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**Dr. Kathy Adkins**

Kathy Forester Adkins, who performed with the popular country group, The Forester Sisters, from 1984-1996, is the new Choral Director/Music Instructor at Northeast Alabama Community College (NACC).

Adkins and The Forester Sisters performed throughout the United States and Europe. They participated in several USO performances in places such as Iceland, Cuba, Spain, Italy, etc. They were nominated for three Grammys and received one Academy of Country Music Award for Vocal Group of the Year.

Before coming to NACC, Adkins, of Rising Fawn, Georgia, was the Choral Director for Dade County Schools in Trenton. She directed middle and high school choirs. Several of her students participated in Georgia All-State Chorus each year and her choirs received Superior and Excellent ratings at GMEA Large Group Performance Evaluations. Her Advanced Choir were featured guests at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Choral Department's Spring Concert in 2006.

Adkins was named Dade County Teacher of the Year in 2003. She was nominated several times by students for inclusion in Who's Who Among Teachers. Adkins served as Choral Director at Catoosa County Schools in Ringgold, Georgia for one year where she directed middle and high school choirs. Some of her students participated in the Georgia All-State Chorus. She was a music teacher in the Dade County Schools where she taught general music classes at four elementary schools. She served as an adjunct faculty member at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond where she taught freshman theory and class piano.

A graduate of The University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Adkins has a Ed.D in Leadership for Teaching and Learning. Her dissertation was entitled "The Singing Schools of New Salem, Georgia", which was an oral history project documenting the singing schools held in the community of New Salem located on Lookout Mountain in Dade County. She also holds an Master of Music degree in Theory and Composition from Eastern Kentucky University at Richmond where she was chosen as Outstanding Musical Alumnus in 1990 and for the Distinguished Hall of Alumni in 1993. She received a Bachelor of Music Degree from Wesleyan College in Macon where she was nominated for Wesleyan Woman of the Year and the Katherine Rogers Leadership Award. She received the Sigma Alpha Iota Sword of Honor Leadership Award and the Doris O. Jelks Service Award in Music. In addition, she received the United Methodist and Ty Cobb Educational Foundation scholarships.

