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The Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation has announced the funding of the Achieving the Dream initiative at Ouachita Technical College in Malvern, providing the College with the first \$100,000 installment of a \$400,000 grant to increase student success in higher education.

Following a year-long study of its practices, particularly with developmental education and with students of color, the College intends to both increase the number of students attending college and help those students be successful once they enroll in college. Using a culture of inquiry and evidence, Ouachita Technical College has used data to point out areas in which it can improve, and the college is launching three Achieving the Dream initiatives to help its students.

First, the College is restructuring the curriculum and delivery of Basic Grammar and Basic Composition classes to enhance student learning and engagement. Secondly, the College is varying the delivery of Intermediate Algebra to improve student success rates. Third, the College is reassessing its student intake strategies, such as its registration and orientation processes, to create fewer barriers for students enrolling in college.

In addition to the initiatives, the Achieving the Dream grant will make it possible for faculty and staff at the College to participate in conferences that help educators understand the learning styles, and struggles, of millennial students. Toward that end, Ouachita Technical College instructors and administrators will be participating in workshops with college faculty across the state in a cross-college effort to affect changes in higher education policy at the state level.

In 1974 the Trustees of Governor Winthrop Rockefeller's Estate endowed the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation to continue the Governor's philanthropic work. Today, the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation is a private foundation whose mission it is to improve the lives of Arkansans. Additional information about the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation can be found on its website, www.wrfoundation.org.