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DSC opens new Workforce Training Lab, New Smyrna Beach-Edgewater Campus

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (May 30, 2018) – Daytona State College marked the opening of a new Workforce Training Lab at its New Smyrna Beach-Edgewater Campus with dozens of regional business leaders and officials on May 23.

The new lab is designed for entry level training in a range of skills for high-demand industries. “With building and construction among the hottest industries in the region for growth in the foreseeable future, the college is ramping up its training initiatives with a variety of short-term course offerings designed to build a job-ready workforce,” said Frank Mercer, director of DSC’s Center for Business & Industry.

The first series of courses started at the new facility last week. They are designed to prepare students for careers in the skilled trades and include:

- Fibrous Glass Duct Construction (21 hours)
- Exterior Window, Door & Skylight Installation (18 contact hours)
- Fiberglass Shingle Installation (12 contact hours)
- OSHA 10-Hour Construction Course (online)
- Vinyl & Fibrous Cement Siding Installation (18 contact hours)
- Fiberglass Fabrication Boot Camps (40 contact hours – location off-site TBD)

“These are intensive, short-term courses that can be completed in a few weeks and require no pre-requisites,” said Frank Snyder, chair of DSC’s School of Workforce Careers. “Some credits also can be applied to our certificate in Building Trades and Construction Design Technology.”

According to Volusia County Economic Development, building and construction are set to be major economic drivers for the area over the next few years.

The courses, taught by industry professionals and DSC faculty, are approved by Career Source Flagler/Volusia, with financial assistance and job placement help available for qualified students, said Mercer. For details, contact Career Source directly, (386) 561-9750 or Training@CareerSourceFV.com.

For information on specific courses and start dates, contact Mercer, (386) 506-4461 or Frank.Mercer@DaytonaState.edu.

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DSC President Tom LoBasso leads the ribbon cutting (center) with Volusia County Council's Deb Denys, flanked by Campus Director Clarence McCloud and Associate Vice President for Workforce Sherryl Weems.