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ACT 360

It is my privilege to serve as the current chair of the Foundation for Louisiana's Community and Technical Colleges, (a.k.a. the LCTCS Foundation). The LCTCS Foundation works closely with our colleges and their individual foundations and it has been incredible to have the chance to work with all of them. It might sound a little corny, but the cultures that have been set up to make 1+1=3 and the teams that make it happen are amazing. It has been a real honor to be associated with these teams.

Take a look at the newest initiative or theme we are all striving toward – “Act 360”. What is the first thing that comes to mind when you say those words? Turn around? Go full circle? A whole new perspective? Perhaps all of the above. But the way I see it is an opportunity to take a close look at the changes and opportunities that are happening in Louisiana, and understand the role of community and technical colleges in supporting the economic growth and development that is occurring in Louisiana.

Community and technical colleges have been charged with coordinating education and training for the economic tide that is headed our way. This is an opportunity for the people of this state to learn additional skills and have a place to put that trade or skill to work. Our citizens will be able to do what they love and make a real career out of it. And our community and technical colleges will lead the way in preparing them.

This is the easiest part. In my opinion, for the first time in generations, we have all aspects of our state working together communicating and collaborating as never before. Through Act 360, the legislature has supported a path forward for community and technical colleges to build capacity that will move Louisiana into the next generation and beyond for education and training.

Therefore, this is good time to reflect on where we have come and what opportunities lie ahead in our communities all over the state, and the role each of us can play. No matter who you are or where you live, you can promote the value of the education and training our colleges provide and share personal experiences that

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demonstrate this value to you, your family, your business, and your community.

In addition, coming soon, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the building of one of these 29 new facilities. This will be the truest example of getting back way more than you give. I hope that when you hear of an opportunity to participate, volunteer, or donate to the new facility in your area, that you do so. And jump in with both feet!

Education and training may feel a little bit like Mr. Toad's Wild Ride from Disney World that I remember from my childhood. I remember how much fun I had once the ride had ended, but I always wanted to get right back on. The opportunities that Act 360 will afford our communities will be amazing! §



Steven Toups, Chair of the Board
The Foundation for Louisiana's Community and Technical Colleges



ACT *Advancing* 360 *Centers of* *Technology*

In the last 15 years, Louisiana's community and technical colleges have seen significant growth and increased relevance as thousands of new students hungry for opportunity have poured into campuses across the state. Some of these campuses have been among the fastest-growing community colleges in the United States. Many are now at capacity, and others need long-deferred updates and modernizing. Even with the historic state funding of \$225 million achieved under Act 391 in 2007, which expanded and renovated numerous facilities, many more community and technical college campuses need dramatic investment so that Louisiana can close its significant "training gap."

In 2013, the Louisiana Legislature rightly recognized that in order for community and technical colleges to keep a pace with the needs of employers, it must fund a new wave of construction projects. Senator Robert Adley (Benton) and Speaker of the House Charles E. "Chuck"

Kleckley (Lake Charles) provided strong leadership, and the bill successfully passed. In June 2013, Governor Bobby Jindal officially signed Senate Bill 204 (Act 360) into law, authorizing financing and construction of 29 projects in the amount of \$251.6 million. Legislators, mayors, chambers of commerce, business and industry CEOs, and

others backed the "Facilities with a Purpose" legislation, considered one of the most important bills of the 2013 Legislative Session.

"The purpose of this bill was to fund facilities, but its true goal is to strengthen the economic growth of our state by aligning our workforce with the needs of employers," says Dr. Joe May, outgoing president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.

Act 360 also presented a unique feature that points to the innovation and commitment of Louisiana's community and technical colleges: 12% percent of the total cost of projects, or \$34.3 million, will come from local matching funds. Campuses will work hand-in-hand with corporate and municipal partners to achieve local investment and buy-in.

This issue of Moves Magazine will introduce you to all 29 of these projects at Louisiana's 13 community and technical colleges. You will learn

why this legislation enjoyed such strong local support. You will see how closely tied each project is to its local economy. And, most important, you will be excited to discover how these new facilities will transform the lives of individuals and strengthen communities for years to come. §

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Act 360: A New Degree of Excellence for **Louisiana's Two-Year Colleges**

Act 360 By the Numbers

- ✓ Between 2010 and 2012, Louisiana's unemployment rate was the highest in a generation, yet 53% of employers still found it difficult to find qualified workers.
- ✓ At least 55% of all new jobs in Louisiana will require 1-2 years of specialized education and training.
- ✓ Act 360 authorizes 25 workforce projects, three one-stop student testing, career and service centers, and one safety related project. State funds will be released as each college completes its 12% match.
- ✓ 13 rural campuses represent 45 percent of the 29 projects and directly impact Lacombe, Winnsboro, Jonesboro, Jennings, Minden, Schriever, Ruston, Livingston Parish, Reserve, Morgan City, Avondale and Tallulah.
- ✓ 16 of the projects are in urban areas and directly impact Alexandria, Monroe, Bossier City, Gonzales, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Chalmette and Jefferson Parish.
- ✓ Approximately 5,380 new training stations will be added, a 59% increase statewide.
- ✓ New training stations cover Aviation Maintenance, Welding, Automotive Technology, Construction, Allied Health, Manufacturing, Industrial Maintenance/ Instrumentation/Technology, Marine Transportation, Process Technology and Information Technology.



With more than 7,000 enrolled students and curriculum programs that dovetail with the booming regional economy, Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) is a major part of the Capital City's workforce development strategy. Since it merged with the Capital Area Louisiana Technical College in 2013, the college offers community and technical education at six campuses, serving seven parishes in the Greater Baton Rouge region. Four planned Act 360 projects will enable the college to train hundreds of new students for positions in high-growth sectors.

"It is not enough that we simply offer training," says BRCC Chancellor, Dr. Andrea Lewis Miller. "We have to provide high tech facilities where our students have the opportunity to learn through real world, hands on experiences. Our facilities have to be state-of-the-art in order to meet today's needs, but they must be able to adapt to the needs of tomorrow." BRCC will raise about \$3.3 million toward its \$28.4 million in proposed projects.

Workforce Training Center

A planned Workforce Training Center on Hooper Road brings a much-needed higher education hub to the northern

part of East Baton Rouge Parish. The 30,000 sq. ft. center will feature academic and adaptable professional programs, as well as key components that capture new students and keep them on track, including academic transfer, workforce training, dual enrollment with nearby Central Community Schools and remedial and literacy programs. The facility will house a library, classrooms, labs, shops and a student food service area.

Technology Center

BRCC is also planning a 30,000 sq. ft. expansion of the college's footprint at a development underway in Baton Rouge known as Ardendale (formerly Smiley Heights). The college will construct a state-of-the-art Technology Center within this forthcoming mixed-use development, which also includes a residential neighborhood, retail establishments and a charter school. A key offering at the BRCC Ardendale campus is automotive technology, which will train workers in sophisticated computer systems for hundreds of jobs a year in Baton Rouge alone. Currently, the closest equivalent training centers are in Texas and Georgia.

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Baton Rouge Community College: Four Act 360 Projects



Students will have more access to hands-on training programs like culinary arts.

Welding Center

A modern Welding Center planned for the college's Acadian Campus will provide a hands-on training environment that prepares students for lucrative careers in this expanding field. Today's welders need sophisticated training, and this facility ensures their training meets industry standards. The 20,000 sq. ft. structure doubles the current welding training capacity at the Acadian Campus.

