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Anne Arundel CC Students Take Educational Tour of Truxal Library Construction Project

Gaithersburg, Maryland — Students from Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) donned hard hats and safety glasses Monday for an educational tour of construction activities at the Andrew G. Truxal Library project site located on the AACC Arnold, Maryland campus. Project leaders from HESS Construction + Engineering Services, the general contractor for the project, escorted students and faculty on the site tour. The $22 million modernization includes renovation and expansion of the existing library into a state-of-the-art learning center.

Guided by HESS Superintendent Michael Neuvel, students explored the 75,000 square-foot structure, viewing the structural steel framing, retaining walls, and various roughed-in systems. Students, who were joined by AACC Architectural Professor Richard Luxenburg, discussed the project duration from initial design work through construction activities and reviewed the sustainable design components of the facility that will support future LEED Silver certification.

“The tour provided students with a real-world experience they can relate to topics represented in their coursework,” said Mr. Neuvel. “The students asked a lot of great questions prompted by viewing construction activities firsthand. It’s definitely a valuable experience for them.”

Accompanying the tour group was AACC Assistant Director of Facilities Planning and Construction Joyce Dawson, HESS Project Manager Chris Soto, and HESS Project Executive Jim Gladhill.

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