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2026 DALLAS HERRING LECTURER: **DR. VICKI KAROLEWICS**



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PRESIDENT OF WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
TOP 10 FINALIST, 2027 ASPEN PRIZE FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE EXCELLENCE

**"THE VALUE AGENDA: A SYSTEMS
APPROACH TO STUDENT SUCCESS"**

The Belk Center is pleased to announce that Dr. Vicki Karolewics, president of Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, Ala., will present the 2026 Dallas Herring Lecture.

Dr. Karolewics has served as president of Wallace State Community College since 2003. During her tenure, she has led the college to national prominence, including recognition as one of the top four community colleges in the nation as a Rising Star finalist for the 2025 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence and a top 10 finalist for the 2027 Aspen Prize.

The 2026 lecture, titled "The Value Agenda: A Systems Approach to Student Success" will take place on Tuesday, November 17 at 10 a.m. Eastern Time.

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ON THE GROUND



Pictured: Kaitlin Newhouse, Holley Nichols and Diana Cervantes

Community Colleges of Appalachia Annual Conference!

The Belk Center was in Asheville, N.C., last month with two presentations at the Community Colleges of Appalachia Annual Conference.

Kaitlin Newhouse, Ph.D., and Holley Nichols, Ph.D., shared strategies for strengthening student persistence, success and completion in Appalachian community colleges.

Meet The New Teaching and Learning Hub Co-Directors

We are excited to welcome three new Teaching and Learning Hub Co-Directors who will help lead the next chapter of faculty-driven professional learning across North Carolina's community colleges.

Together, they bring more than 50 years of teaching experience across chemistry, English, academic success and student-centered learning. Their excitement for the year ahead reflects the heart of the Teaching and Learning Hubs: collaboration, connection, innovation and a deep commitment to strengthening teaching practices to support student success.

We are grateful for the leadership, expertise and care each of these new co-directors brings to this work. Welcome, Marissa, John and Karen — we are excited for all that is ahead!

WELCOME



MARISSA
COMINOTTI

Piedmont Hub



DR. JOHN
KISER

West Hub



KAREN
TAYLOR

West Hub

**NEW TEACHING & LEARNING
HUB CO-DIRECTORS**

IN THE CONVERSATION

Tuesday, July 14 | 2 p.m.

WEBINAR

USING RESEARCH TO TELL YOUR STORY



Sarah Deal



Catherine Nagy

*Featuring Graphic Designer
Anthony Chiavatti*

Webinar: Using Research to Tell Your Story

How do you turn institutional data into a story that inspires action?

On July 14, Belk Center team members Sarah Deal, Ph.D., Catherine Nagy, MBA, and Anthony Chiavatti will lead a session on strategies for communicating research, helping participants transform data into compelling narratives, actionable headlines and effective visualizations.

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THANK YOU, DR. GRANT JOLLIFF PIEDMONT TEACHING AND LEARNING HUB CO-DIRECTOR

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to Grant Jolliff as he concludes his service as the Piedmont Teaching and Learning Hub Co-Director.

Dr. Jolliff has been a thoughtful and committed leader in advancing the work of the North Carolina Teaching and Learning Hubs. Through his leadership in the Piedmont region, he has helped foster meaningful engagement, collaboration and innovation among educators committed to student success.

THANK YOU

**PIEDMONT TEACHING &
LEARNING HUB CO-DIRECTOR**



DR. GRANT JOLLIFF

DAVIDSON-DAVIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

As a faculty leader from Davidson-Davie Community College, Dr. Jolliff brought deep care for teaching, learning, and regional collaboration to this work. His dedication to supporting faculty, building professional learning communities and advancing the mission of the Hubs has made a lasting impact.

Thank you, Dr. Jolliff, for your service, leadership, and commitment to the Piedmont region and to North Carolina's community college students. We are grateful for all you have contributed and excited to see the continued impact of your work!



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