Secured Parking Building

A proposed 90,000 sq. ft. secured parking garage at the BRCC Acadian Campus improves student access and safety. With the recent merger of BRCC and the Capital Area Technical College, BRCC foresees significant growth, and it is critical that facilities provide students easy access. \$



Baton Rouge Community College

East Baton Rouge Parish Campus - New Campus

Private Match \$1,104,545

State Share \$8,100,000

Total Investment \$9,204,545

Smiley Heights Campus - New Facility: Technology Center

Private Match \$1,390,909

State Share \$10,200,000

Total Investment \$11,590,909

Acadian Campus - State of the Art Welding Center

Private Match \$454,090

State Share \$3,330,000

Total Investment \$3,784,090

Acadian Campus - Parking Garage

Private Match \$490,909

State Share \$3,600,000

Total Investment \$4,090,909



Bossier Parish Community College

Bossier City Campus - STEM Building

Private Match \$2,522,727

State Share \$18,500,000

Total Investment \$21,022,727



A large biosciences wing will house programs like nursing and allied health.

Bossier Parish Community College (BPCC) has grown to be one of the fastest growing community colleges in the nation, according to *Community College Week*. BPCC serves a dynamic marketplace, and the College's focus has remained consumer-driven. Programs at BPCC are specifically designed to align with regional, high-demand employment sectors such as nursing and allied health, oil and gas tech, construction management and engineering. Student enrollment has accelerated from 4,700 students in 2008 to more than 8,500 in fall 2013 – the highest in college history.

“The biosciences and information technology, particularly cyber security, have really expanded in our region,” says BPCC Chancellor, Dr. Jim Henderson. “The demand is more than we’re able to fill currently, and we’re responding with a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Center that will produce qualified graduates. They are a must for the regional economy.”

Demand for STEM Fields Soars in North Louisiana: **BPCC Responds**

BPCC's planned 62,545 sq. ft. STEM Center will feature state-of-the-art classrooms and labs that will prepare student for a variety of jobs. A large biosciences wing will house nursing and allied health programs where students will study in state-of-the-art classrooms and in labs that feature simulated technologies. These labs will better prepare them for clinical environments.

"We've become a leader in creating simulated technologies, because we know that students learn better hands-on," says Henderson. "As a result, our students are much further along when they graduate."

Cyber coursework will also be a large component of the STEM Center. Since 2007, state and local officials have created one of the largest cyber security clusters in the nation in Northeast Louisiana. The National Cyber Research Park in Bossier City houses both defense and IT companies working on cyber technologies. Its anchor is

the non-profit Cyber Innovation Center (CIC), an economic development organization that encourages growth of the cyber industry in north Louisiana, and which promotes the advancement of STEM and cyber education in both secondary and post-secondary educational institutions.

"The placement rate in this field is, literally 100%," says Henderson. "Cyber impacts every sector that has valuable information, from financial services to healthcare. We'll be training students to work in a growing number of positions that keep those assets secure."

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STEM programs will be a key component to the new Cyber Innovation Center at BPCC.



Supporting the

Formed in 2012, Central Louisiana Technical Community College (CLTCC) is one of the newest colleges in the Louisiana Community and Technical College System. The institution combines a main campus in the city of Alexandria with six rural technical colleges and one extension, resulting in a network of campuses with an aligned mission. CLTCC's Act 360 project is a \$21.5 million Workforce Industrial Training Campus in Alexandria. This replacement campus will serve as a hub for the region and will attract a new generation of students to community and technical education. The modern, state-of-the-art space will enable the college to offer expanded curriculum programs that complement the region's advancing workforce needs in areas that include healthcare, welding, industrial maintenance, construction, business administration and general education.

The 65,000 sq. ft. facility will feature modern classrooms, laboratories, a library, shops, student activities and faculty and staff offices. It will provide students a high quality, efficient college experience, and will help increase the number of qualified workers for regional businesses. "We will expand programs that have

real relevance here in Central Louisiana, which will be a big relief to companies that currently can't find enough trained workers," says CLTCC Chancellor, Dr. Rodney Ellis. "One of our fastest growing sectors is manufacturing, and we believe this project will allow us to double or triple our capacity in graduating workers to fill positions and to close the training gap."

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The new facility will also offer general education programs for students choosing to earn an associates degree before transferring to a four-year institution such as LSU-Alexandria. The campus will feature a leading edge industrial manufacturing curriculum that includes key competencies such as automation and controls, machine tool

Central Louisiana Technical Community College

Alexandria Campus - New Campus

Private Match \$2,590,909

State Share \$19,000,000

Total Investment \$21,590,909

State-of-the-art classrooms and equipment will help expand important training programs, like welding.



Central Louisiana Technical Community College: Region's Strong Manufacturing Sector

technology and electronics and instrumentation. Ellis says that offering these choices enables students to sample different disciplines in one field, broadening their understanding and helping them to be nimble in the job market.

“We’re going to be able to accomplish a lot of great things at this new campus,” says Ellis, “both for our students and for the regional economy.” §



Construction and industrial maintenance programs will be key to CLTCC's Workforce Industrial Training Campus.



Supporting Gre

With more than 18,000 students, Delgado Community College has the highest enrollment of any educational institution in New Orleans, and the second highest in Louisiana, behind only Louisiana State University. It is a key component in the New Orleans area economy, because its graduates support a wide variety of sectors, many of which have expanded significantly since 2006. But as the post-Katrina New Orleans economy has recovered and flourished, Delgado's infrastructure has lagged behind, says Chancellor Dr. Monty Sullivan.

"Delgado is central to the success of a region with one of the nation's strongest economies. The college is focused on continuing to develop programs aligned with the workforce needs of the region and developing facilities to support those programs." Dr. Sullivan says. "These are overdue projects that will better position our campuses to answer workforce needs."

Act 360 supports six projects at Delgado that total \$96.5 million. The state share is \$86.2 million. The college will raise \$11 million in local, matching funds.

The largest of Delgado's projects is the first phase of a new 107,700 sq. ft. Nursing and Allied Health Campus. The campus will be positioned in the fast-growing New Orleans Bio District near hospitals and the Tulane University and LSU medical schools. The campus is expected to serve 6,000 students; it consolidates 28 existing allied health programs and the Delgado Charity School of Nursing.

In Harvey, Louisiana, a new 45,000-sq. ft. "River City Campus" will serve 3,000 students enrolled in programs that support Mississippi River commerce, including

Delgado Community College

*Charity School of Nursing, New Orleans
Nursing and Allied Health Campus- Phase I*

Private Match \$4,636,363

State Share \$34,000,000

Total Investment \$38,636,363

River City Campus, West Jefferson Parish - New Campus

Private Match \$1,909,090

State Share \$14,000,000

Total Investment \$15,909,090

New Hospitality Institute

Private Match \$1,227,272

State Share \$9,000,000

Total Investment \$10,227,272

*New Orleans Westbank Campus -
Advanced Technology Building and Campus Expansion*

Private Match \$1,636,363

State Share \$12,000,000

Total Investment \$13,636,363

Blair Campus - Renovation and Expansion of Campus

Private Match \$981,818

State Share \$7,200,000

Total Investment \$8,181,818

*Avondale Campus -
Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence*

Private Match \$1,363,636

State Share \$10,000,000

Total Investment \$11,363,636

The largest project at Delgado will be a 107,700 square foot Nursing and Allied Campus.

