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Mountainland Applied Technology College to dedicate new main campus building at Thanksgiving Point

**UCAT's affiliate college for Utah, Summit and Wasatch
counties serves over 7,500 adult and high school
students annually; offers 26 full and part-time
certificate programs**

Salt Lake City, UT – The Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT) system today announced the completion of its newest campus building at Mountainland Applied Technology College (MATC). The 110,000 square-foot facility will become MATC's main campus and is located at Thanksgiving Point at 2301 West Ashton Park Blvd. in Lehi, Utah.

The public is invited to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new building in the atrium on January 12 at 11 a.m. Speakers will include: Senator John Valentine; Greg Buxton, director of the Utah Division of Facilities Construction & Management; UCAT President Rob Brems; and MATC President Clay Christensen. Directly following the ceremony, MATC's culinary arts students will provide a complimentary buffet.

"Since 1989, Mountainland Applied Technology College has rapidly grown to become one of the largest technical colleges in UCAT's system. The completion of the new Thanksgiving Point

facility provides a permanent home for MATC and allows the college to expand its mission to meet the needs of Utah's employers for technically-skilled workers. MATC can now serve a much larger high school and adult population through this impressive new building," said UCAT President Rob Brems.

MATC is one of the eight applied technology colleges that comprise the growing UCAT system. Its five campuses include: Spanish Fork, Orem, American Fork, Heber and the new building in Lehi. Administration will move into the new building in late December while students will start attending classes at the new campus in mid-January.

"The MATC is a flourishing college that will serve as an educational catalyst for the community. We provide hands-on training with industry expert instructors. Students can earn state and nationally recognized certificates and many programs have internships or externships in real world of work settings. Most programs are completed in six to twelve months without the general education coursework required in other educational environments," said MATC President Clay Christensen.

Last year, MATC trained employees from more than 165 area companies through its customized training program.

Designed as a "green campus," the new building received Silver LEED certification. Strategically placed recycling bins will also actively promote recycling on campus

Campus officials are pleased with the high visibility of the new campus adjacent to Thanksgiving Point and its easy access to I-15. The Utah Transit Authority (UTA) is developing a commuter rail (FrontRunner) station near the new MATC campus that is scheduled to open for service in 2014.

MATC programs to be offered at the Thanksgiving Point campus include: pharmacy technician, cosmetology, dental assisting, emergency medical technician, certified nursing assistant, commercial truck driving, culinary arts, medical assisting, medical coding, medical office/billing certification, practical nursing (LPN), nail tech, barbering and information technology.

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UCAT Background Information

UCAT is the parent organization for Utah's eight regional applied technology colleges (ATCs). Established by the State of Utah, UCAT provides market-driven technical education through eight ATCs that meets the needs of Utah's employers for skilled workers.

The ATCs prepare both adult and high school students to enter or advance in the workplace. Customized training is also provided to employers for their work force through UCAT's Custom Fit program.

The eight ATCS are Bridgerland, Davis, Dixie, Mountainland, Ogden-Weber, Southwest, Tooele and Uintah Basin. For more information, visit www.ucat.edu.