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**EIGHT GRADUATE FROM VALLOCYCLE “REPAIRS TO RESUMES”
PROGRAM**

Montevallo, AL — This month, the ValloCycle program graduated eight students from its six-week course in bike repair, “Repairs to Resumes” program. Students from local Montevallo Middle School were engaged with a curriculum of bicycle technical skills centered specifically on increasing students’ employment opportunities in Shelby County’s burgeoning bicycle repair industry. In addition, students received numerous lessons in safe cycling practices on roadways and trails, as well as how to effectively communicate their technical skills in a professional resume. The program was made possible through a grant from the All-Terrain Natural Products Company of Sunapee, New Hampshire, and ValloCycle will continue to offer this course free of charge to the general public on a quarterly basis.

The ValloCycle Program is committed to showcasing the economic viability of cycling in Shelby County. By providing comprehensive, trade-level education in a specialized field to local youth, our program coordinators hope to bring unique economic opportunities both to our students as well as our greater community. In reference to the potential impact that bicycle technical courses could have on the economic potential of our region, Barbara Malki, owner of Cahaba Cycles, had this to say:

“On any city block, in any city, there’s always going to be a bike shop looking for a good mechanic. This is a trade that can give students future access to technical professions in the manufacturing, specialty, and racing worlds.”

Cahaba Cycles presently maintains four locations in the Jefferson-Shelby area.

Based in the City of Montevallo and operated jointly with the University of Montevallo, the ValloCycle Bike-Share Program has made low-cost bicycle rentals available to all residents of Shelby County since its debut in October of this past year. Since that time, over 100 members have rented bicycles from a fleet of over fifty single-speed cruiser, mountain, road, and children’s style bicycles from three separate rental locations.