Delgado's Act 360 Projects: Water New Orleans' Diverse Economy

transportation/logistics and maritime technology. Sullivan says the project offers long overdue programs and certifications that support river commerce. "About 45% of direct and indirect jobs have something to do with the river, yet we have only a handful of programs at the college to support this sector. This project addresses that challenge," Sullivan says.

Delgado's West Bank Campus in Algiers will see a new 50,000 sq. ft. Advanced Technology Building and campus expansion that will serve the workforce needs of the oil, gas and chemical industries with technical training programs such as deep-water oil production. And Avondale outside of New Orleans, renovation and expansion of an existing facility will create a 66,000 sq. ft. Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence. The project will provide sustainable, long-term solutions to critical workforce shortages in business and industry.

New Orleans is a well-known food lover's paradise, but remarkably there are few regional educational opportunities in the culinary arts. A new \$10 million Hospitality

and Culinary Center will educate the hospitality industry workforce of the region, preparing students for careers in the culinary arts, food service management and hospitality management.

As Metairie's population has grown, so has demand at Delgado's Metairie facility. Act 360 calls for an \$8 million renovation and expansion of the campus that creates 60,000 sq. ft. of modern classrooms and laboratories. The campus will offer a broad range of academic, technical and workforce programs.

"These facilities represent not an investment in the college but in the local workforce," says Sullivan. "This is a practical move. By building these facilities and developing and growing the programs aligned with industry needs, we ensure that our people are able to fully participate in and benefit from the economic growth of the region." §

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New facilities will make room for transportation-related program to support commerce along the Mississippi River.



Louisiana Delta Answering Regional Work

“We’re extraordinarily excited to be engaged in something so transformational,” says Dr. Barbara Hanson, chancellor of Louisiana Delta Community College (LDCC). “Our five Act 360 projects will enable us to meet the continuing needs of our students and of the growing number of employers who are selecting our region.”

LDCC serves the largest geographic area of any community college in the state. With eight campuses in eight different parishes, the college covers a 2,100 square mile area and has about 7,800 combined credit and noncredit students. LDCC’s Act 360 projects include one new campus and significant updates to four other campuses, representing a nearly \$30 million investment in the region.

“The economy here is continuing to show strong growth, and it’s important for us to grow the capacity of our college so that we can answer regional workforce needs now and into the future,” says Hanson.

LDCC’s main campus in Monroe will see a new \$8 million 30,000 square foot Advanced Technology

Center, allowing the college to expand its technology programs to include electronics, pneumatics, electrical controls and sensors, programmable logic controllers and other high skill, high wage and high demand programs. The Center will serve more than 3,500 students.

The Ruston campus is planning a \$9 million renovation and addition that will result in a state-of-the-art 30,000 sq. ft. building with classrooms and labs that can keep up with the training requirements of high demand fields, particularly nursing and welding. Hanson says the new facility in Ruston will also become a long-term partner to Louisiana Tech. Graduates from LDCC will be able to transfer to the four-year college, and take advantage of its expanding programs in STEM fields.

In Winnsboro, LDCC plans to acquire and renovate an 18,000 sq. ft. facility that will ultimately replace the current campus here. Located immediately off Interstate 20, the planned \$5.1 million facility will be highly visible and centrally located and will feature leading edge equipment and classrooms. “We have been very limited

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The new Advanced Technology Center in Monroe will train workers for high wage jobs the growing fields of instrumentation, electronics and electrical controls and sensors.



Community College: Workforce Needs



by space and outdated infrastructure at our current campus, so this will give us a chance to expand current programs and branch out into new areas, including other healthcare curricula.”

LDCC will also expand and update its current campus in the town of Tallulah, a \$2.8 million project. “The current facility is cost prohibitive to maintain, and its layout does not support the needs of industry or meet academic standards,” says Hanson. “We will create a new 42,000 sq. ft. facility that offers a wide variety of programs, including accounting, nursing, welding, automotive technology, general education and more.”

Finally, LDCC will expand into the town of Jonesboro for the first time with a new \$3 million 10,000 sq. ft. facility. “We don’t have a physical presence in this community now, but there are a lot of emerging needs, and we’re excited about meeting the demand,” says Hanson. The curriculum programs planned for the Jonesboro campus include welding, commercial vehicle operation, adult education general education and remedial and other career support programs. §

Louisiana Delta Community College

Winnsboro Campus - Acquisition and Renovation of New Facility

Private Match \$625,909

State Share \$4,590,000

Total Investment \$5,215,909

Jonesboro Location - New Construction

Private Match \$368,181

State Share \$2,700,000

Total Investment \$3,068,181

Ruston Campus - New Construction and Renovation

Private Match \$1,104,545

State Share \$8,100,000

Total Investment \$9,204,545

Main Campus - Advanced Technology Center

Private Match \$981,818

State Share \$7,200,000

Total Investment \$8,181,818

Tallulah Campus - Upgrade/Advanced Workforce Training Campus

Private Match \$340,909

State Share \$2,500,000

Total Investment \$2,840,909

The \$9 million Ruston campus will offer training in high demand fields such as nursing.



As part of Fletcher's expansion, student will have space to prepare for careers in offshore oil and gas production.



As Students Feel Pulse of College Life: er Plans New Student Services Center

First founded in 1951, Fletcher Technical Community College has trained thousands of men and women for work in a variety of fields, but in the last decade, the institution has entered an impressive phase of growth and relevance. Fletcher became a technical community college in 2003, and since then, enrollment jumped from 650 to about 2,500 students.

“As one of the fastest growing colleges in the nation, investing in Fletcher Technical Community College is synonymous with investing in our community and workforce development for the industries we serve,” says Chancellor, F. Travis Lavigne

Funding from Act 391, passed by the Louisiana Legislature in 2007, provided \$21.3 million for a new main campus in Schriever, a community centrally located between the cities of Thibodaux and Houma. The campus draws students from five parishes. Fletcher has also garnered ground-breaking partnerships with industry. In January 2012, BP announced it would invest \$4 million in a 25,000 square foot facility on the Schriever campus for a new Integrated Production Technologies program that will train and prepare offshore oil and gas workers.

Now, Act 360 supports a key facility on the bustling Schriever campus: a 12,000-square-foot Student Services

Center that includes all programs and services related to student activities. The student center will be an efficient, one-stop-shop where students can apply, test and enroll in courses and training opportunities, shop for books, grab lunch and study with friends. The student center includes expanded space for course and career advising, as well as an auditorium for orientation and other large events. The project is important, says Fletcher Chancellor F. Travis Lavigne, Jr. because if students have an excellent, efficient experience at the college, enrollment will increase and the workforce pipeline will continue to flow.

“As one of the fastest growing colleges in the nation, investing in Fletcher Technical Community College is synonymous with investing in our community and workforce development for the industries we serve,” says Lavigne. “The industries in our region have a continuous need for skilled machinists, ship fitters, pipefitters, electricians and production operators, and this additional growth is a direct reflection of how we are meeting their needs.” §



The Schriever campus plans to build a Student Services Center that will serve as a one-stop shop for everyone.

