

News Brief

ICL Hosts Educational Leadership Collaborative

On January 11, ICL hosted a collaborative initiative to bring together school, university and business leaders to begin conceptualizing how to prepare future school leaders. The half-day event was held at Heritage Hall in Pensacola's Seville Quarter.



Three exceptional leaders from different types of organizations provided a diverse perspective of leadership and stimulated ideas for how to integrate innovative leadership styles into education. ICL thanks the following featured speakers for their time, enthusiasm, inspiration, and effort: Susan Story, CEO of Gulf Power; Quint Studer, CEO and Founder of the Studer Group; and Molly Howard, U.S. High School Principal of the Year.



The presenters offered motivating, proven ideas for how to become more effective leaders, and some of the participants wasted no time in implementing the ideas. Charlene Couvillon, principal of Fort Walton Beach High School, tried Quint Studer's ideas on rounding and thank you notes and found immediate success. She shared her story with ICL. "I came back and yesterday did several of the 30/90 day reviews and the results were great! I discovered an issue with my ESE teachers that I did not have any idea about! I have written several thank you notes and the results of those have been great." A special "thank you" goes to Charlene for her willingness to try the new ideas and for sharing her success with us.

Dr. Janet Pilcher, Director of ICL, stressed the value of the day by suggesting that "In response to the new educational leadership mandates from the Florida Department of Education, it is imperative for all stakeholders to come together to form a common understanding of who our future school leaders will be and how we will define the performance expectations of these new leaders. We hope the day was the catalyst for partnerships and innovative ideas that will move educational leadership to a new level."



Mark your calendar!

If you missed Harry Wong last year, he is returning on July 25, 2008.