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DOUGLAS EDUCATION CENTER HOLDS DEDICATION CELEBRATION AND PLANTING CEREMONY FOR MONA RUTH IMBRESCIA WELCOME CENTER

MONESSEN, PA., NOVEMBER 8, 2010 – Douglas Education Center’s (DEC) newest addition – the newly renovated Mona Ruth Imbrescia Welcome Center (formerly First Baptist Church) - officially opened its doors to guests and visitors on Friday, November 5 in downtown Monessen.

At the invitation-only grand opening event, a planting dedication ceremony was conducted in special memory of Mona Ruth Imbrescia who passed away on November 6, 2009 at the Monongahela Valley Hospital after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Mona Ruth was a devoted member of the former First Baptist Church of Monessen and the matriarch of her family.

World-renowned artist, Dorian Cleavenger, donated a hand-painted portrait of the late Mona Ruth, which was unveiled during the ceremony.

The planting dedication ceremony featured remarks from DEC representatives including: full-time instructor, Tammy Savage; Director of Education, Patricia DeConcilis; Academic Progress Coordinator, Susan Weaver; and DEC President Jeffrey D. Imbrescia.

During the dedication ceremony, President Imbrescia said, “I can’t even begin to thank all those who helped in making this day possible. I know my mother, wherever she may be, is looking down on all of us smiling.”

The Mona Ruth Imbrescia Welcome Center’s interiors celebrate DEC’s overall unique ambiance with a design concept that embodies a castle-themed motif. The concept, design and fabrication of all façade work was completed by DEC instructor Shawn Ronzio, Greg Feiler and a team of DEC graduates.

The introduction of the Mona Ruth Imbrescia Welcome Center provides yet another towering academic facility to DEC’s burgeoning campus. The Welcome Center will greet prospective students and their families who visit DEC and will act as the central location where prospective students and visitors receive information about DEC and its wide array of programs, as well as obtain other materials that will make their campus experience more informative and memorable.

Douglas Education Center is dedicated to providing educational programs that prepare students for entry-level positions in a competitive, rapidly changing workplace. DEC offers programs in special make-up effects, digital film, illustration, graphic design and web, cosmetology, medical and business.

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ABOUT DOUGLAS EDUCATION CENTER

Established in 1904, Douglas Education Center (DEC) is the premier creative career institution located in Monessen, PA. DEC creates an educational atmosphere that not only fosters the highest standards of excellence in all students, but also helps these students develop an awareness of social responsibility and ethical behavior. DEC offers programs in special make-up effects, digital film, illustration, graphic design, cosmetology, medical and business. DEC instructors are industry professionals who have actual working knowledge and experience in the programs in which they teach.