L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College

Student Services Center, Phase I

Private Match \$613,636

State Share \$4,500,000

Total Investment \$5,113,636

Expanding STEM Education: A New Center on the Northshore

In 2011, state lawmakers voted to expand the mission of the Northshore Technical College from a workforce training and certification-based school to a comprehensive community college with broad course offerings and associate degree programs. Renamed Northshore Technical Community College (NTCC), the institution's main campus is in Bogalusa, with extension campuses in Hammond and Greensburg, and an instructional service center in Slidell. Today, NTCC is focused on its mission as a key provider of trained, qualified graduates who can fill jobs in the growing regional economy. The college plans to expand its reach and scope with two Act 360 projects.

The first is a STEM Center on a 12.6 acre site donated by the St. Tammany Parish Government off Highway 434 in Lacombe. Economic development data

“The STEM campus will provide an academic infrastructure and training environment that will enable our students to find employment in these growing fields,” says NTCC Chancellor, Dr. William Wainwright.

for the region points to increased demand for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields on the Northshore over next five to 10 years, driven by the continued growth of sectors such as health sciences and advanced manufacturing. “The STEM campus will provide an academic infrastructure and training environment that will enable our students to find employment in these growing fields,” says NTCC Chancellor William Wainwright, Ph.D. “It will also complement our strong high school STEM academies throughout St. Tammany Parish, and will broaden transfer opportunities for students throughout the greater northshore region.”

Wainwright says the curriculum programs offered at the planned STEM Center will continue to evolve as NTCC meets with industry partners and other stakeholders. “There will be an ongoing dialogue to ensure that what we offer is relevant and leads to high demand occupations,” Wainwright says.

Northshore Technical Community College

St. Tammany Parish Campus - New Campus

Private Match \$1,227,272

State Share \$9,000,000

Total Investment \$10,227,272

Livingston Parish Campus -

New Campus/Community College Workforce

Training Center

Private Match \$699,545

State Share \$5,130,000

Total Investment \$5,829,545





NTCC will not only place the future STEM Center at the Lacombe site, but also the rebuilt Advanced Technology Center, formerly located in Slidell and destroyed during Hurricane Katrina. FEMA funds are supporting the reconstruction and update of this facility in Lacombe. These two NTCC facilities will be part of a future multi-purpose higher education cluster that has been envisioned for the site by the St. Tammany Parish government called the Center for Innovation and Learning for the Greater Northshore. It will include multiple post-secondary education partners.

NTCC's second Act 360 project is to study a possible new campus in Livingston Parish that focuses on workforce training for this fast-growing part of the state. The population in the parish increased by more than 39% between 2000 and 2010. A new campus could provide more post-secondary education and training opportunities for residents, and more trained graduates for the parish's expanding number of employers. §



Demand for workers in STEM-related careers is predicted to grow substantially and Northshore Technical plans to offer programs in line with that growth.



NTCC's new Livingston Parish campus promises to offer practical job training to this growing community.

Closing the ‘Training

The Northwest Louisiana Technical College is the key provider of technical education in the 70-mile corridor between Shreveport and Ruston, an area that has seen significant recent economic growth. After decades of functioning on a small, outmoded campus, the institution opened a modern facility in fall 2013 immediately off Interstate 20 that can better accommodate local students and employers. The new facility was funded by Act 391 in 2007, and opened in September. Former Director Charles Strong says that enrollment at the college continues to climb. “The need for community and technical education is so great in this part of the state, and enrollment at our college keeps growing,” says recently retired Director Strong. “It’s up 10% over the last year, and with waitlisted students, we need to expand again.”

Indeed, even with the additional space at

the new campus, capacity remains an issue for Northwest Louisiana Technical College because of the area’s projected job growth. Several sectors continue to expand, including oil and gas, advanced manufacturing and construction thanks in part to the nearby Haynesville Shale Play. Spanning four million acres across 16 northwest Louisiana parishes, the Haynesville contains as much as 200 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and is one of the largest shale plays in North America. It has helped Louisiana become the third largest producer of natural gas in the country, and has triggered downstream and upstream investment from international companies. Louisiana’s plentiful, and now cheap, supply of natural gas has triggered a manufacturing renaissance in the state, placing pressure on community and technical education institutions to ensure a

Northwest Louisiana Technical College

Minden Campus - Workforce Development Center Building

Private Match \$306,818

State Share \$2,250,000

Total Investment \$2,556,818



The new Workforce Development Center in Minden will help expand programming in industrial construction, well control simulation and other areas.

Workforce Development Center: Gap' in Northwest Louisiana

pipeline of well-trained workers for future jobs.

Northwest Louisiana Technical College's planned 11,000 sq. ft. Workforce Development Center, funded publicly and privately through Act 360, will become the Minden campus's third building. The Center will feature expanded curriculum programs in industrial construction, electricity, patient care technology, well control simulation and other areas, and it will host space for customized training programs for the region's expanding business and industry.

In an innovative public partnership, the Workforce Development Center will also house regional

offices of the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC). Co-locating the LWC offices with a technical college makes perfect sense, says Strong, since adults using LWC's unemployment services can be instantly referred to curriculum training and skill building programs at Northwest Louisiana Technical College that will help them reenter the workforce faster. "This new center is going to be a win-win for employers and for families," says Strong, "and it helps our region capture the workforce and continue to close the training gap." §

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With the Haynesville Shale in their backyard, construction training is vital for students at Northwest Louisiana Technical College.

Nunez Student Success Center: Helping Students Reach Their Potential

Since it was established in 1992, Elaine P. Nunez Community College has provided a vital role in helping community members in St. Bernard, Orleans, Plaquemines, and St. Tammany Parishes gain the skills and training to find stable, rewarding work in the region. The College provides key programs that support the local economy, including practical nursing, industrial maintenance and technology, business administration, general studies and many others. Nunez was decimated by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, but right away the institution began fighting back, rebuilding the campus and attracting a steady stream of students. In the fall of 2013, 2,498 students were enrolled, which surpassed the pre-Katrina average enrollment of 2,300.

Nunez's Act 360 project calls for a \$7.2 million Student Success Center, which provides much-needed space for student support services from prospect status to beyond graduation. The building will house

a world-class center that will provide students with supplemental training and support, utilizing emerging technologies such as synchronous and asynchronous online instruction, virtual fieldtrips, interactive video, hands-on simulation, digital and face-time tutoring, and independent learning modules in a semi-structured environment. The mission of the center is to help retain students, especially at-risk populations. The project has a dual purpose, says Nunez Community College Chancellor, Dr. Thomas Warner. It captures at-risk groups and helps them identify fruitful career paths. And it builds the workforce pool for local employers.

"This new facility will ensure our students have the skills they need to obtain meaningful work, and it will assist business and industry with ongoing training for their employees," says Warner. "Both are essential in meeting our workforce development needs." §

Nunez Community College

Main Campus - Student Success Center

Private Match \$883,636

State Share \$6,480,000

Total Investment \$7,363,636





“This new facility will ensure our students have the skills they need to obtain meaningful work, and it will assist business and industry with ongoing training for their employees,” says Chancellor, Dr. Thomas Warner.



Nunez provides key programs like industrial maintenance and technology for students looking to find work in the region.





Important programs like process technology will be expanded with the new additions to the RPC campus.



