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Talking Pictures Spectrum News - Rochester

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We're getting a first look at Monroe Community College's new Downtown campus on State Street in Rochester. The quarter of a million square foot campus transforms four connected buildings that used to be a part of Kodak's headquarters. It's seven floors include a computer lab, cafe, bookstore, student services center, lounge, and fitness center. Programs offered downtown will continue to focus on criminal justice, teaching, human services, and liberal arts. School officials say about 2,000 students attended the old downtown campus last year. That number may now increase.

Executive Dean Joel Frater: "It's one thing to be in a new space, it's another thing to be able to imagine what that's going to mean for student success. It's the experience they have when they come here that's going to be the difference maker."

Classes at the new building begin in September.

And the College is making it easier to travel between it's campuses. Starting this fall, the Regional Transit Service will provide MCC students and staff with free bus transportation to and from the Brighton campus, transit center, and the new Downtown campus. The partnership creates a new "route 5 MCC Downtown" that runs every ten minutes from about noon to nine Monday through Friday. Two other buses will be modified to include a route between the campuses. Students can ride for free by showing their MCC ID. Route maps will be available on the RTS website in August.

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Sports Night Spectrum News - Rochester

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BRIGHTON/ROCHESTER

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Free rides will be offered starting the first day of classes this fall, Sept. 5.

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Meeting spaces and innovative classrooms are among the features of this campus, which has also become the home of MCC's Economic & Workforce Development Center.

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And he said: "It's an opportunity for collaborative learning."

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Classes that had previously been held at MCC's Damon City Campus in the Sibley building on East Main Street will be moved to the new site for the September semester, with MCC's main campus continuing to be in Brighton.

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Located at the corner of Morrie Silver Way and State Street, the buildings for the new campus were bought by Monroe County, which is MCC's local sponsor. LaBella Associates was the architect of the renovated buildings.

In renovating the connecting buildings, which now look like one, sections of floors were removed to make room for an open-campus spine - a stairway in the middle of the connected structures that goes up to the third floor.

A cafeteria is on the first floor and on the fourth floor is the Learning Commons, which consists of a library and a center for tutoring

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MCC students to receive free RTS service WHAM-TV Online

6/16/2017

Rochester, NY (WHAM) - The public received its first look inside Monroe Community College's new Downtown Campus on State Street Friday.

Renovations at the four buildings, once part of Eastman Kodak's headquarters, are now complete.

In addition to showing off the facilities, school leaders announced a partnership with RTS.

It will allow students with an MCC ID, to travel for free between the Downtown and Brighton Campuses, and the transit center in Downtown Rochester.

"We think it's not just about transportation, but also about sustainability, said MCC president Anne Kress.

"We want students to be able to access public transport because we know its the most sustainable," she added.

The free fares begin in September when classes begin at MCC.

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Free bus transportation for MCC students this fall WXXI-TV Online

6/16/2017

Monroe Community College and Regional Transit Service are announcing a new agreement to provide free bus transportation for students for the fall semester.

"I am delighted to announce that we have established a relationship with with RTS that allows MCC students to travel to and from the new downtown campus from the transit center, to and from the new downtown campus to the Brighton campus, and to and from the Transit Center to the Brighton campus free of charge with their MCC ID," said MCC President Anne Kress.

Kress says making it possible for students to access all the college has to offer is fundamental to MCC's mission.

Recent MCC grad Quitisha Brit says coming up with money for a monthly bus pass can be a challenge for students.

"If you don't have that \$65 a month to get to school, then, a lot of our students plus myself were at a point where we weren't able to get to school every day," she said.

RTS CEO Bill Carpenter says in addition to students, faculty and staff will have free access, with their MCC ID, on three different routes.

The service will be customized specifically for the downtown campus.

Classes start this fall at the new Downtown Campus.

Kress says it was designed with students in mind, with spaces for collective learning, study and tutor rooms, and more space for student organizations and clubs.

