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Delgado West Bank Campus Advanced Technology Center Opens at Federal City



Delgado administrators with community partners and leaders cut the ribbon to officially open the new Advanced Technology Center at the Delgado Community College West Bank Campus in Algiers. Shown from left are Mack Cormier, State Representative, District 105; Kristin Palmer, Councilperson, City of New Orleans, District C; Mark Major, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Algiers Development District; Richard Hartley, Senior Policy Advisor to the Governor; Dr. Larissa-Littleton Steib, Delgado Community College Chancellor; Troy Carter, U.S. House of Representatives; Brian Budd, CSRS; Gary Carter Jr., Representative, District 7; Dr. Peter Cho, Delgado West Bank Campus Executive Dean and Business and Technology Division Dean; Ron Bordelon, Chief Facilities Officer of the Louisiana Recovery School District and Delgado Foundation Board Member; and Lee Georgio, Delgado Foundation Board Chairman.

Delgado Chancellor Larissa Littleton-Steib was joined by educational, industry, government and economic development officials for a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday to open a new \$9.3 million Advanced Technology Center at the Delgado Community College West Bank Campus in Algiers.

The Delgado West Bank Campus Advanced Technology Center represents a significant expansion of the 15-acre footprint of the West Bank Campus. The center will house all academic STEM programs including classrooms, laboratories and faculty offices. It also includes an open common space and meeting spaces.

The 32,000-squarefoot facility, located at 2600 Gen. Meyer Avenue, is at the corner of Shirley Drive and Constellation Street on land acquired by Delgado from the ADD.

"This beautiful facility provides a magnificent gateway to the main entrance to New



Orleans Riverside at Federal City and personifies the Algiers Development District's ongoing commitment to education," said Mark Major, Chairman of the Algiers Development District. "This Advanced Technology Center will join the highly performing New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy, our enthusiastic varied and diverse tenants, along with our respected United States Marine Corps and United States Coast Guard teams, to comprise the nucleus of a vibrant residential, commercial, and education-centered asset to our city."

With a current enrollment of 2,500, the Delgado West Bank Campus has served Algiers and the West Bank for six decades as the local public college. The Delgado campus opened in 1967 to provide public higher education west of the Mississippi River in the New Orleans area.

In August 2018, Delgado Community College opened its River City Site and Advanced Manufacturing Center in Avondale, also serving the West Bank.

"Delgado will increase the number of West Bank students enrolled—and enhance our partnerships with key industries--by fostering innovation, education and technology at the West Bank Campus Advanced Technology Center," said Chancellor Steib.

The investment in the Delgado West Bank Campus Advanced Technology Center will give the school the capacity to teach up to 2,000 more students. Specifically, the center will focus on the healthcare, petrochemical, digital media and transportation logistics industries.



The expansion is designed to create a workforce pipeline for the West Bank's industrial needs, and to ensure access to higher education.

Announcing funding for the

project in 2018, Governor John Bel Edwards said it was important for students to get an education "in close proximity" to where they live.

Delgado, the largest community college in Louisiana with an enrollment of 20,394, has seven locations in the greater New Orleans region. There are currently more than 3,000 Delgado students from households in West Bank communities including Orleans and Jefferson parishes—about 850 Delgado students live in Algiers, which is part of the City of New Orleans and Orleans Parish.

Delgado Community College and the ADD previously collaborated to acquire and open the West Bank Campus Student Life Center, which opened in September 2015. That 10,800-square-foot building was the former chapel at the Navy base. A \$2 million investment by Delgado transformed it into a thriving center for student activities and community events.

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