

Grant Kickoff Workshop Scheduled

Louisiana Delta Community College and Louisiana Tech University are pleased to announce an upcoming kickoff workshop for Project COMPLETE, which will further advance engineering technology career pathways for high school students in North Louisiana. The July workshop will offer counselors and teachers an opportunity to further enhance their professional development in STEM education research, federal grants, and college partnerships.

This collaboration between Louisiana Delta Community College and Louisiana Tech University is possible because of a grant provided by the National Science Foundation (NSF) Advanced Technological Education Program. The NSF is an organization striving to provide more opportunities across diverse geographic regions for underrepresented groups who may wish to join the STEM workforce.

Doug Postel, LDCC Ruston Campus Director, and the grant's PI, states, "As an educational community we can best serve students by making them aware of the full spectrum of career opportunities that exist in today's economy and helping to prepare them for these jobs. Project COMPLETE allows partners from all levels of the education ladder to work together to achieve this goal by focusing on the high-wage, high-demand field of Instrumentation."

Randall Veasey, from Lamb Weston, adds, "The world of manufacturing, regardless of industry, is moving to more and more automation, and the trend will continue as technology continues to improve... People are needed that can not only repair and replace instrumentation but also have troubleshooting skills to determine root causes of failures and help drive improved plant reliability."

Both Louisiana Delta Community College and Louisiana Tech University are excited to be a part of an opportunity whose benefit today will only enhance future opportunities for high school students and North Louisiana citizens.

Project COMPLETE has selected two high school partners for the 2019-2020 school year and is currently accepting applications for four more partners. For more information, contact Project COMPLETE Coordinator Juliette A. Pate (Ashleypate@LaDelta.edu).

