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Gardner-Webb University to Host Event for K12 Educators at its Charlotte Campus

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Columbia University (New York, N.Y.) has joined forces with Gardner-Webb University (Boiling Springs, N.C.) on Oct. 26-27 to present leadership training for K12 educators throughout the state of North Carolina. 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 this training in the Charlotte area,” shared Dr. Doug Eury, dean of the GWU School of Education. “From conversations between GWU and Columbia, we realized the tremendous benefits of offering this training not only to Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, but to other systems around the state as well.”

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. “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. We anticipate this event as just the beginning of a mutually-beneficial partnership between Gardner-Webb and Columbia University.”

Dr. Doug Eury

UELC Institute participants will receive a certificate of attendance from Columbia University, all institute materials, breakfast and lunch on Friday and Saturday, and access to the Education Leadership Development Experience (ELDEx). 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's Charlotte campus, located at 8030 Arrowridge Boulevard. For more information or to apply, visit teacherscollegecollaborative.org.

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.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University's purpose is to advance the Kingdom of God through Christian higher education by preparing graduates for professional and personal success, instilling in them a deep commitment to service and leadership, and equipping them for well-rounded lives of lasting impact, Pro Deo et Humanitate (For God and Humanity).