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TCC CELEBRATES *NEW CAMPUS* GROUNDBREAKING

New Portsmouth Campus to be part of Victory mixed-use development

SOUTH HAMPTON ROADS, Va. – (May 16, 2008) – Joined by Gov. Timothy M. Kaine and local dignitaries, Tidewater Community College celebrated the beginnings of its new 183,000-square-foot campus in the city of Portsmouth with a gala groundbreaking at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 16.

With buckets and backhoes, the college ceremoniously honored its original “mother” campus on the Nansemond River by mixing dirt from that site with dirt from the new location in Victory, a mixed-use development including residences and business. The original campus launched in 1968 when the Beazley Foundation donated the former Frederick College to the Commonwealth of Virginia to begin a community college in South Hampton Roads.

Named the Fred W. Beazley Portsmouth Campus, the new campus will *reinvent* the original campus as a learning-centered campus offering a comprehensive array of transfer programs and career and technical programs. The new campus, with a build-out capacity of 350,000 square feet, will feature a number of new programs including three “benchmark programs”:

- The new Beazley School of Nursing that has been made possible by a \$1.4 million gift from the Beazley Foundation
- An expanded partnership with Portsmouth Public Schools—the First College Program will expand to include both college transfer students and career and technical students
- Expanded programs in areas such as air conditioning, welding and computer-aided drafting and design



The state-of-the-art wireless campus will feature: 25 classrooms; 11 instructional computer labs; 20 instructional labs for disciplines such as biology, chemistry, anatomy, welding and air conditioning; 4 human-patient simulator labs – for the new Beazley School of Nursing; and a high-tech public library with 100+ computers.

Working closely with TCC, architect firm Burt, Hill designed the campus, which will be built by W. M. Jordan.

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Tidewater Community College - the largest provider of higher education and workforce development services in Hampton Roads - enrolls over 38,000 students annually, the second largest undergraduate student body in Virginia. The 35th largest community college in the nation, TCC is among the 20 fastest-growing large two-year institutions in the United States. Founded in 1968 as a part of the Virginia Community College System, the college serves the South Hampton Roads region with campuses in Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach as well as the TCC Jeanne and George Roper Performing Arts Center in Norfolk's theater district, the Visual Arts Center in Olde Towne Portsmouth and a regional Advanced Technology Center in Virginia Beach. Forty-six percent of the region's residents attending a college or university in Virginia last fall were enrolled at TCC. For more information, visit www.tcc.edu.