



MID-SOUTH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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MSCC to Dedicate Jeremy Jacobs Hospitality Management Facility on June 2

Mid-South Community College will take the final step toward a world-class hospitality management program with the dedication of the Jeremy Jacobs Hospitality Management Center on Tuesday, June 2, at 11:30 a.m.

The event is open to the public, and everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. The \$2.2 million facility is located between MSCC's Workforce Technology Center and the Eastern Arkansas Workforce Investment Board One-Stop Workforce Center on the North Campus.

The Jeremy Jacobs Hospitality Management Center features classrooms, a thermal bottling laboratory, bakery and food service preparation rooms, a computer laboratory, receiving/multipurpose area, and freezer and dry storage areas.

Funding and support for the Center came from a variety of sources, including Southland Park Gaming and Racing, The Assisi Foundation, the Delta Regional Authority, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, and MSCC.



“This won’t be the largest facility of its kind, but it’s going to be one of the best,” said MSCC President Dr. Glen Fenter. “The building and cutting-edge equipment puts us in a position to give our students access to a world-class set of skills while giving area entrepreneurs a place to hone their hospitality and business skills.”

“As is the case with many of our most significant advancements, we are indebted to Southland and the Delaware North Companies, Inc., for their willingness to make such major investments in what we’re trying to accomplish as a college and a community. We anticipate that the Jeremy Jacobs Hospitality Management Center will open a variety of economic development doors that will generate jobs and a brighter future for our region.”

The facility is named in honor of Jeremy M. Jacobs, chairman and CEO of Delaware North, the parent company of Southland. Southland and Delaware North are making a \$1 million investment in MSCC’s hospitality program over a 10-year period.

In addition to housing MSCC’s Associate of Science and Associate of Applied Science degrees and related certificate hospitality/food safety/culinary arts programs, the facility will provide space for “Delta Cuisine: A Southern Kitchen Incubator.”

The Delta Cuisine project is the result of the combined efforts of the Arkansas Delta Rural Heritage Development Initiative, the City of West Memphis, the Delta



Regional Authority, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, State Senator Keith Ingram, and MSCC.

Delta Cuisine is a non-profit West Memphis organization centered around a kitchen incubator that addresses both the competitive and productive workforce and sustainable communities' goals for the region. The incubator assists the creation of businesses involving products and services in the food industry.

The MSCC/Delta Cuisine partnership will train entrepreneurs in the fields of food science, safety and nutrition, as well as small business development and expansion, including marketing and accounting.

To find out more about education, training, and entrepreneurship opportunities available at MSCC, visit the campus at 2000 West Broadway in West Memphis, call (870) 733-6728, email admissions@midsouthcc.edu, or access the college's website at www.midsouthcc.edu.