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Maxine A. Smith Center

Highly Anticipated Maxine A. Smith Center Opens

Danish Business Students Visit Southwest

**Portrait of the New Student
Government Association President**

Southwest and U of M Partner in a Unique Co-Admissions Program

Cook Systems International Continues to Support Southwest through the CollegeCareerCorps® Program



Pictured from left to right: Jeff Brittain, senior vice president of Cook Systems International; Dr. Nathan Essex, president of Southwest; Vicki Robertson, interim department chair, Office Administration, Information Technology & Hospitality Management, Southwest; Dr. Joanne Bassett, provost and executive vice president, Southwest; Dr. Michael Wright, associate professor of information technology, Southwest; Wayne Morris, assistant professor of information technology, Southwest; and Kenneth Kinney, vice president of marketing, Cook Systems International.

Cook Systems International has donated \$9,250 to Southwest Tennessee Community College. The donation grew by more than 300 percent from last year due to Cook Systems International's growing CollegeCareerCorps® (collegecareercorps.com) efforts in the Memphis area.

The donation continues Cook Systems International's strong financial support to the Information Technology (IT) program at Southwest. Now in its third year partnering with Southwest, Cook Systems International is partnered with over 30 colleges and universities nationwide through CollegeCareerCorps® efforts.

“Southwest is pleased to partner with Cook Systems International in ways that are beneficial to our students and to their corporation. Our students receive real life experiences that allow them to make critical connections between classroom experiences and the work place,” per Dr. Nathan Essex, President of Southwest Tennessee Community College. “It is a wonderful partnership that we look forward to continuing. We are grateful that Cook Systems International extended opportunities for our students to receive outstanding

training and make solid contributions in their particular skill areas.”

Corporate and government partners benefit from the CollegeCareerCorps® by receiving Cook Systems International's unique expertise with the model, leading edge research services from colleges and universities, and the ability to partner with students and faculty to address critical business challenges. Services are delivered at globally competitive rates while developing a future workforce.

The CollegeCareerCorps® is a program that integrates students into professional technology teams in entry-level positions. The students join a team that includes experienced information technology professionals working on actual IT projects on a long-term basis, unlike traditional internships. Cook Systems International has developed technical and certified management professionals using CollegeCareerCorps® project methodologies and procedures to ensure achieving the highest quality project results. Students typically work 20 hours per week and continue with the same client partner for up to two years.