

GOV. EASLEY ATTENDED FORSYTH TECH NEW BUILDING OPENING

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (March 2, 2006) – The Honorable Mike Easley attended the opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for Forsyth Technical Community College's new Technology and Student Services Building, Thursday, March 2. The five-story, 87,155 square-foot facility is located on the college's Main Campus at 2100 Silas Creek Parkway.

Additional speakers included Dr. Gary M. Green, president of Forsyth Tech; Dr. Kenneth M. Sadler, chair, Board of Trustees; Gloria D. Whisenhunt, chair, Board of Commissioners Forsyth County; Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, chair, State Board of Community Colleges and Graham Pervier, Forsyth County manager.



Honorable Mike Easley and Dr. Gary M. Green, president of Forsyth Tech

The building has 29 classrooms and labs, four biology labs, three lecture rooms, one training room, a bookstore, the student government association office, a student vending area and approximately 60 faculty and staff offices. The college's biotechnology, information technology and several college transfer programs will be housed there. The Thomas H. Davis iTec Center, which provides high-end computer training for students, parents, teachers and other area employees, is also located in the new building. "The Technology and Student Services Building provides much-needed space for classes and laboratories where faculty and students will address the knowledge and skills needed for the innovation economy," said Dr. Green, president of Forsyth Tech.

Forsyth Tech's new Technology and Student Services Building is the first new building construction on the college's Main Campus since 1996. The cost of the



building is approximately \$11.1 million with \$4.1 million from the 2000 state higher education bond referendum and \$7 million from the 2001 Forsyth County bond referendum. "The voters of North Carolina and Forsyth County who supported the 2000 state and 2001 county bond issues can take great pride in their investment," said Green.

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