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With an eye toward the future, GTCC's new Center for Advanced Manufacturing opens.

Guilford Technical Community College's new Center for Advanced Manufacturing opened its doors to students for the fall 2018 semester. The state-of-the-art teaching and training facility sits on a 37-acre site adjacent to the college's Jamestown Campus. It is opening at a time when trade careers are gaining a second wind.

The 250,000 square-foot facility consolidates GTCC's welding, computer integrated machining and transportation technology programs under one roof and will allow the college to serve more students.

Donald Ellington, GTCC's department chair of manufacturing and instructor for welding technology, says keeping a finger on the pulse of the industry is critical in preparing a workforce for the fu-



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ture. The college used industry feedback to inform its decision to invest in the latest equipment. New welding booths, robotic welding machines and a 3-D printing lab give students and local industry access to cutting-edge training resources.

Local manufacturing companies benefit from the new addition with access to flex lab space to install equipment for short-term employee training. The facility will also be a key tool for government and economic development officials in their efforts to attract high-tech manufacturers to the Triad.

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