

## **The History of the Elizabethtown Community and Technical College. Established in 1964.**

Elizabethtown Community and Technical College (ECTC) is a member of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS), which includes 16 districts. The college provides accessible and affordable education and training through academic and technical associate degrees; diploma and certificate programs in occupational fields; pre-baccalaureate education; adult, continuing and developmental education; customized training for business and industry; and distance learning.

ECTC was formed by the recent consolidation of Elizabethtown Community College and Elizabethtown Technical College. The college is built on 80 acres of land in Elizabethtown off College Street Road and includes the Central Regional Postsecondary Education Center, which also houses an extended campus of Western Kentucky University. Several ECTC extended campus



The Central Regional Postsecondary Education Center at Elizabethtown Community and Technical College

sites are also functioning, most notably an instructional center on the Fort Knox Army Post. Classes are also taught in Bardstown, Brandenburg, Hardinsburg, and Leitchfield. The college serves more than 5,000 students in both fall and spring semesters.

In 1962 the first building was erected on the Elizabethtown Community College (ECC) campus, and the doors were opened in 1964 to 355 students from 11 counties. ECC operated under the University of Kentucky Community College System until 1998 when it became part of KCTCS. The college now serves students from 12 counties, including

Hardin, LaRue, Meade, Nelson, Grayson, Breckinridge, Hart, Taylor, Green, Bullitt, Marion, and Washington.

Elizabethtown Technical College (ETC) was founded in 1965 through a bond issue by the Elizabethtown Independent School Board. The Commonwealth of Kentucky provided equipment for the facility and assumed responsibility for its operation. In 1972 the state purchased the land and building from the Elizabethtown Independent School Board. In 1998 ETC became a technical college under the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

The consolidated college graduates nearly 500 students annually. More than 90 percent of graduates of technical programs find jobs in their fields of study. Many who complete pre-baccalaureate programs continue their education at four-year institutions throughout the state and the nation.

Elizabethtown Community and Technical College celebrated a milestone in its history with its 40th Anniversary in the fall of 2004.