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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE RENEWS NIMS ACCREDITATION

**Fairfax, VA / Hanceville, AL** – Maintaining an industry standard inside the classroom is no easy task, but the Machine Tool Technology/CNC Program at Wallace State Community College has done just that and officially renewed its accreditation through NIMS. In receiving this national recognition, Wallace State staff and faculty demonstrate their continued commitment to excellence in metalworking training within the state of Alabama and for the greater good of the U.S. Manufacturing industry.

Since first becoming accredited in 2009, the Machine Tool Technology/CNC Program continues to offer national, industry credentials to students and faculty have blazed the trail with a combined sixteen NIMS credentials held by Instructors Gary McMinn, Jonathan Minyard, and Randy Moon.

The renewal review process includes a comprehensive self-evaluation that is validated through a rigorous on-site evaluation, which occurred on December 15, 2014 and was led by NIMS Evaluator Wes Ellis of the Alabama Technology Network. Wes issued above-average ratings in all areas of the evaluation and, in combination with the college's self-evaluation and other criteria, NIMS Director of Accreditation Catherine Ross issued the renewal.

This accreditation is based on NIMS Machining Level I, II, and Diemaking Level II Standards, with an emphasis in:

- ✓ Diemaking Level II
- ✓ Drill Press I
- ✓ Job Planning, Benchwork, and Layout
- ✓ Measurement, Materials, and Safety
- ✓ Manual Milling II
- ✓ Turning I: Turning Chucking Skills
- ✓ Turning II: Turning Between Centers

To learn more about this program, contact:

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