The tutoring program which is part of the SOAR Institute at Shelton State Community College has received certification from the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA). CRLA’s International Tutor Training Program Certification granted SOAR Tutoring Services Level 1 certification. The certification signifies that Shelton State’s tutoring program meets national standards for tutor training, data collection, and program elements. The certification also illustrates that the tutoring program is a vital component in student learning. Shelton State is the only two year school in Alabama that is currently certified and one of only three post-secondary institutions in the state with ITTPC Certification. SOAR, Student Opportunities for Achievement and Resources, began in 2011 at Shelton State under the direction of Annette Cook.