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SHELTON STATE OFFICE OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT SPONSORS BOOK DRIVE

Tuscaloosa, Alabama – On June 27, Shelton State Community College’s Office of Student Engagement concluded their “Rock the Boat” book drive after collecting 480 books for young adults.

A statewide service project for community college students, the book drive was a collaborative effort between Shelton State and the Alabama Deans of Student Affairs Association’s 2017 Student Leadership Institute. For this year’s service project theme, the Institute chose to encourage world exploration through reading. Each participating College was asked to sponsor a book drive.

“This year’s selected service project was not only timely, but essential,” said NorQuina Rieves, Student Engagement Coordinator. “Standardized testing scores are consistently revealing that our students are falling behind in reading. It is important to not only require students to read, but also to provide reading materials they find interesting.” Local teachers were contacted to determine areas of student interest, and all donations will be distributed among service area schools.

In addition to College-wide participation, assistance was provided by the Literacy Council of West Alabama, Sandi McMahon, and Amanda Harbison, Shelton State Dean of Students. For more information on student engagement projects, contact NorQuina Rieves at nrieves@sheltonstate.edu.

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