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UIW Kicks Off Renovations for New Medical School Facility at Brooks City Base

SAN ANTONIO – The University of the Incarnate Word officially kicked off building renovations for its new School of Osteopathic Medicine at Brooks City Base.

“Last year, we set a goal to open a new medical school in San Antonio and today we are well on our way to achieving that goal,” said UIW President Dr. Lou Agnese. “We raise the flag of the University of the Incarnate Word to show that we will continue the legacy that was created here decades ago by building another state-of-the-art facility that will train primary care doctors to serve San Antonio and underserved areas throughout South Texas.”

Many dignitaries joined UIW President Dr. Lou Agnese, Brooks City Base President & CEO Leo Gomez and Board Member Manuel Villa including San Antonio Mayor Ivy Taylor, City Councilwoman Rebecca Viagran, Congressman Lloyd Doggett and other local leaders for a ceremonial flag raising on Brooks City Base.

The newest UIW location is located in the northwest corner of Brooks City Base in an area known as “The Hill,” a local historic district which previously housed the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine. Plans provide four buildings and 245 parking spaces on approximately 16.45 acres, with a possible expansion to add an adjacent 6.41 acres, three more buildings and 213 additional parking spaces. The entire plan involves approximately 23 acres and seven buildings that can be adapted to provide classrooms, laboratories, administrative and faculty offices, a student center, and an auditorium.

Brooks City Base was established nearly 100 years ago and played a critical role in the development of the United States aviation and aerospace programs. The U.S. Air Force left in 2011 and Brooks City Base is being successfully redeveloped into a thriving, mixed-use community that has been a catalyst for growth in San Antonio. More than 26 businesses have located at Brooks including the new Mission Trail Baptist Hospital, DPT Laboratories, Mission Solar, Calumet, and Carenet Healthcare Services. Brooks is also home to a growing residential community that includes a luxury apartment community and single-family homes and to the Brooks Academy of Science and Engineering, a STEM-accredited charter school serving grades K – 12.

“Our mission is to bring new life and new opportunities to this beautiful campus, but we also have a responsibility to honor the history of this place,” said Brooks City Base Board Member Manuel Villa. “Nothing could honor the Aerospace Medical Center more than this medical school, it is the perfect fit. We welcome UIW to our campus and we look forward to making new history together as we continue to transform this community.”

About The University of the Incarnate Word

The University of the Incarnate Word is a private liberal arts university with over 130 years of tradition educating diverse populations throughout the world within the context of faith. UIW is the largest Catholic University in the state and the fourth largest private university in Texas. UIW is committed to shaping good minds of strong character that will expand the world. Nearly 80 degrees are offered to the over 9500 students at the undergraduate, graduate and doctoral levels. Students enjoy small classes and a close network of family-like relationships between students and professors. Committed to offering students a global experience, UIW continues to develop internationally and boasts a presence in Mexico and Germany as well as in San Antonio, and Corpus Christi. UIW is a leader in international education, with 135 “sister schools” in 45 countries. UIW is a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word.

About Brooks City Base

Brooks City Base is a community of more than 1,200 acres planned for mixed-use development that includes residential, retail, office, and light industrial opportunities. Since its inception, the community has attracted 26 businesses including Mission Solar, Mission Trail Baptist Hospital, DPT Laboratories, Wyle Integrated Science and Engineering, Texas A&M-San Antonio Brooks City Base, VMC, Bridge PTS, Grubb Engineering, the City/County Emergency Operations Center, the Brooks Academy of Science and Engineering Charter School, The Landings at Brooks City Base apartment community, and a variety of restaurants and retail stores. For more information, visit www.brookscity-base.com.