

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF THE DALLAS HERRING LECTURE



As we celebrated **10 years** of inspiring presentations and discussions, the 2024 Dallas Herring Lecture emphasized the transformative power of **leading with love**: loving our students to success and creating environments where they—and the educators and leaders who support them—can thrive. Turning this into reality requires **courage** to confront challenges, a **culture** grounded in compassion, and a **commitment** to prioritizing the success of every student we serve.



As Dr. Audrey J. Jaeger reminded us, *“Like Dallas Herring, we must let nothing deter us from our mission of opening the door to meaningful educational opportunities for each and every learner.”*

We want to thank **Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart, Dr. Scott Ralls and Dr. Pamela Senegal** for encouraging and motivating us to reaffirm our commitment to all students.

There is no day better than today to recommit to educational transformation for our students. Download our [DHL Discussion Guide](#) to spark meaningful conversations and advance equitable practices in education.

DOWNLOAD THE DISCUSSION GUIDE

WATCH THE DALLAS HERRING LECTURE

BELK CENTER 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



At the Belk Center, we are proud to serve all 58 of North Carolina's community colleges, working together to empower learners and strengthen communities.

2024 has been a milestone year, marking:

- **The 5th anniversary of the Belk Center**
- **The 10th Dallas Herring Lecture**
- **The 30th anniversary of the PACE Climate Survey**
- **The 35th anniversary of the North Carolina Community College Leadership Program**

This year, we supported community college leaders by providing leadership development programs and practical tools to improve student success. Our [Teaching and Learning Hubs](#) delivered actionable research while our [five-point framework](#) offered strategies to increase adult learner enrollment. By expanding support for [rural colleges](#), we're also ensuring more students can access postsecondary opportunities that lead to better jobs and brighter futures.

All of this work is made possible through the collaboration and support of numerous partnerships across the Great 58. Together, we're tackling pressing challenges facing students and campuses to drive systemic change in North Carolina and around the country.

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NEWLY RELEASED RESEARCH

Stanly Community College Increasing Student Success



NEW RESEARCH BRIEF



BUILDING MOMENTUM TOWARD DEGREE ATTAINMENT THROUGH CONTEXTUALIZED ENGLISH COURSES

Stanly Community College is identifying new ways to increase student success among rural college leaders by contextualizing their English courses.

By using **disaggregated data**, **empowering faculty** through professional development, and **improving access** to academic support, Stanly is creating momentum for credential completion and student achievement. Explore how the college is driving **student success** through innovative practices in our latest research brief.

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[CHECK OUT PREVIOUSLY RELEASED RESEARCH](#)

ADDRESSING RURAL HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE GAPS: A NEW TOOLKIT

FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND PARTNERS

Rural North Carolina faces a healthcare workforce talent shortage, and **community colleges play an essential role** in addressing the need for highly qualified healthcare professionals. Every day, our state's community colleges are working proactively, strategically and collaboratively with local and regional partners to ensure their students have the quality instruction, support and connections they need to pursue their dreams of a career in healthcare.



Our new [Rural Healthcare Partnerships Toolkit](#) is designed to be a resource for healthcare organizations, community colleges and other workforce and educational partners looking to fill the gap in rural healthcare professionals. Created by the **Rural Postsecondary Practices Partnership (RP3)**—a collaborative effort between the [North Carolina Community College System](#), [NC State Belk Center for Community College Leadership and Research](#), [EducationNC](#), and [myFutureNC](#)—this toolkit breaks down successful models of partnership being leveraged across rural North Carolina to meet local and regional healthcare workforce needs.

