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Adult Education Volunteers build confidence

It takes hard work, dedication, and hours of coaching from a team of instructors the build the confidence students need to reach the goal of achieving a GED®. On March 12, 2015, the volunteers for North Georgia Technical College’s Adult Education programs in Habersham, White, Rabun, and Stephens Counties were honored at a special breakfast celebration.

“When someone comes through the program here and passes that final test and goes and gets that job they’ve been wanting, that builds the strength of our community as well,” said Dr. Mark Ivester, NGTC Vice President for Economic Development. “Because of our volunteers, we can serve more students, and that contributes directly to the economic growth in our neighborhoods.”

Throughout Northeast Georgia, North Georgia Technical College’s adult education centers offer free classes to those who wish to attain their GED or prepare for college entrance tests. The level of service and individual help given to those students would not be possible without the help of a large number of volunteers.

Habersham County volunteers who attended included Aaron Rogowski, Don Howington, Bob Powell, and Marilyn Powell. White County volunteers in attendance were Elaine Mobley, Gene Anderson, and Sharon Rummage. From Stephens County, Jim Smith attended the celebration and was given a special Years of Service Award for ten years of volunteering at North Georgia Tech.

The adult education program is designed to assist adults returning to school to resume educational programs which were interrupted in earlier years. Students are given assistance in writing, math skills, and reading comprehensive skills to re-enter the job market after a layoff; preparing for the GED® Tests to qualify for a job or credit program that requires a high school diploma to graduate, learning English as their second language, learning to use a computer, or just working toward a personal educational goal. All instructional materials are available for student use at no cost.

“It is our privilege to take this time to thank you for all that you do,” said NGTC Dean for Adult Education Shelby Ward. “To you who are with us today as well as for the many, many more who are not, we depend on you to help us change the lives of our students. Thank you for partnering with us.”

For more information on the literacy and the Adult Education program at North Georgia Technical College, visit www.northgatech.edu or call 706-754-7717.

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