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RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY HELD FOR PRODUCTION TRAINER

(Schriever, LA) – On Friday, March 19, 2021, Fletcher Technical Community College (Fletcher) celebrated a ribbon cutting ceremony at the site of their Production Simulation Training Skid in Schriever. The trainer will provide hands-on training simulation of a production platform process, including electronic-control operated systems.

Students in Fletcher’s Integrated Production Technologies program and other trainees using this \$1.8 million Skid will experience closed wet process of oil and gas extraction/separation, and operate pneumatic and controlled devices. The Skid also allows the mimicking of real-world upsets, teaching students analytical troubleshooting skills using root cause analysis techniques, and it simulates the separation of crude into oil, water, and gas components used in deep-water, shelf, shale play, and conventional hydrocarbon production.

“Fletcher Technical Community College took a significant step toward increasing the opportunities for hands-on training with the launch of the new production trainer,” commented Dr. Kristine Strickland, Chancellor. “This state-of-the-art equipment will provide students with the ability to simulate the platform work environment, better preparing them for their future careers. We would like to thank the Louisiana Community and Technical College System and our industry partners, Danos, Eaton, and BP, for their commitment to this project.”

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About Fletcher’s Integrated Production Technologies program

[The Integrated Production Technologies \(IPT\) program](#) provides students with the highly technical skills needed to perform the duties of a production operator efficiently and safely. Students in the IPT program acquire academic and technical skills in instrumentation, automation, computer, electrical, mechanical, safety, and process systems along with soft skills such as communication, critical thinking, and teamwork. The knowledge students learn in Fletcher’s IPT program can be a gateway to future high-demand, high-wage jobs on deep-water production platforms as well as in related industries like:

- Pipeline
- Drilling
- Petrochemical facilities
- Process refineries
- Power plants