River Parishes Community College: A New Main Campus

As its name suggests, River Parishes Community College is tied to the Mississippi River corridor, and many of the school's graduates obtain employment with regional chemical and petrochemical companies between Baton Rouge and New Orleans, and with employers in other key sectors. But as the need for workers continues to grow in this part of Louisiana, RPCC must expand student enrollment to meet demand. Thus, the college has proposed a new campus in the city of Gonzales that will provide opportunities in several curricula. The new campus will attract more students to its programs and build a powerful case for community and technical education.

The proposed \$9.2 million facility will offer process technology, nursing and allied health, welding, automotive technology, electronics, industrial instrumentation, industrial maintenance, construction, hazardous materials & disaster management, first responder & safety and workforce development services. Many of these programs are currently in place at RPCC, but they

need to be expanded to stay apace with the projected workforce needs of the region. The new campus will also feature new programs.

"Our students are going to have a state-of-the-art facility specifically designed to teach them the high-demand skills that will help land solid, good-paying jobs," says RPCC

Chancellor, Dr. Dale Doty. "Attracting students to educational opportunities like this will help them change the financial dynamics of their families and secure a solid financial future."

Doty says that the new classrooms and labs will be built to accommodate the rapidly changing needs of business, industry and healthcare. "We know that if we look at what's happened historically in the industrial sector, we will need a campus that is flexible," says Doty. "We don't know necessarily *how*

future training needs will change, but we know that they will, indeed, change. And when they do, we will be ready to adjust our programs to make sure they remain relevant."

The new campus will send a clear message to future RPCC students that their community offers a vibrant campus committed to their education. Says Doty: "We believe this will send a signal about the kind of high-quality experience students can expect from RPCC." §

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Welding programs are essential to address the workforce needs of the River Parishes region.

River Parishes Community College

Main Campus - Center for Advanced Technology

Private Match \$1,104,545

State Share \$8,100,000

Total Investment \$9,204,545

Three Projects will Meet Industry

South Central Louisiana Technical College (SCLTC) provides critical curriculum and certification programs for some of Louisiana's longtime economic drivers, including manufacturing, oil and gas, and marine operations that support the offshore industry. The college has seen such a sharp increase in demand for programs, that it can longer accommodate the number of students seeking enrollment.

"We're at capacity, and we're shuffling schedules and everything else to fit the needs of the community," says SCLTC Director Earl Meador. "As educators, it hurts when you know you have a class full and someone wants in, and you have to tell them you don't have the space."

Act 360 proposes to solve SCLTC's capacity problem with three important expansion projects. If the college successfully raises just under \$1.5 million, the state will match nearly \$11 million toward a new process technology (PTECH) facility and a multipurpose education building at the Reserve, Louisiana campus, and a two-story 15-classroom marine operations and industrial safety training center in Morgan City.

The PTECH building in Reserve will allow the campus to boost enrollment in its acclaimed process technology program from 300 to 500 students. The PTECH expansion will also position the campus to provide more customized training to existing workers employed by regional chemical plants and other industrial sites.

"These programs are in high demand and represent a unique training opportunity in our area," said Cindy

Poskey, dean of the Reserve campus. "This project will allow us to respond to that need."

The job placement record of students who complete two-year associate's degrees at the Reserve campus underscores the correlation between its training programs and local workforce needs. Poskey noted that 88 percent of its 2012 process technology students had been hired within months of graduation.

Also planned for the Reserve campus is the Center for the Advancement of Technical Education, a multi-purpose building that will feature adult education, workforce development services, a testing center, general education courses, administrative and faculty offices, a placement center and other critical functions that help more men and women in the area find training that fits their skills and interests and leads to financially stable work.

Finally, the Young Memorial Campus in Morgan City will see a new Marine Operations and Industrial Safety Training Center under Act 360, which builds upon this campus' well-established offshore programs. Students will benefit from state of the art training for the maritime field, including offshore safety, commercial diving and industrial marine electronics. The courses taught on this campus are approved by the United States Coast Guard, American Petroleum Institute and Petroleum Education Council. §

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The Reserve campus also plans the Center for Advancement of Technical Education, which will house important workforce development programs.

A new PTECH building in Reserve, LA will help grow the program from 300 to 500 students.



Out of Space and in Demand: Demand in South Central Louisiana



South Central Louisiana Technical College

River Parishes Campus - Expansion and Renovation of PTech Building

Private Match \$530,181

State Share \$3,888,000

Total Investment \$4,418,181

River Parishes Campus - Center for Advancement of Technical Education Building

Private Match \$506,250

State Share \$3,712,500

Total Investment \$4,218,750

Young Memorial Campus - Marine Operations and Industrial Safety Training Center

Private Match \$454,090

State Share \$3,330,000

Total Investment \$3,784,090

Lafayette Campus - Allied Health and Science Building

Private Match \$2,045,454

State Share \$15,000,000

Total Investment \$17,045,454

SLCC Responds to Current and

To help bridge the healthcare workforce gap in Lafayette and the surrounding area, the Facilities with a Purpose, Act 360 plan for South Louisiana Community College includes a new Allied Health and Science Building, a 83,400 sq. ft. facility that will host all allied health programs. It will include classrooms and state of the art clinical labs where students can train to become registered and practical nurses, nurse assistants, pharmacy techs, surgical techs and other critical positions in health care. The proposed cost of the building is \$17,045,454 with a state share of \$15,000,000 and a private match of \$2,045,454.

“Health care and allied health are top employers in the region and for us to ignore the growing demand for this field would not serve our community,” says SLCC Chancellor, Dr. Natalie Harder. “We’ve been out of space for more than six years, and we know that this is a field with tremendous current and future demand.”

The facility will also feature a wing for SLCC’s ongoing Early College Academy. At present, the academy allows high school students to enroll in SLCC classes and earn college credit, or even graduate with an associate’s degree before the

end of their senior year. Dual enrollment is at an all-time high at SLCC, as more parents, students, and school districts see its value and efficiency. However, the college currently can’t accommodate additional students in the Early College Academy because of limited space. The new facility will enable the program to expand from 250 to 1,000 students, creating a seamless transition from high school to higher education for more young men and women.

“This is a highly effective way of capturing students early and increasing the number of college graduates in our community and ensuring they stay in school and pursue a path that will lead to stable employment,” said Harder. “At South Louisiana Community College, we have only begun to scratch the surface on our programs, and we need more space to meet the demands of both the students and employers in our area.” §

South Louisiana Community College

Allied Health and Science Building

Private Match \$2,045,454

State Share \$15,000,000

Total Investment \$17,045,454



Healthcare: Future Demand



“Health care and allied health are top employers in the region and for us to ignore the growing demand for this field would not serve our community,” says SLCC Chancellor, Dr. Natalie Harder.

The new Allied Health & Science Training Program will include state-of-the-art clinical labs for a variety of hands-on learning opportunities.



SLCC’s Early College Academy allows high school students to enroll in SLCC classes and earn college credit.

SOWELA Expands in



Following years of steady growth, SOWELA Technical Community College saw an explosive 21 percent increase in enrollment between 2012 to 2013 as more students flocked to the institution for coursework and training in high-demand fields. The southwest Louisiana economy has boomed recently—particularly in aerospace, advanced manufacturing and energy—and SOWELA has responded with relevant curriculum programs and strong industry partnerships. The college has tailored aviation maintenance technology curricula that leads to certificate, diploma and associate degree programs for Northrop Grumman and AAR, a major Maintenance, Repair, and Overall (MRO)

business which has recently located in the area. And, a new \$20 million training facility is underway on the SOWELA campus that will prepare workers for South African energy company Sasol's forthcoming billion-dollar gas-to-liquid (GTL) and ethane cracker complex in Westlake. "With our growth and our strong relationships with local employers, we have become a comprehensive community college that responds to the needs of our students and to business and industry all the while

meeting the workforce needs of southwest Louisiana," says SOWELA Chancellor, Dr. Neil Aspinwall.

