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**Washington County Commissioner David Pettis, Jr. Earns the Certified County Commissioner Designation**

Pettis pursues local government education to help lead their community

**ORANGE COUNTY, Fla.** -- Washington County Commissioner David Pettis, Jr. was presented with the Certified County Commissioner (CCC) designation from the Institute for County Government (ICG) at an award ceremony held at the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Annual Conference and Educational Exhibition in Orange County, Florida.

The CCC designation is a voluntary program of study designed for county commissioners to learn information and enhance skills relevant to their duties and responsibilities as an elected official.

“I am honored to receive this designation and thankful for the knowledge I have garnered in the process of becoming a Certified County Commissioner. These skills will aid in working to better Washington County. Thank you to the Institute for County Government for making this possible.” – David Pettis, Jr.

The CCC educational program is an initiative comprising of 45 hours of coursework. This program's curriculum encompasses a diverse range of courses, such as growth management, financial management, and ethics, as well as elective courses such as affordable housing, emergency management, and resiliency.

“The CCC program highlights the quality of local leaders we have in the state of Florida,” shares Eric Poole, Executive Director of ICG. “For them to invest their time into completing coursework to benefit their constituents and community, they demonstrate their dedication to going above and beyond the expected duties of a county commissioner.”

Alongside Commissioner Pettis, eleven commissioners earned the CCC designation at the FAC award ceremony.

The CCC program is made possible through a continuing partnership with the University of Florida/IFAS Extension.

To learn more about ICG and the CCC designation, please visit [flicg.org](http://flicg.org).

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