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Embassy Suites Hotel Grand Opening



Hotel executives, workers, and city and university representatives at the official ribbon cutting for the hotel. The long awaited Embassy Suites Hotel by Hilton is finally open as of March 5.



The Embassy Suites Hotel by Hilton at Arkansas State University. The hotel is located near the First National Bank Arena and the Centennial Bank Stadium. Hotel amenities include meeting spaces, the Arvest Ballroom, which is the largest ballroom in Northeast Arkansas, a convenience store, fitness center, and indoor pool. A-State System President Dr. Chuck Welch noted that a groundbreaking ceremony was conducted “695 days ago” and the reason for such a long project was rainy weather. Now the hotel can serve its role as a classroom, meeting place, and home for A-State guests.



Guests fill the halls to view the new meeting rooms, seating areas, gift shop, and Houlihan's restaurant.



Hundreds of honored guests, new hotel workers, city, state, and university representatives gathered in the Arvest Ballroom to hear from the officials in charge of the project.



The Embassy Suites waterfall flows in a coin filled statue display.



The view of the grand hall from the entrance of the new Embassy Suites.



With the addition of the hotel, students like Austin Kelso, a freshman from Jonesboro studying Culinary and Hospitality, are able to have a job at the hotel while working towards a degree and attending classes in the facility.



Chefs from Houlihan's offering food to party-goers at the grand opening to showcase the menu and promote the restaurant.



Several Red Wolf Milkshakes, made by Anthony Hester, a banquet kitchen chef.



Raul Serranl, a chef at the hotel, preparing pork tacos.

For a closer look at images of the hotel and this event, go to the photo gallery on theherald.home.blog.

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