But SOWELA must continue to expand to meet demand, adds Aspinwall, and two key projects have been planned as part of Act 360. One is a new campus facility at the Morgan Smith Campus in Jennings, La., which will replace an outdated building that no longer meets student and instructor needs. "It's outlived its usefulness," says Aspinwall. "All of the infrastructure is outdated, and it's hard to recruit students to such a facility when its so outmoded." The planned 36,000 sq. ft. facility will provide a range of community and technical education programs that will serve students in the corridor between Lake Charles and Lafayette. Growth programs include automotive technology, welding, nursing, office systems, accounting and general education,

SOWELA Technical Community College

Morgan Smith Campus - New Campus

Private Match \$1,227,272

State Share \$9,000,000

Total Investment \$10,227,272

Main Campus - Student Services Building

Private Match \$981,818

State Share \$7,200,000

Total Investment \$8,181,818

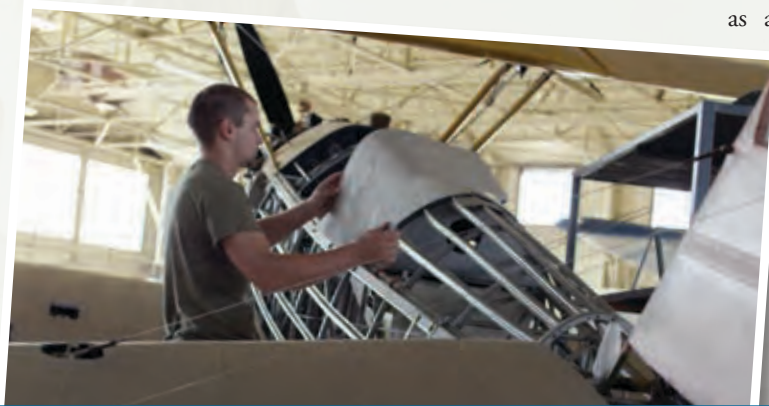
Training and Student Support Facilities: Response to Enrollment Growth

as well as student support services such as academic transfer programs and adult education. Moreover, the new campus will be built near Jennings High School, further increasing opportunities for dual enrollment among high school juniors and seniors. Dual Enrollment has been robust in Jennings, and the Jefferson Davis Parish School System has demonstrated its support of the project by funding \$100,000 toward the required \$1.2 million local match.

SOWELA's overall student enrollment jumped to 3,300 in 2013, and Aspinwall expects that figure to be about 5,000 by 2016. The main campus in Lake Charles has the makings of a traditional college campus, but it lacks a student center where SOWELA students can take care of admissions, financial aid and other functions efficiently. A proposed 35,000 sq. ft. Student Union Building will serve as a one-stop shop, offering all programs and services

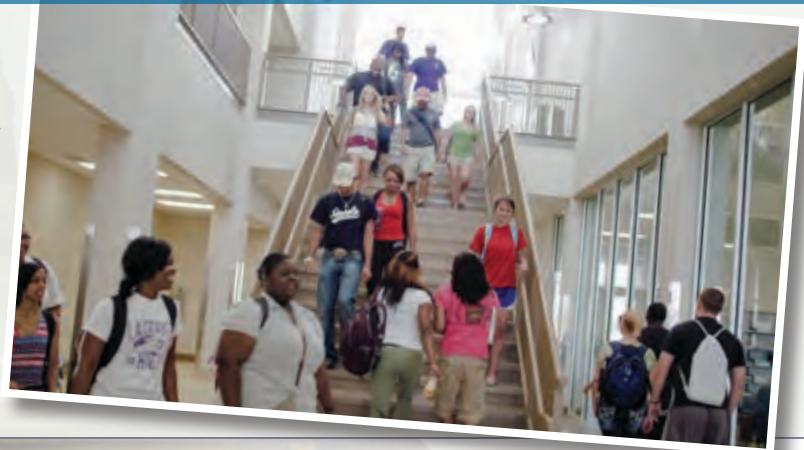
related to student affairs, including admissions, records, registration, financial aid, advising, testing, counseling and more. The one-stop shop facility will serve as the hub of community life on campus and will feature a cafeteria, a health/wellness/recreation area, a bookstore, SGA offices, remedial support and other services that foster student success. "There is real value in having all of these functions in a modern facility under one roof," says Aspinwall. "It will absolutely help us continue to recruit and retain students because they will see SOWELA as a credible institution that can provide the support services that students expect and will enhance their chances of achieving success." Efforts to raise the 12% local match for this building have already resulted in a \$60,000 donation from the Goos Foundation. §

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SOWELA is perfectly situated to train workers for the booming aerospace industry.

A brand new campus in Jennings, LA will provide a range of programs for communities between Lafayette and Lake Charles.



“Agents of Change” Theme Inspires Attendees of 10th Annual LCTCS Professional Development Conference in Baton Rouge

“**M**oments create momentum,” said motivational speaker Simon T. Bailey, president of the Brilliance Institute, who delivered a spirited keynote on leadership to about 1,600 attendees at the 10th annual Louisiana Community and Technical College System professional development conference. Bailey, a former Walt Disney Co. executive, set the tone of the conference with a funny, inspiring talk that encouraged those gathered to create an environment of success and “brilliance” at their campuses. The conference was held March 13-16 at the Baton Rouge River Center, and assembled leaders and staff members from Louisiana’s 13 community and technical colleges for workshops, speakers and best practice sessions.

The theme of the 2013 conference was “Community and Technical Colleges: Agents of Change,” which pointed to the dynamic environment in which these schools now function. With enrollment on the rise, institutional mergers, budget cuts and the pressure to produce curriculum programs that mirror the state’s high-growth industries, campus administrators need leading management strategies and high quality professional development. The conference provided this and gave participants the chance to network with colleagues

from around the state. Statewide community and technical colleges closed classes on March 14 to give more employees the chance to attend. The conference logged record attendance of over 1,600 and received stellar reviews.

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The LCTCS annual conference is supported by professional development funds from the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act Federal

Grant. Additional resources are provided by sponsors and exhibitors through the LCTCS Foundation.

Plans for the 2014 conference are underway. The event will be held at the Baton Rouge River Center, March 12-14, 2014, and is themed “B.O.O.M. (Building on our Momentum),” a reference to the continued progress made by LCTCS—especially since the passage of Act 360, the bill passed in the 2013 Legislative Session that funds the expansion and modernization of many LCTCS facilities statewide. §



Development



“Agents of Change” theme highlighted the dynamic environment within the LCTCS and brought a James Bond-type atmosphere to the conference.





Community and Technical College Students and Faculty Attend Salzburg Global Seminar for Fifth Consecutive Year

When South Louisiana Community College student Jackson Jimenez heard about the chance to attend a weeklong global study program in Austria, he didn't hesitate to apply for a spot. The 25-year-old Lafayette native is fascinated by international affairs and politics, and he relished the opportunity to learn more about them at the annual Salzburg Global Seminar. Jimenez joined a team of 15 students selected from seven Louisiana community and technical colleges for the summit, held May 24 to May 31, 2013. A team of 12 faculty members participated in a separate session in July. This was the fifth consecutive year that students and faculty from the state's community and technical colleges attended the event.

