he much-anticipated expansion of the Austin Community College District's Cypress Creek campus began in August 2005, and opened for the spring 2007 semester. The new construction added more than 65,000 square feet of instructional and student support space to the campus, including new anatomy and physiology and biology labs, a dozen classrooms and greatly expanded student services. The project also includes expansion of campus parking facilities to approximately 800 spaces.

Expansion of the Cypress Creek campus is needed to support the influx of students coming from the area, including recent graduates from the Leander Independent School District. Last year, more than 1,000 LISD seniors participated in the College Connection program that culminates with successful participants receiving letters of acceptance to ACC during May graduation ceremonies. "ACC's College Connection program is unique and compelling," said ACC President Stephen B. Kinslow. "We make a personal connection with every student who participates, bringing our student services and advising to them at their high school campus, and then sticking with the student through the entire admissions process until they secure an ACC letter of acceptance at graduation."

The state's Closing the Gaps initiative has directed colleges and universities to enroll an additional 630,000 students of all ages by 2015 in order to reverse the declining college rates and avert a workforce crisis. Programs like College Connection and others designed to help adults prepare to enter college through instruction in basic education, GED and ESL will play a key role in helping ACC meet its goals under the Closing the Gaps initiative," Kinslow said.

ACC serves more than 33,000 students enrolled in college credit programs each semester at its seven campuses and at community and business sites throughout Central Texas.

You are invited to take advantage of the expanded Cypress Creek campus as well as all that ACC offers. Join ACC in continuing the critical mission of expanding access to affordable higher education and training through:

- Academic transfer for those pursuing a bachelor's degree;
- Workforce education in high-demand career fields;
- Adult & Developmental Education for the not-yet-college-ready;
- Continuing Education and non-credit lifelong learning opportunities; and
- Early College Start, College Connection, and other innovative partnerships which strengthen the region's school districts.

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