

## **CAWS Educator Exchange Narrative**

Cullman Area Workforce Solutions (CAWS) is a program created for teachers to experience life outside the classroom and inside the business industry in our city. Teachers from Cullman are exposed to various businesses and industries for one week where they see the operations of a business on a daily basis and then take those observations and apply them in their own classrooms. I was fortunate to be selected to participate in this summer program.

Initially when I began my assignment at The Cullman Times, I had no idea how many components existed in the newspaper business. Employment possibilities vary to include creation, production, sales and delivery. As I toured the different departments, I realized how many things there were about our newspaper that I did not know.

Not only will I carry new knowledge about future career possibilities I can share with students, but also I have gained a greater appreciation for our local paper. The experience rewarded me with much insight, and I am grateful to everyone at The Cullman Times and the CAWS program who afforded me the wonderful experience.

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