Building Tomorrow's Workforce

Big Bend Community College has completed construction on its brand new 129,000 square foot Workforce Education Center (WEC). The facility is equipped with more than 30,000 square feet of two-story lab space with second floor viewing areas in the labs. The WEC has a 3,000 square foot collaborative lab for community and industry use, individual and communal study areas and has been named a LEED Building by the Green Building Council. The new facility will house the college’s Automotive Technology, Welding Technology, Industrial Systems Technology, and Computer Science programs. Big Bend is about to begin construction on another new building, a 25,000 square foot Aviation Maintenance Technology hangar which should be completed and in use in spring of 2020.

Student Success

Big Bend issued 513 degrees during its 2019 commencement ceremony — including 115 degrees to Running Start students. Also in 2019, 100 percent of BBCC’s nursing program graduates passed the NCLEX-RN licensure exam on their first attempt. The 100 percent pass rate has been achieved by the nursing program during 11 of the last 12 years. In the past five years, more than 750 students have earned their GED® or High School equivalency through the college’s Transitional Studies programs.

Continued Growth

The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges in October 2019 gave BBCC approval to continue moving forward with the development of a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Applied Management. The applied bachelor’s degree will be the first one offered by the college. The next step will be to bring together faculty to develop a complete program proposal for submission to the State Board in summer 2020. If all goes well, the State Board will approve the proposal in October of 2020 with the Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Management degree launching in fall 2021.