The 2013 seminar, themed "Global Citizenship and Universal Human Rights," allowed college students from across the United States to learn, discuss and explore such issues as freedom of speech, environmental justice, sustainability and civic engagement. Students from both two- and four-year institutions attended the event, held at the 18th century Salzburg castle, Schloss Leopoldskron.



Back row: Cagney Burbank, Elizabeth Bellina, Kenneth Holdiness, Derrick Manns, Ana Lacaze, Lane Nevilles; Middle: Karen Canales, Laketa Smith, Elizabeth Clements, Athena Thompson, Heidi Heis, Adam Broussard; Third Row: Jennifer Jackson, Ian Thibodeaux, Baylie Mader, Jackson Jimenez, Leighton Hardy, Glen Solomon



Schloss Leopoldskron is a national historic monument in Leopoldskron-Moos, a southern district of the city of Salzburg, Austria. The palace has been home to the Salzburg Global Seminar since 1947.

"Often it is students who focus on technical education who find themselves in global situations after college," says Dr. Natalie Harder, chancellor of South Louisiana Community College, who participated last year. "Their training may lead to jobs offshore, perhaps in other countries or working for supervisors from other nations, and an appreciation of international perspectives will equip them to be better employees."

Jimenez says he was thrilled to experience global travel for the first time, and to have the chance to thoughtfully discuss world issues with international scholars as well as other students from around the U.S.

"From converting money to meeting locals to learning about critical topics from world experts, the whole trip was an amazing opportunity," Jimenez says. §

The LCTCS Honors the Donors to Our Colleges Making A Difference

**BPCC Nominee – The Community Foundation
of North Louisiana – Selected as 2013
Council for Resource Development
Benefactor Award Winner**

\$1,000,000

Bossier Parish Community College is pleased to announce the selection of its nominee The Community Foundation of North Louisiana as a 2013 Council for Resource Development (CRD) Benefactor award winner.

Chosen for its service and philanthropy to Bossier Parish Community College, The Foundation was recognized at the Benefactor Awards Banquet in Washington, DC. The CRD Benefactor Award embodies the ideals of philanthropy, leadership, and volunteerism in the service of community, technical, and junior colleges. One recipient from each of CRD's ten regions received the award on behalf of that region.



“The Community Foundation is honored to accept this prestigious award on behalf of our generous donors who have provided for our community’s future through the Foundation,” said Paula Hickman, executive director of The

Community Foundation of North Louisiana. “Our investment in Bossier Parish Community College has leveraged these gifts by training a new generation of educated and effective citizens who are prepared to lead our area in the new economy.”

BPCC Chancellor, Dr. Jim Henderson applauds the support The Community Foundation has given BPCC throughout the years. “The Foundation has invested more than \$1 million in Bossier Parish Community College,” said Henderson. “With their generous support, more BPCC students have been given access to a better quality of life.”

According to BPCC Foundation Director, Stephanie Rogers, The Community Foundation’s investment has granted access to more than 510 students through academic scholarships and workforce grants. §

Guidance Aviation Scholarship

\$18,000

Guidance Aviation presented a \$14,000 check to the Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) Foundation to benefit four students enrolled in the Private Pilot Helicopter Simulation course.



The award will cover the cost of tuition and fees for the course, which introduces students to helicopter flying and basic helicopter operations via simulation. The training also includes basic flight maneuvers, traffic patterns, departures, approaches, and emergency procedures in simulators.



The scholarship is designed to help students determine if they are on the right career path, prior to committing to BRCC’s Helicopter Pilot Program.

Established in 1998, Guidance Aviation is an FAA approved helicopter pilot training school providing the quality flight and simulator training, using advanced technology and offering unique career opportunities. §

Alsen Community Scholarship

\$4,000

Clean Harbors presented the Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) Foundation with a check for \$4,000 to benefit a student who lives in Alsen, Louisiana.

The Alsen Community Scholarship will cover tuition and books for one (1) year. This year’s recipient is Robert Fisher, a pre-engineering major who anticipates graduation in the summer of 2014.

Fisher is very active inside and outside of school. He serves as the statistician for BRCC’s men’s basketball team, and is also a member of the Green Bears Environmental Club and the Engineering Club. He is also a past member of the Student Government Association. Outside of school, he enjoys mentoring youth in his church and community.

BRCC and the BRCC Foundation are very appreciative of the support of Clean Harbors, the leading provider of environmental, energy, and industrial services throughout North America. §

BP Donates \$4 million to Fletcher Foundation

\$4,000,000



BP provided \$4 million to Fletcher Technical Community College to construct a new Integrated Production Technologies (IPT) facility. The new facility, which will prepare and train the next generation of offshore oil and gas workers, will be the second facility at Fletcher's new campus development which is next door to BP's Houma Operations Learning Center.

"I am excited to announce this gift of \$4 million to the Fletcher Foundation to build a new state-of-the-art classroom and facility to train petrotechnical workers to fill the ever-increasing demand for skilled workers in the industry," said James Dupree, regional president for BP's Gulf of Mexico business.

The proposed new facility will house a 4,000 square foot state of the art training laboratory, classrooms and offices for Fletcher's Integrated Production Technology Program. In addition, the building's second floor would allow for a Center of Excellence to expand math and science opportunities at the high school level.

"BP has been an industry partner with the College for over six years, from assisting in the development of the new Integrated Production Technology Program to scholarships, and now a building," said Chancellor, Dr. Travis Lavigne. "Their generosity goes beyond just a new building for Fletcher, it serves as a commitment to our community and the workforce needs of the oil and gas industry for the Bayou Region."

The building will be situated on the Fletcher campus next door to BP's 75,000 square-foot Houma Operations Learning Center (HOLC) where BP trains men and women in process safety and operational systems. The HOLC facility is designed to develop and enhance health, safety environmental, technical and leadership skills. It also provides hands-on workshop training for

automation, electrical, instrumentation, rigging and lifting and a production control simulator for hands-on training in the area of control room operations. §



BP provided \$4 million for Fletcher Community College's new Integrated Production Technologies facility.





PotashCorp Awards RPCC Foundation

\$50,000

PotashCorp presented River Parishes Community College (RPCC) Foundation with a check for \$50,000 to enhance the Process Technology Program (PTEC) by adding three new simulation packages as well offering 10 scholarships to hardworking PTEC students.

RPCC's PTEC Program is one of their fastest growing technical programs. This program teaches the student to monitor, operate and maintain equipment used in the process of raw material in marketable chemical/petrochemical products.

As the world's largest crop nutrient company, PotashCorp plays an integral role in global food production. The company produces the three essential nutrients required to help farmers grow healthier, more abundant crops. With global population rising and diets improving in developing countries, crop nutrients such as potash, phosphates and nitrogen offer a responsible and practical solution to help produce the food we need, from the land we have.



Frank Marino, Atmos Division Vice President; Dr. Joe Ben Welch, RPCC Chancellor; Tom Hawkins, Atmos President Louisiana Division Presenting check for classroom naming rights.

