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DONALD HAWBAKER SPALDING COUNTY COMMISSIONER RECOGNIZED FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN CONTINUING EDUCATION

ACCG, Georgia's county association, presented certificates to lifelong learning graduates

ATLANTA, Ga. (Date) – ACCG, Georgia's county association, recognized several county officials for completing core and specialty certification levels in the ACCG Lifelong Learning Academy, the education and training program offered to Georgia's county commissioners. Commissioner Donald Hawbaker was one of many county officials honored for earning the designation of Certified County Commissioner. The training certificates were presented during the 2016 ACCG Annual Conference at the Savannah International Trade & Convention Center.



"ACCG and the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia work collaboratively to provide yearlong training opportunities to Georgia's county officials as well as county staff members," said ACCG Executive Director Ross King. "ACCG is fortunate to have a valued working relationship with such reputable and credible adult learning experts to provide educational opportunities to our county officials."

Commissioners were presented with certificates for completing the core curriculum and specialty track requirements in the Lifelong Learning Academy. Those who received certificates for completing a specialty track have undertaken specific topics of interest in local government such as public safety, intergovernmental relations, and citizen engagement among others.

"The training provided by the ACCG and Carl Vinson Institute of Government was exceptional. As a Certified Commissioner, the training has greatly enabled me to better serve Spalding County residents."

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