

College of the Mainland expanding in League City

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LEAGUE CITY

College of the Mainland will soon expand in Galveston County's biggest city, having reached an agreement with Friendswood attorney and developer Jerome Karam to lease 27,570-square-feet at 1411 W Main St. in what had been League City United Methodist Church, officials announced Tuesday.

"They recognized the void in the community and wanted to be represented and make it easier for Friendswood and Clear Creek Independent School District kids to attend," Karam said.

The college's board on Tuesday unanimously approved leasing the facility in League City, officials said. All expenses for the new facility, including the lease, utilities and personnel, will be funded through tuition and fees from the new site.

The facility will give students in the northern part of Galveston County a place to attend dual credit and general education classes, officials said.

Students outside of the taxing district must pay higher tuition than students living in the district pay, said Bob Wright, spokesman for the college.

College of the Mainland had a presence in League City before Wednesday, at its North County Learning Center, but that lease expires in August, officials said.

“The opportunities with this are just enormous,” said David Hoover, League City’s director of planning. “I’m really impressed with how quickly Jerome put this whole thing together.”

The new League City site will feature a new façade and will open in the summer of 2020, Karam said.

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Should benefit College of the Mainland with people in that area paying more money than in district students.

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This is great for all residents in COM’s service district as well as those of us in its taxing district. I am so happy to see how COM has turned itself around.