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Commercial Jet joins Miami Dade College to launch Apprenticeship Program



From left to right: Division Chief at US Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, Laura Ginsburg; MDC President, Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón; President Commercial Jet, David M. Sandri; Director of Apprenticeship Florida Department of Education, Richard "Ted" Norman.

Miami, Florida – May 29th 2018 – Sponsored by Miami Dade College (MDC) in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Labor and Florida Department of Education, Commercial Jet takes the lead as the industry launch partner of the **MDC WORKS: Apprenticeship Program**.

The signing ceremony witnessed by several elected officials, local leaders, MDC faculty members and the media took place at MDC's Wolfson Campus in the heart of Downtown Miami, Florida, presided over by MDC President Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón.

MDC becomes the first higher education institution to offer such a program in the State of Florida. In his tweet, Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón wrote "I am proud to announce the launch of MDC WORKS: Apprenticeship Program, the first model program of its kind in South Florida. With this endeavor, we hope to deliver wonderful training opportunities & close the skills gap as we prepare the next generation of workplace leaders."

In his presentation, President of Commercial Jet Mr. David Sandri said, “thanks to the efforts of the US Department of Labor, Florida Department of Education and Miami Dade College we now look forward to the commencement of Commercial Jet’s Aircraft Structural Assembly and Fabrication Apprenticeship Program which will provide a combination of courses and On-the-Job training to prepare people to fill these high-skilled aviation jobs.”

The work preparing this 24-month Apprenticeship Program was initiated early this year and will continue for a Fall 2018 start date to be announced in the next few weeks. “Working together with our local communities, this initiative is an important beginning to mitigating the skills shortage and to preparing the next generation of aviation technicians, key to meeting our industry’s growth and prosperity” added David Sandri.

About Commercial Jet

Commercial Jet is an FAA and EASA approved repair station that specializes in both scheduled and unscheduled heavy maintenance, line maintenance, modification services, complete airframe inspections, freighter conversions, interior modifications, avionics upgrade programs and complete aircraft painting. The company also offers lease return services, and refitting passenger and cargo aircraft for return to market. With over half-a-million square feet (46,000 square meters) of multi-bay hangar facilities in Miami (MIA), Florida and Dothan (DHN), Alabama, Commercial Jet serves passenger and cargo airlines, owners, lessors and military customers. Their professional team services a wide variety of commercial aircraft types, including B717, B727, B737, B757, B767, DC8, DC9, DC10/MD-11, MD80/90, A320, A300 and now the CRJ200. www.commercialjet.com.

About MDC

Miami Dade College is the largest institution of higher education in the country. Our eight campuses offer more than 300 educational pathways to a career. Since our founding more than half a century ago, we have admitted more than 2 million students. Today, we serve one of the most diverse student bodies in the nation, comprised of 165,000 students from 191 countries, speaking 90 languages. Additionally, MDC is a significant cultural engine for the entire Miami area, presenting and nurturing major events and programs in the visual, literary and performing arts.

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