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Gardner-Webb University to Host Event for K12 Educators on March 16

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Columbia University (New York, N.Y.) has once again joined forces with Gardner-Webb University to present leadership training to K12 educators throughout the state of North Carolina at GWU on March 16. The Urban Education Leaders Collaborative (UELC) at Columbia University Teachers College has delivered its “Teacher Leadership Institute” training around the country in multiple urban settings, including Los Angeles, Calif.

“Gardner-Webb was invited to partner with Columbia University to present a training in the Charlotte area last fall,” shared Dr. Doug Eury, dean of the GWU School of Education. “From subsequent conversations between GWU and Columbia, we realized the tremendous benefits of offering additional trainings at our main campus in Boiling Springs.”

According to UELC, participants will develop skills, expertise, and tools in the areas of decision making in collaborative teams; strategic thinking and innovation for school change; models for teacher leadership; and how to attract diverse teachers. Presenters include Dr. Brian Perkins, UELC director, and Dr. Sarah Benis Scheier-Dolberg, UELC assistant director. Both are full-time staff members at Columbia University Teachers College.

“The program is offered in a seminar style that is case-study driven,” offered Eury.

educators using computers

“From the case studies, multiple simulations are used as the focus for assessing, planning for change, implementing programs, and determining impact. Additional one-day follow up training sessions will be planned throughout the year. This event is the next installment in a mutually-beneficial partnership between Gardner-Webb and Columbia University.”

UELC Institute participants will receive a certificate of attendance from Columbia University, all institute materials, meals, and advance information on future events. Attendees are required to pay a \$50 materials fee, in conjunction with receiving a full scholarship for the Institute, provided by the support of the Charles A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation. The event will be held at Gardner-Webb University, 110 South Main Street in Boiling Springs, N.C. Register by March 13 by contacting Seth Oprea at 704-406-4406 or

email soprea@gardner-webb.edu.

The Urban Education Leadership Collaborative (UELC) at Teachers College, Columbia University (New York City, N.Y.) identifies, examines, and generates thoughtful and realistic responses to compelling problems facing urban education leaders. Participants engage in live interactions with national thought leaders and experience multi-media learning facilitated by Teachers College leaders. Participants return to their respective communities better prepared, more energized, and motivated to address critical issues.

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