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Rocio Guzman honored in Atlanta

The Technical College system of Georgia has recognized delegates from each of the Adult Education programs in the system at the Exceptional Adult Georgian in Literacy Education (EAGLE) Leadership Institute held in March. Rocio Guzman of Habersham County was the delegate from North Georgia Technical College.

The EAGLE program recognizes and honors students who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in statewide adult education classes. The concept of EAGLE is one designed to create a greater awareness of educational opportunities that are available in local communities across the state and to foster involvement in lifelong learning pursuits.

Adult Education teachers in public, private, and grantee agencies nominate students at the local program level to participate in the EAGLE recognition program at the state level. Selection criteria include student character, attitude, attendance, leadership and community involvement and activities. From this group, one student is selected to represent the local program at the state EAGLE Leadership Institute.

The EAGLE Leadership Institute is a two day event designed to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of each of the EAGLE delegates and provide professional development sessions focused on increasing leadership, communication and life management skills. Ms. Guzman was accompanied by her instructor, Sandra Adair.

Every EAGLE delegate is considered an ambassador and spokesperson for literacy serving local communities and the state by promoting lifelong learning. Since its inception in 1993, the EAGLE Award program has recognized more than 1600 outstanding students across the state. In addition to serving as volunteer role models for family members, friends, neighbors and co-workers, EAGLE delegates serve as mentors, peer tutors, and recruiters of other students into local adult education programs.

Individually and collectively the EAGLE delegates tell the adult education story in ways that no one else can articulate and in ways that others, pursuing lifelong learning goals, can readily understand. The EAGLES make a difference in their families and their respective communities and we salute them.

For more information on the Adult Education program at North Georgia Technical College, contact Shelby Ward, sward@northgatech.edu, or visit www.northgatech.edu.

Photo: TCSG Commissioner Gretchen Corbin with Rocio Guzman

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