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SANTA FE COLLEGE PILOTS DAIKIN UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAM.

Gainesville, Florida institution will graduate Daikin-approved technicians.

Gainesville, Florida January 30, 2014 – Daikin has named Gainesville’s Santa Fe College as the first post-secondary institution to pilot the complete Daikin University Training program. This comes after the world’s largest manufacturer of air conditioning and heating equipment donated equipment to the college’s Heating, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Ventilation (HARV) Program.

Recognized as one of the best in the country, SFC’s HARV Program is an open access program where students can complete a degree in just two years with intensive hands-on training. “To be able to train our students in the future of HVAC is incredible,” said Art Grant, HVAC instructor. If all goes well, Daikin plans to create similar programs around the country.

Students who graduate from the program will be experts in Daikin’s Variable Refrigerant Volume and inverter-driven heat pump technology, and recognized as Daikin-approved technicians. According to Grant, this will increase job placement prospects for HARV Program graduates. “By partnering with the largest air conditioning manufacturer in the world, Santa Fe College will be able to provide students with the training and experience required to lead the air conditioning industry into the next generation of energy saving and environmental protection,” said Grant.

An open house was held on Thursday, January 30th to showcase the new program’s capabilities. Members of the Gainesville construction community and the city commission toured the facilities, saw the new Daikin equipment in action and met with Daikin representatives Kelly Mandrick, Training Manager for Daikin in North America, and Jeff Bledsoe, Manager of Contractor Development for Daikin North America LLC.

Jane Parkin, Director of Construction and Technical Programs at SFC, has been in contact with Daikin for years. “This is an incredible opportunity. To be able to train our students on this high-tech equipment will give them a cutting-edge advantage over other students.”

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