"Even more importantly, we're providing them with state-of-the art learning environments, where technology is embedded in every single classroom. It's not an add-on or a paste on. It's been there from the very beginning. We also have more computer labs for them to use," she said.

She adds the spirit of innovation that was embodied in Kodak really lives on in walls of the downtown campus, which now occupies space that was once part of Kodak's corporate headquarters.

Classes, and free bus transportation to those classes from RTS, start September 5th.

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View of State Street from the seventh floor. (Photo: CARLOS ORTIZ, @cfortiz_dandc/staff photographer)

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Sixth floor hallways at the collaboratory. (Photo: CARLOS ORTIZ, @cfortiz_dandc/staff photographer)

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Furniture detail on the fifth floor. (Photo: CARLOS ORTIZ, @cfortiz_dandc/staff photographer)

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News10NBC at Seven
ROC City Tonight - WHEC-TV

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A new agreement will help Monroe Community College students travel between its brighton campus - and its new campus in the Kodak tower. The school announced students, staff, and faculty will be able to ride RTS buses for free - between the East Henrietta Road and State Street campuses. MCC's President Anne Kress says students will take advantage of this.

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13WHAM News at 6:00
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6/16/2017

A big helping hand for MCC students. The College today announcing free public transportation for those traveling back and forth between the Brighton campus and the new Downtown campus that includes rides to and from the transit center. MCC teaming up with RTS for the service that will benefit MCC employees as well.

Anne Kress, President, MCC: "About 40% of our students use public transportation to come to classes. And, so if you couple that then with students who may drive and park at one campus but want to move between campuses using public transportation so that they don't have to worry about finding a parking place at either campus, I think you're going to see significant rider usage."

The free transportation begins on the first day of Fall classes. Meantime, we got a first look at the fully renovated seven floor downtown campus including the bookstore, café, learning commons, high tech labs, and there you see the fitness center at the downtown campus.

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Spectrum News All Evening Spectrum News - Rochester

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RTS to provide free bus transportation for MCC students Rochesterfirst.com

6/16/2017

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (WROC-TV) - Students at Monroe Community College will no longer have to stress about bus fare.

RTS and the community college have partnered to provide free transportation for students, faculty, and staff beginning with the fall 2017 semester.

This new service agreement will offer transportation to MCC's Brighton Campus and the new Downtown Campus beginning on September 5, the first day of classes this fall.

Members of the MCC community will ride for free on Routes 5, 55 and 155 by showing the bus operator their MCC ID. Riders will also ride Route 23 for free after 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Those new routes will only be available when school is in session. The general public will be to take these routes for a fee.

Route maps and information will be available on the RTS website in August, prior to the start of the fall semester.

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News 8 First at 4

News 8 First at 4 - WROC-TV

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Spectrum News All Day
Spectrum News - Rochester

6/16/2017

We got a chance this morning to check out the new digs at the new downtown campus of Monroe Community College. Our news reporter joins us from the new campus that will be attracting thousands of students starting this fall. Seth Voorhees reporting for us from the new MCC campus downtown.

It is an exciting day for people at Monroe Community College. Like you said, at the new Downtown campus - we got to see some of the progress made there today. There is also some news we'll tell you about in just a moment regarding free bus rides for MCC students from Brighton to Downtown and back. But the thing that really does have people pumped up is, as you said, the progress that has been made on the college's new Downtown campus. This morning, we received a tour of the place which will open with classes in the fall. The Executive Director of the new campus says the place is set up to deliver full services for all student's needs - everything from classroom learning to counseling to financial assistance.

Joel Frater, MCC Executive Director Downtown Campus, "It is extremely exciting. Its' one thing to be in a new space, it's another thing to be able to imagine what that's going to mean for student success and what it's going to mean for the way we deliver instruction to students - the way we advise students."

That other piece of big news today was the announcement that MCC has partnered up with RTS, and that will mean free bus rides back and forth between the new Downtown campus and the main campus in Brighton. Those buses will run every 10 minutes. With about 40% of students who attend MCC taking public transportation, that in of itself is also a big deal.

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