



## MCC celebrates new downtown campus during ceremony

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A community celebration was held Wednesday morning marking the opening of MCC's new downtown campus.

Students began this school year in the Kodak building on State Street.

The college renovated seven floors to include simulation labs, an economic and workforce development center and a library. Classes began two weeks ago for the 2,000 students at the new campus location.

Bob Duffy, CEO of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, says, "This building is going to end up being such a beacon for kids in this city and outside for many, many years to



come. You're on hallowed ground of George Eastman right here and what George Eastman did for this community right here -- that's what MCC will do in the future."

Duffy, himself, is an MCC graduate from the school's criminal justice program. He went on to eventually become Rochester police chief, Rochester mayor and Lieutenant Governor of New York after graduation.

# Celebrating MCC's Downtown Campus

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Leaders in politics, business and education all gathered at Monroe Community College's Downtown Campus Wednesday to celebrate the opening of the learning institution.

It's 255 thousand square feet of learning space on seven floors, located in a former Eastman Kodak Building.

MCC President Anne Kress says the project represents a significant investment by the state and Monroe County, and the collective efforts of SUNY, the State Legislature, Monroe County Legislature and Monroe County Executive enabled MCC to proceed with its plans to build the campus, with the students in mind.

She says they are very enthused about the new campus.



*MCC President Anne Kress*  
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"It's beyond exciting, it really is. When you think about the legacy of George Eastman combined with the future of MCC and what this means for this community, and how beautiful the campus is, it's just incredible," she said.

The \$78 million dollar project was several years in the making, and Kress says students were involved in the design process.

She says many partnerships and collaborations made this possible.

President and CEO of the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce, Bob Duffy, is also a SUNY Trustee.

He says it's a world class facility.

"SUNY is very proud and working in concert with the MCC local board of trustees and foundation. Great teamwork," he said.

Around 2 thousand students will go to the new downtown campus on State Street.

It features high-tech spaces such as simulation labs that allow for real-world applications, a library/learning commons, fitness center, and much more.

Classes began two weeks ago.



## Community celebrates downtown MCC campus

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ROCHESTER, N.Y. (WROC-TV) - The first day of school has passed for students, but at Monroe Community College's new Downtown Campus, community members were allowed to walk the halls on Wednesday.

The seven-floor building features new flexible and innovative simulation labs, a fitness center, and various student activity areas. It also houses the college's nationally recognized Economic and Workforce Development Center.

The college's president says she has already noticed a change in school pride.

"Students would stop me and say, 'Oh, are you going back to the old campus now?'," President Anne Kress said. "It's wonderful for them to say that because before, quite frankly, they used to be very concerned about what their facilities were compared to the Brighton campus. Now, they're very campus proud."

The new campus is located next to Frontier Field in the historic High Falls District.