We hope you'll [check it out](#), and we invite you to share additional examples of partnerships, questions, updates or other feedback by emailing RP3@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

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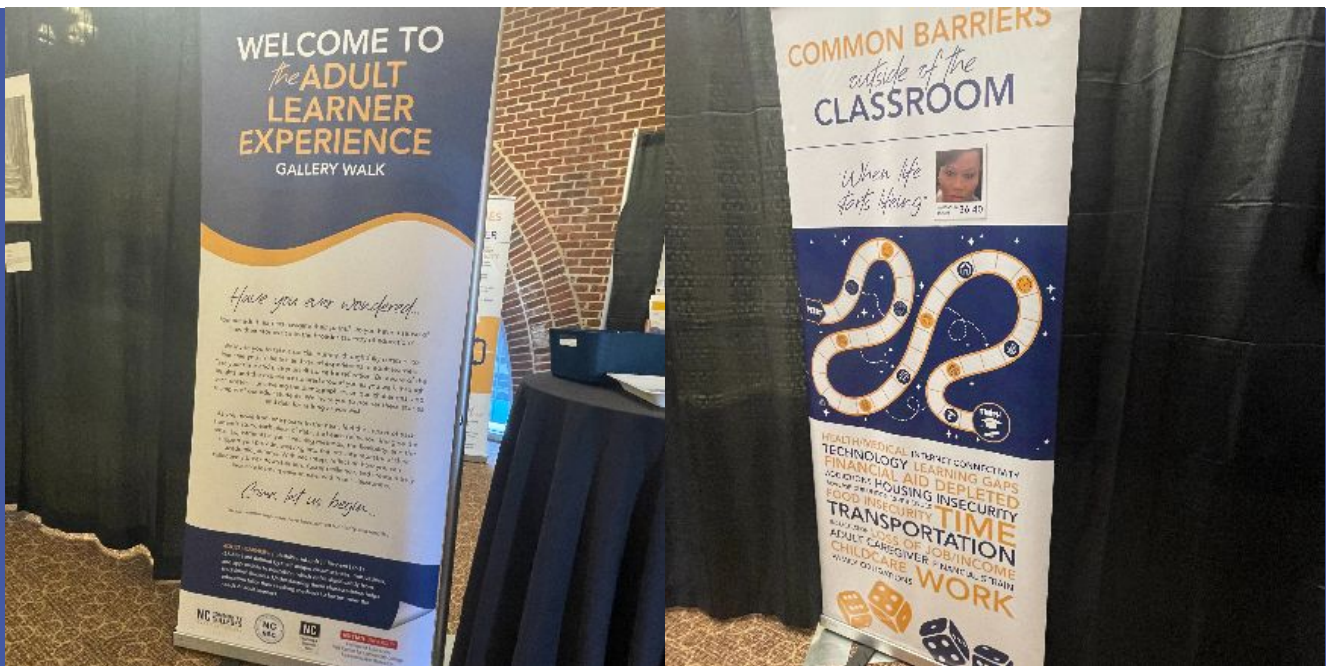
NCCLP KICKS OFF LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



This month, the **North Carolina Community College Leadership Program (NCCCLP)** kicked off its first of five retreats for this year's cohort. The cohort includes 33 emerging leaders from 24 community colleges across North Carolina. Through the NCCCLP, participants develop essential skills to support their leadership roles in the North Carolina Community College System.

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GROWING IMPACT OF TEACHING AND LEARNING HUBS



This month the **NC Teaching & Learning Hub Co-Directors** launched an immersive **Adult Learner Experience** at the North Carolina Community College System Adult Learning Summit that allowed attendees to step into the shoes of an adult learner.

Bring this transformative experience to your own campus by completing the request form today!

FILL OUT THE ADULT LEARNER EXPERIENCE REQUEST FORM

BELK CENTER IN THE NEWS



Diverse: Issues in Higher Education:

['Need for Love More
Profound, Harder than It's
Ever Been'](#)



EdNC: Perspective:

[Demonstrating an ethic of
care by leaning into our rural
college assets](#)

EdNC:

[2024 Dallas Herring Lecture
focuses on loving
community college students
to success](#)



EdNC: Perspective:

[Wake Tech president on
recommitting ourselves to
the 'forgotten people'](#)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE BELK CENTER



Holidays

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Happy Holidays to our colleagues and partners across North

*Carolina and beyond! Wishing you a season filled with joy, warmth
and celebration.*



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