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## **Legion Collegiate Academy Celebrates New Facility with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

**ROCK HILL, SC** — Members of the Rock Hill community gathered on March 29 at 12:00 PM to celebrate Legion Collegiate Academy’s new facility with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Majority Leader of the House Representative Gary Simrill attended the ceremony as the Keynote Speaker, ushering in a new era for the public charter school.

“We have 4 great school districts in York County. This facility here, with Legion and charter schools, doesn’t take away any of that – it adds to it,” said Representative Simrill, whose son attends Legion. “Dr. Kennedy, and the staff, they are truly invested in your student. Your student isn’t a number, he’s a name.”

The new facility, located on Long Meadow Road in Rock Hill, houses a state-of-the-art weight room, gymnasium, and athletic training room as well as an academic wing complete with 3 collegiate-style science labs. The school’s mission is to offer a safe, small, family-centered environment to its 355 high school students. Legion’s elite athletic program, directed by award-winning football coach Strait Herron, as well as dual-enrollment opportunities through the University of South Carolina and Winthrop University, fulfill that mission. Students at Legion Collegiate Academy have the opportunity to complete up to 60 hours of transferable college credit by the time they earn their high school diploma at no cost to their families.

“It is about our future. It is about handing that torch over to future leaders and critical thinkers. To have a facility where that can take place is only going to make this county a stronger place,” said Dr. TK Kennedy, school leader at Legion Collegiate Academy.

Legion Collegiate Academy was first opened in 2019 at a temporary site before their new facility was completed. Though delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the facility was able to be completed on-time. The new building first opened its doors to students on February 22.

“It was great to have representatives from the State House here with us as well, including the Majority Leader, to come and welcome families and students to this new facility,” said Cameron Runyan, superintendent of the Charter Institute at Erskine. “We’re very excited to see where this goes for the future of this region.”

The Charter Institute at Erskine sponsors 22 charter schools across the state of South Carolina. For more information, visit [www.erskinecharters.org](http://www.erskinecharters.org).

