

News Brief

ICL Proudly Introduces New Employee

ICL is proud to introduce Mr. Russell Yocum as the latest addition to the ICL family. Affectionately called "Russ," he has added a new energy, enthusiasm, and perspective to ICL. Russ, who is currently working to complete his Ed.D. in Diversity Studies at UWF, has been in education for 8 years; and he has spent time in service to our country in the Air Force. He has diverse experiences in public education and has received the honor of being named School Rookie of the Year and the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Quarter.



Russ is working with ICL as a content specialist, developing resources for teachers; and he is serving as the Lead Instructor for the TeacherReady® program. Please join us in welcoming Mr. Russ Yocum!

Teachers' Academy a Success Again!

During July and August, ICL offered three summer academies for Escambia County teachers as part of the *Teachers Teach, Students Learn Academy*. A total of 62 teachers from 8 schools and the county pre-kindergarten program participated in the academies. Teachers worked in learning teams to develop individual 30 day plans and weekly plans for the first 30 days of school. Each team was assigned a coach to work with the teachers as they developed their plans, which focused on student engagement, scaffolding learning, and the use of formative assessment to support student learning.

Academy participants appreciated the opportunity to work with peers, share ideas, engage in professional learning teams, and support colleagues. Participants also identified the value in the academy, which is evident in the survey rating scores for the three academies. On a 5 point scale, with 5 representing "strongly agree," participants scored the survey item stating, "I learned something that I can apply in my classroom," a 4.96, with 98% of the participants scoring the item a 5. The overall rating for the academies was 4.90, with 89% of the participants scoring the academy a 5.

ICL looks forward to continuing to work with these outstanding professionals as they implement their plans in the first 30 days of school. We appreciate all that they do each day in the classroom to support and encourage student learning!

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