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Students Earn Job Readiness Certificate through Wallace Community College



Ready-To-Work graduates (L-R): Ashley Hill, Hattie Pugh, and Larry Smith.

Dothan, Ala.--Wallace Community College recently graduated five students from the Ready to Work program. Students earning certificates were Ashley Hill, Hattie Pugh, and Larry Smith from the Sparks Campus in Eufaula, and Laura Crawford and Brian Michalic from the Center for Workforce Development (CEWD) in Dothan. Graduate Larry Smith began the industrial maintenance program at WCC during summer semester.

The Ready to Work program includes training in basic education, computer skills, problem solving skills, workplace behaviors, manufacturing concepts, and job acquisition techniques. Successful completers earn an "Alabama Certified Worker" (ACW) Certificate and a State of Alabama "Career Readiness Credential" (CRC). Participants must be at least 17 years old, preferably with a high school diploma or GED, and are actively seeking employment and/or plan to attend college or vocational training classes.

From March 2007 to 2012, 141 participants completed the Ready to Work program. Since the program's inception, 86% of students graduating from the program either obtain employment and/or enter college.

The eight-week program is offered four times per year in both Eufaula and Dothan. The next Ready to Work class begins October 15, 2012. Applications are available at the Center for Workforce Development at 5565 Montgomery Highway, Dothan, Ala., WCC Sparks Campus in Eufaula, or the Lake Area Career Center. For more information, call (334) 556-2203 (Dothan) or (334) 556-2444 (Eufaula).

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*Ready to Work graduates (L-R): Ashley Hill, Hattie Pugh, and Larry Smith.
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