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DOTHAN CITY OFFICIALS VISIT WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SIM LAB
NURSING SIMULATION MODEL SECOND IN ALABAMA

Pictured (left to right): Hamp Baxley, James Reading, Mayor Mike Schmitz, Albert Kirkland, Critt Snellgrove, Wallace President Linda C. Young, Dothan City Manager Mike West and Taylor Barbaree.

Dothan, Ala. – Dothan city officials recently visited Wallace Community College campus for an update on College programs and a tour of the Health Sciences Simulation Center. Dr. Linda Young, Wallace president, presented a Wallace Community College video and spoke to the group about the college, including information on the dual enrollment program.

While at the simulation center, officials visited with Harvey, the Cardiopulmonary Patient Simulator. Harvey can “teach” up to 48 students at a time with wireless stethoscopes that receive programmed normal and abnormal heart sounds. Officials donned the stethoscopes for a demonstration of Harvey’s capabilities. Jackie Spivey, division director, associate degree nursing, led the demonstration. Wallace is the first school in the community college system to

have this simulator, and the second school in the state, behind the University of Alabama at Birmingham Medical School. There are currently 10 different simulators in the lab.

Ms. Kathy Buntin, health sciences coordinator, gave the group an overview of the simulation lab. She stressed the importance of funding for the state-of-the-art lab and the advanced training the lab offers. "Incorporation of human patient simulation training allows students to participate in many experiences that otherwise would not be available in regular clinical assignments, thus better equipping them to meet the needs of our local healthcare facilities," said Buntin. Almost 45% of Wallace students are pursuing a health career major. Students can choose from seven health care programs.

The Health Services Simulation Center, which opened in June 2010, serves to educate students in Associate Degree Nursing, Practical Nursing, Emergency Medical Services, Medical Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiologic Technology and Respiratory Therapy programs.

City officials participating in the tour included Mayor Mike Schmitz, City Manager Mike West, and City Commissioners Taylor Barbaree, Hamp Baxley, Albert Kirkland, James Reading and Critt Snellgrove. Joining them were Wallace representatives Dr. Linda Young, Wallace president, Tony Holland, dean of instructional affairs, Lynn Bell, dean of business affairs and Kathy Buntin, coordinator of health sciences.

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