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Welcome, Governor Deal

Gov. Nathan Deal will be visiting Valdosta today as part of a swing through seven cities in Georgia on a "pro-jobs, pro-family statewide tour."

Deal will be speaking at 7 a.m. at a Chamber of Commerce breakfast at Valdosta State University, along with the members of the legislative delegation, before moving on to the VSU College of Nursing at 8:40 a.m. He will then have a luncheon in Albany, before moving on to Robins AFB and Columbus. The Governor will be on a very tight schedule, and Valdosta is grateful for his making time to visit.

Gov. Deal was pivotal in assisting our local dele-

gation in securing the funding for the Valdosta State University Health Sciences Center this session, and his visit to the school of nursing shows how much he cares about that program and ensuring its future.

Any time the community receives attention from the top leader in the state is a good day, and Deal has shown generosity in both his time and support since taking office. The Health Sciences building will have an impact on the medical community and health care in the region for years to come, and is a greatly needed and appreciated addition to the Valdosta State's campus.

Thank you, Gov. Deal, and welcome to Valdosta!