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This month, we want to thank our guest blogger, Mrs. Bonnie Short, Director of the Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI), and her team members at ARI. Alabama has a long history as a leader in the Science of Reading, being one of the premier models of scientifically-based reading instruction dating back to before Reading First. Much of their success has been due to a strong focus on providing professional development and coaching to both teachers and leaders, which has enabled them to implement this research in Alabama classrooms every day. We appreciate Mrs. Short taking time from her busy schedule to write this month's blog and share [Alabama's Student-Centered Coaching Model](#) with us. It's been a pleasure to work with her and the ARI team over the last almost four and a half years to [support them](#) as they have worked to further strengthen their model and their student outcomes.

Also, we just released the first session in our [Academic Return on Investment \(A-ROI\) video learning series](#) last Friday. In this session, you can learn about the concepts of A-ROI and cost-benefit analysis and also learn how A-ROI can be helpful in your school district's budget process. We hope this learning session and the two that follow it will help you apply A-ROI to make the best decisions on how to invest your budget to best serve your students.

Finally, this month, we are recognizing both Black History Month and Career Technical Education Month by providing some resources related to each of these areas below.

Be sure to visit our website and check in with us on social media to keep up with our work. We are honored to continuously support you during these five years.

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NEW BLOG: [Making Students the Center of Coaching in Alabama](#)

VIDEO LEARNING SERIES: [Academic Return on Investment \(Session 1\)](#)



Black History Month Resources

National Education Association – [Black History Month Lessons and Resources](#)

Reading Rockets – [Black History Month Library](#)

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Resources

Advance CTE – [Learning that Works Resource Center](#)

Southern Regional Education Board – [CTE Resources](#)





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