RPCC is excited about partnering with PotashCorp. The college understands that it is through partnerships such as these that River Parishes Community College continues to grow and is able to ensure RPCC students are well equipped and ready for the workforce! §



PotashCorp Human Resources Manager, Garry Hiebert presents, Robert Burgess, RPCC Foundation Vice-Chair and Dr. Bill Martin, RPCC Interim Chancellor with a \$50,000 check for the Process Technology Program and scholarships for 10 PTEC students. (Left to Right: Robert Burgess, Dr. Bill Martin, Garry Hiebert)



SLCC Grows Scholarships to More than \$40K in One Year

\$40,000

Scholarships, no matter the amount, can have tremendous impacts on the lives of students. The money can help students pay for books and supplies, or it could cover a year's tuition.

South Louisiana Community College recognized its scholarship recipients and its donors who gave so generously to SLCC's Foundation over the past year during a recent reception.

More than \$40,000 in scholarships and stipends was given to 34 students for the Fall 2013 semester. That's a record for the Foundation.

"Saying 'thank you' to our donors and 'congratulations' to our students didn't seem like enough," said Dr. Jennifer Jackson, former executive director of SLCC's Foundation. "We wanted to have the donors and students together to recognize and thank them together."

One donor and one long-time Foundation board member made donations at the reception. A representative from Louisiana Physicians Corporation presented \$500 to Foundation for the continuance of the Melissa Leger Scholarship.

Eric Robicheaux, SLCC Foundation board member, and his wife Gail, committed to an annual full scholarship for the next five years. §



KATC TV 3 and Home Furniture teamed up to give \$24,000 in scholarships to four SLCC students. Recipients of this scholarship include (from left) Samantha Lamonte, Peaches Reynold, Grant Lanclos, Rachel Aloia, pictured along with Home Furniture's Randy Paul, SLCC Chancellor Dr. Natalie Harder, KATC TV 3's Andrew Shenkan, and SLCC Foundation Member Bently Senegal.

Capital One Bank and SOWELA Technical Community College Partner to Provide Opportunity for Workforce Development

\$80,000



Capital One Bank has provided a grant of more than \$80,000 to go toward workforce development scholarships at SOWELA Technical Community College. Students seeking high demand jobs as machinists and welders in southwestern Louisiana have the opportunity to enroll in SOWELA's 24-week Workforce Development program with scholarship assistance provided by Capital One Bank.

The students receiving the scholarship assistance must first complete a life-skills class.

"The generous support from Capital One Bank is truly an innovative solution in opening the door for low- to moderate-income students," said Dr. Neil Aspinwall, Chancellor. "Federal financial aid is typically only available for credit courses in two-year and four-year degree programs. People seeking skills training in non-credit courses such as welding and machining are not eligible for financial aid through traditional means. As a result of the scholarship support from Capital One Bank, our non-credit machining and welding programs at SOWELA are available to the individuals who need it the most."

"The partnership between SOWELA and Capital One Bank is a perfect example of thinking out of the box," said Dr. Joseph Fleishman, Vice Chancellor of Workforce Development. "When we presented to Capital One Bank our story about

providing skills training to low- and moderate-income students who can be job ready and qualified to earn \$40,000-\$60,000 a year, Capital One Bank provided the perfect solution to help fund the effort. The \$80,000 scholarship pool will allow up to 83 students the assistance needed to enroll and receive training in our compressed Machining, Millwright and Welding program. This is a case of scholarships impacting the lives of up to 83 individuals and helping them secure employment in good paying jobs and in careers that are in high demand."

"At a time when the demand in our state for construction-sector workers trained in customized industry-specific skills is significantly growing, Capital One Bank is pleased to support SOWELA's efforts to enhance and expand the Southwest Louisiana workforce," said Fil Bordelon, Lake Charles Area President for Capital One Bank. "At Capital One Bank, we are committed to investing for good in our local communities, and a major component of that commitment is supporting workforce

development. Through this partnership with SOWELA, we are addressing a key building block of economic opportunity in Lake Charles and surrounding communities." §



Capital One Bank Lake Charles Area Vice President Don Morris, Fil Bordelon, Lake Charles Area President, Dr. Neil Aspinwall, Chancellor and Dr. Joseph Fleishman of SOWELA Technical Community College commemorate the \$80,000 grant for scholarships for workforce development training at SOWELA.

SOWELA Receives \$60,000 Gift from the Goos Foundation

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Mrs. Lisa Bonin Schram, on behalf of the Captain Daniel and Katarina Moeling Goos Foundation, presented a \$60,000 gift to Southwest Louisiana Technical Community College (SOWELA).

The Goos (pronounced “goss”) Foundation is the first Lake Charles donor to contribute to the College’s capital campaign that will help provide \$960,000 in local matching funds needed for the construction of an \$8 million Student Union building to be built in 2015.

This building project is part of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System’s (LCTCS) ACT 360 initiative resulting from the passage of Senate Bill 204. ACT 360 provides an 8-1 match in funding for the \$8 million Student Union building at SOWELA’s Lake Charles campus and a new \$10 million building in Jennings. This statewide initiative requires the local communities to provide approximately \$34 million in matching funds in order to access \$251 million for the construction of 27 new facilities located throughout the campuses of LCTCS.

“When we, the Board of Trustees of the Goos Foundation learned of the 8-1 match and how much it would benefit SOWELA we wanted to help as much as possible,” said Mrs. Schram. “It is an honor to present this gift to SOWELA Technical Community College on behalf of the Goos Foundation. The Board of Trustees has watched SOWELA’s continued growth and amazing contributions to the education of our fellow citizens, and we are pleased to be able to help. We look forward to working with SOWELA in the future.”

“We are thankful that the Goos Foundation has contributed so generously,” said Dr. Neil Aspinwall, Chancellor. “We have been very aware of the Goos Foundation’s legacy of generosity

and deeply appreciate Lisa’s involvement in making this gift a reality. It is gifts such as this that enhance SOWELA’s ability to provide the educational programs and services needed to build a qualified workforce for southwest Louisiana.”

“The 8 to 1 match provides an investment by the private sector and private citizens in the future of education and to the students attending SOWELA,” said Randy Jolly, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement. “Gifts to SOWELA as part of the ACT 360 initiative means that for every \$1 dollar given, the State will match it with an \$8 investment. With SOWELA proving to be a catalyst in educating a much-needed workforce, the new Student Union building will become the hub of activity for

the campus community. Having the new student union building will free up existing space that can be repurposed for classrooms and labs which will help SOWELA build additional capacity for workforce development.”

“As a life long resident, the history of our city and my lineage to the Goos family has always interested me,” said Erik Jessen, program coordinator and

instructor of graphic arts at SOWELA. “Captain Daniel Goos was an industrial pioneer who saw a great opportunity in utilizing our waterways. He was also an inspirational figure that gave to those who were in need during hard economic times. It’s wonderful to see that the Goos spirit of giving is still alive today with the Captain Daniel and Katarina Moeling Goos Foundation.

It is this history of Lake Charles and the future to come, involving SOWELA and myself, that makes me proud to be part of the Goos lineage and part of the SOWELA family.” §



(l-r) Erik Jessen, Lisa Schram of the Goos Foundation Board of Trustees, Dr. Neil Aspinwall, Chancellor

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The All State Team is a program started by Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, the American Association of Community Colleges and *USA Today*. The program serves as a means of recognizing excellence and high academic achievement in students attending community and technical colleges, as well as providing opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming.



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