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**Florida Credit Union, Santa Fe College, and The Education Foundation of Alachua County Partnered with the Alachua County Public Schools Professional Learning Department to Provide a Teacher-Led Conference**

Gainesville, Florida – Florida Credit Union, Santa Fe College, and The Education Foundation of Alachua County were proud to sponsor a unique teacher-led professional learning opportunity for educators in Alachua County. ElevatEd is an innovative initiative that aims to empower teachers to take an active role in shaping their own professional development and improving student outcomes.

ElevatEd, a program of The Alachua County Teacher Leadership Council, brought together over 120 teachers from across the Alachua County School District for a comprehensive professional learning experience. The Education Foundation of Alachua County provided coordination and support for the event.

The teacher-led professional learning opportunity was designed to address specific challenges and needs identified by local teachers. Participants had the chance to share their expertise and collaborated with colleagues to develop effective strategies for improving student achievement.

"We were thrilled to be partnering with these esteemed organizations to provide this valuable professional learning opportunity for our teachers," said Tia Paul, Executive Director of The Education Foundation of Alachua County. "By empowering teachers to take an active role in their own development, we can help ensure that our students receive the best education possible."

The event occurred on June 4, 2024 at Santa Fe College Blount Center in Gainesville, Florida. The program featured a keynote speaker, Dr. Adam Dovico, sharing his years of experience working to provide students with the social and communication skills to



become leaders. Additionally, ElevatEd hosted a combination of workshops and collaborative sessions led by experienced teachers and experts in the field.

The Education Foundation of Alachua County is dedicated to supporting education in Alachua County by providing resources, programs, and services that benefit students, teachers, and schools.

For more information about this teacher-led professional learning opportunity, please contact Tia Paul at [brocktt@gm.sbac.edu](mailto:brocktt@gm.sbac.edu) or 352-955-7250.

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(From Left) Tia Paul, Executive Director, The Education Foundation of Alachua County, Bobbi Gonzales, Program and Grants Director, The Education Foundation of Alachua County, Leah Ungarten, Finance Director, The Education Foundation of Alachua County, Monica W., Florida Credit Union, and Jen Hoover, Florida Credit Union





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(From Left) Tia Paul, Executive Director, The Education Foundation of Alachua County, Dr. Adam Dovico, Bobbi Gonzales, Program and Grants Director, The Education Foundation of Alachua County

