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OWENSBORO CAMPUS RIBBON CUTTING – JUNE 8, 2005

DR. RANDELL TALKING POINTS

- **WKU HAS HAD A PRESENCE IN OWENSBORO SINCE 1968 – WESTERN OFFERS JUNIOR AND SENIOR LEVEL COURSEWORK AS WELL AS MASTERS PROGRAMS, RANK 1 AND SOME OF THE COURSEWORK NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE EDUCATION SPECIALIST AND COMBINED DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN EDUCATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE**
- *(YOU WILL WANT TO THANK THE OWENSBORO COMMUNITY AND PARTICULARLY THE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR THE USE OF THE LONGFELLOW BUILDING, ETC.)*  
*Larry Vick !*
- **CURRENT ENROLLMENT IS AROUND 650 DURING THE FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS**
- **WE ESTIMATE THAT 100 OCTC STUDENTS PER YEAR ARE MOVING INTO BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS AND WE EXPECT THAT NUMBER TO DOUBLE NOW THAT OUR MOVE TO THE OCTC CAMPUS IS COMPLETE**



- THE MOVE TO THE OCTC CAMPUS WAS PROMPTED BY WESTERN'S COMMITMENT TO CO-LOCATE WITH THE OWENSBORO COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN THE NEW TECHNICAL CENTER THAT WILL SOON BE UNDERWAY (THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY – SENATOR DAVID BOSWELL, REPRESENTATIVE TOMMY THOMPSON AND REPRESENTATIVE JOE BOWEN AND OTHERS FROM THE REGION – ~~NOT SURE WHO WILL BE PRESENT~~ -- AS WELL AS MAYOR TOM WATSON, JUDGE EXECUTIVE REID HAIRE AND THE OWENSBORO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO SECURING PHASE ONE LAST YEAR AND ~~PHASE TWO NEXT YEAR~~ TO COMPLETE A \$24 MILLION BUILDING TO HOUSE BOTH ~~THE~~ OWENSBORO COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE ~~AS WELL AS~~ *programs* WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY)

*And those of*

- LAST SEPTEMBER CLASSES WERE MOVED FROM THE LONGFELLOW BUILDING TO THE OCTC CAMPUS
- THE COMPLETION OF THIS RENOVATION OF SPACE HAS ALLOWED US TO MOVE ALL OF OUR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, ITV CLASSROOMS AND COMPUTER LABS TO THE OCTC CAMPUS

*Dr. Brookman and her staff were working out of one location and their students were in another*



- THIS PROJECT AND THE ADDITION OF THE MODULAR CLASSROOMS LOCATED AT OCTC LAST YEAR REPRESENT MORE THAN A \$600,000 COMMITMENT BY WKU TO THE OWENSBORO COMMUNITY AND TO THE OCTC CAMPUS LOCATION

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