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## **Saint Augustine's College to open satellite campus in Henderson**

Adults in the Henderson area who want to further their education will soon be able to earn a bachelor's degree without commuting to a four-year college or university.

Saint Augustine's College, a private, four-year college in Raleigh, will offer bachelor of science degrees in Organizational Management and Criminal Justice at its new satellite campus in Henderson's Gateway Community Development Corporation building. The accelerated program, which begins in August, is designed for adult learners, allowing them to complete their studies in as little as two years while attending evening and weekend classes.

Dr. Joyce Blackwell, dean of the Division of Social Sciences at Saint Augustine's College, was instrumental in establishing the satellite campus in Henderson. Blackwell said she believes the program offers an excellent opportunity for adult learners to earn a bachelor's degree.

"The U.S. economy is now information driven, and a college degree has become an increasingly important credential in the marketplace, both for new entrants into the labor force and those already employed," Blackwell said.

"Working adults who want to succeed in the present economic climate must pursue a college education. The accelerated program we are offering will provide adult learners in Henderson and the surrounding communities with the opportunity to earn a college degree in three years or less without disrupting their daily lives."

Henderson Mayor Pete O'Geary said the Saint Augustine's College satellite will be great for the city.

"I think it will have a tremendous impact on the city and its citizens," O'Geary said. "I think it's a very positive step in the right direction. I'm so happy that Saint Augustine's College noticed this and decided to come here with a satellite."

An information session about the initiative will be held from 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 28, at the Gateway Community Development Corporation, 314 S. Garnett St., Henderson.

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