



Maysville Community & Technical College (MCTC) Expands



Trace Creek Construction Completes New Rowan County Campus in John Will Stacy MMRC Regional Business Park

MOREHEAD, Ky. - Jan. 30, 2018 - [PRLog](#) -- This month marks the grand opening of Maysville Community & Technical College's new Rowan Campus. The ribbon cutting ceremony took place at the MCTC Rowan Campus on Friday, January 26, 2018. Speakers included MCTC President and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Stephen Vacik, Chief Operations Officer Russ Ward, KCTCS President and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Jay Box, MCTC Rowan County student Victoria Witherspoon and Representative Rocky Adkins of the Kentucky House of Representatives.

The old Rowan County campus closed on December 11, 2017, to allow faculty and staff to prepare for the move. The new campus, located in the John Will Stacy MMRC Regional Business Park, is now open for the spring semester.

With the move, Maysville Community & Technical College greatly expands its ability to serve the community. Enrollment at the Rowan County campus has skyrocketed in recent years. MCTC Chief Operations Officer Russ Ward stated, "That was a school that was built in 1984, and it was scheduled for 300 students. When we left the school, it had nearly 1,300...at one point we had 84 counties representing at Rowan Campus." The popularity of the MCTC program caused problems for the 34-year old facility that was straining to accommodate its student base. With their new, modern building, MCTC can now house 1,200 students at the new campus.

MCTC's success is a proud moment for the Kentucky Community & Technical College System (KCTCS), which now contains 74 campuses statewide. Dr. Box, President and CEO of KCTCS, said that, "in the last 20 years, 875,000 Kentuckians have passed through our doors at the KCTCS colleges." He praised the "state-of-the-art equipment and technology throughout the entire building," stating that "this is what employers are expecting out of us. We are pleased to be able to provide that kind of education in this type of facility."

The new building was designed by Omni Architects of Lexington. Trace Creek Construction, the construction manager for the project, is well-known throughout Kentucky for its exceptional education construction projects. The MCTC Rowan Campus project is the second new campus that Trace Creek has constructed for the Kentucky Community & Technical College system. Trace Creek's previous projects with KCTCS include Phases I and II for Ashland Community & Technical College at EastPark Industrial Center.

"We are thrilled to be a part of MCTC's expansion," said Sam Howard, Founder and Chief Executive Officer for Trace Creek. "This new facility will attract students from all over Kentucky, and will be a great advantage for Rowan County."

MCTC COO Russ Ward was pleased to have Trace Creek on the job. "It was a 'dream team,'" he said. "You could not have done a better job than picking [Project Manager] David to head this project up...he was always right there. You should be proud of him."

Trace Creek constructed a state-of-the-art educational facility that provides students, faculty and staff with the well-designed space and technology they need to be at the forefront of higher education. The building includes a 90,000-square foot Postsecondary Center of Excellence in Advanced Manufacturing, which was developed in partnership with Morehead State University. This center provides instruction for technical skills as well as workforce training for industrial manufacturing, engineering, and space science.

MCTC's Rowan County Campus also includes a robotics lab, nursing laboratories, computer and science labs, a student lounge, a bookstore, and a cafeteria. The building has been registered with the US Green Building Council, and will achieve LEED Silver certification.

"MCTC Rowan Campus has been a great regional success story that has had a positive influence throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky," Howard said. "It is our privilege and honor to be able to contribute to MCTC's future growth."

About Trace Creek

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