Frank Pinson, CEO of Floyd County College and Career Academy



"We want to be sure our instructors are not only teaching appropriate material but also presenting the material in a way that the students 'get it' and understand it. We don't want them to just memorize facts; we want them to be able to understand, analyze, communicate, critique, and synthesize the information (and much more). Ford PAS supports this style of learning and engagement."

Dr. Benita Moore, Curriculum Program Specialist, TCSG

"This was the most meaningful and beneficial professional development workshop that I've ever had. You and your team are true professionals, and I have gleaned so much insight in our few days together. Not only did I receive an awesome curriculum, but many dynamic teaching strategies as well. I am a Ford PAS fan! I pray God's best on you and your team as you move forward as change agents in our schools! I hope to see you again soon!" **Blake Anderson**, Chestatee High School, Hall County Schools

The Georgia Ford PAS Next Generation Learning Hub team's mission is to support educators, employers, and community leaders to empower a new generation of young people who will graduate from high school both college- and career-ready – an emerging workforce prepared to compete successfully in the 21st century economy. We are working diligently in conjunction with the Georgia College and Career Academy Network to accomplish this task of truly preparing the 21st century learners of our great state!

We invite you to be a part of the excitement and host a Ford PAS Next Generation Learning workshop soon!

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