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Metro State Opens Center for Innovation

Through President Jordan's leadership, Metro State's Center for Innovation has become a reality. This Center for Innovation should perform well in and across the demographic makeup of the metro Denver area. The Center will fit in very well with the hospitality and tourism industry of metro Denver and the state of Colorado, as so many businesses in this industry are entrepreneurial. The faculty and students of HMTA ought to investigate the possibilities this Center will provide them given their nature to play, their "what if?" approach, and the fact that so many of HMTA's graduates have started up their own businesses. From the faculty's perspective, the Center will seek to foster cutting-edge and effective curricula utilizing creative learning tools that make entrepreneurship education a college-wide and communitywide experience. From the students' perspective, the Center's intent will be to transform the way the College prepares students and community members for success in the rapidly changing American and Global economy. In due time, the Center will enable any student or community member, regardless of their field of study or business, to have access to entrepreneurship and innovation training. From the metro Denver area's perspective, the Center will service the college and its unique constituents, including minorities, women and urban youth. The Center for Innovation is unique in that it will be the first entrepreneurial center in the country housed within a baccalaureate institution, and also because it will serve nontraditional students. Its uniqueness goes one step further, since it will direct much of its focus on addressing the needs of minority populations.