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GHC Invited to Join Student Learning Consortium

Alverno College in Milwaukee, one of the first institutions in the United States to study and assess the process of student learning, has invited Georgia Highlands College to join a consortium project titled Innovation and Inquiry for Student Learning. The project is designed to culminate with a workshop in 2008 that will result in improvements in student learning, teaching and curriculum at participating colleges.

The project has been funded by the Lumina Foundation, a private, independent foundation that addresses issues affecting access and educational attainment, especially to underserved populations. Twenty-four community and technical colleges comprised the initial stage of the undertaking. These institutions met in the spring of 2006. They used their institutional research to identify best practices, innovations and challenges to become more student-learning centered. GHC will go through the same process as part of the second study group. Dr. Laura Musselwhite, professor of history, will chair the Georgia Highlands team.

Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president for academic affairs at Georgia Highlands, sees the college's involvement as an important opportunity for its students. "This invitation from Alverno College brings national attention to GHC and will provide us with research-based knowledge and additional tools to improve student learning at all our sites."

Georgia Highlands College is a two-year unit of the University System of Georgia, serving 4,000 students on six teaching sites in Rome, Cartersville, Acworth, Carrollton and Marietta