The grand opening of the CCBC Catonsville Campus’ new Applied Technology Center (ATC) will take place Wednesday, Oct. 21, in the building’s new conference center, H-308A/B. Festivities begin at 11 a.m. with a program led by Elayne Hettleman, vice president of the Catonsville Campus Foundation Board.

The ATC adds 38,000 square feet of space to the existing 54,000 square-foot technical arts building. It contains 10 new computer labs, a tech library, a telecommunications center, an occupational training assistant lab and a new interactive technology classroom. The ATC allows the move of the computer information systems labs and space for a new nursing computer lab in H-Building. The building houses the college’s first conference center, which will be named in honor of Catonsville Campus’ founding president, Oliver H. Laine.

A state-of-the-art data communications lab with student stations equipped with standard Category 5 copper cable, as well as both single and multi-mode fiber optic cable, will also be housed in the building. Other equipment will allow students to mimic and problem-solve conditions encountered in multi-story buildings equipped with local area networks. Most of the labs are equipped with state-of-the-art computers and video and data projection systems that will make it easier for instructors to incorporate mediated educational presentations into their classroom activities.

“The Technical Studies Division is ecstatic about the opportunities the new Applied Technology Center will bring to our students,” said Toni Siegle, acting chair of the Technical Studies Division. “The new equipment and computers will enhance student learning and student employment opportunities for years to come.”

The ATC came about as a result of growth in the demand for technologically oriented courses at the Catonsville Campus. College administrators and the Catonsville Campus Foundation embarked on a capital campaign in 1994 to raise money for funding the building and equipment. State and Baltimore County capital funds enabled the project, while contributions from the Foundation completed a portion of the building’s third floor.

Faculty, staff and students, are invited to attend the grand opening celebration. For more information, call 410-455-4467.