



NCTC to dedicate southern campus

Open house set for today at Flower Mound facility

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North Central Texas College put the final touches on its Flower Mound campus this week in preparation for today's dedication and open house.

IF YOU GO

When: 10 a.m. — dedication; 10:30 a.m. — ribbon-cutting, followed by tours of the facility

Where: 1200 Parker Square in Flower Mound

"It's exciting to move into something new," said Roy Culberson, dean of the Corinth and Flower Mound campuses.

People at the new campus have been working on the move-in process this week — putting furniture in place and some last-minute cleaning, he said.

The public will have a chance to tour the two-story, 32,000-square-foot building at the open house.

The campus, located at 1200 Parker Square, houses 10 classrooms, a science lab, two computer labs, a lecture hall, a bookstore and a library.

Susan DeWoody, the Flower Mound campus director, is excited that NCTC is serving the people south of the Lewisville Lake bridge, which she said seemed to be a barrier for the college in the past.

"It gives us the opportunity to serve southern Denton County, and we are excited about that," she said.

DeWoody's job is one of four full-time positions added for the new campus. She previously worked for the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science at the University of North Texas.

NCTC has added about 40 adjunct faculty positions collegewide, said Lee Ann Nutt, vice president of instruction.

The addition of the Flower Mound campus has not had a negative impact on the enrollment numbers at the Corinth campus, which is up 500 students from enrollment at this time last year, Nutt said.

As of Thursday, the Flower Mound campus had 566 students pre-registered for the spring semester, and the Corinth campus had 4,072. Walk-in registration starts Monday and runs through next Friday. Registration will then continue online until classes begin Jan. 18.

Today's ceremonies will begin at 10 a.m. with a welcome from DeWoody and remarks from Eddie Hadlock, NCTC president; Nutt; State Rep. Tan Parker of District 63; Denton County Commissioners Andy Eads and Bobbie Mitchell; Melissa Northern, Flower Mound mayor; and Robin Vaughan, representing U.S. Rep. Michael Burgess in a presentation of a commemorative flag.

Culberson will close the dedication, and then there will be a ribbon-cutting co-hosted by the Flower Mound Chamber of Commerce and the Lewisville Area Chamber of Commerce.

The ceremony will be followed by a "Taste of Parker Square," served up by neighborhood restaurants, and a tour of the campus.

The Parker Square eateries that will offer free samples of their food to attendees include Ellie's Mexican Restaurant and Cantina, Yellow Rose Steak House, Square One Sidewalk Cafe, Turner's Pizza Depot and Walt Garrison's.

"It will be a great opportunity for the community to see what Parker Square has to offer," DeWoody said.

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