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\$5,000 Donation Made to Walker County Launch Academy



Pictured: Ronnie White, Business Development for Peach State; Ryan Hawk, SVP of Business Development for Peach State; Damon Raines, Walker County Schools Superintendent; Matt Harris, Launch Academy Coordinator; Marshall Boutwell, President/CEO for Peach State; John Fair, Chief of Staff for Peach State.

LaFayette, GA (December 21, 2018) – Peach State Federal Credit Union has committed to donating a \$5,000 to Walker County Schools’ Launch Academy over the next five years. The program will receive \$1,000 each year through 2022 from the credit union.

The Launch program was established in 2018 to support Walker County High School students participating in dual enrollment at Georgia Northwestern Technical College (GNTC). The program provides students transportation from their “home” school to GNTC, lunch on campus, and a laptop.

Dual enrollment covers all the tuition and fees without counting toward their HOPE grant eligibility. The program saves students an estimated \$2,100 each year.

"We are thrilled with this commitment of support for our students," said Damon Raines, Superintendent of Walker County Schools. "This donation will provide ongoing assistance to the students and the program overall, helping to ensure its long-term success."

"We were founded by educators in 1961 and we honor that foundation through our commitment to education," remarked Marshall Boutwell, Peach State's President/CEO. "That commitment is reflected in contributions to programs such as the Launch Academy, our support of Teacher of the Year banquets throughout our service area, and our annual scholarship program."

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