

Partnership to Fast-Track Fulton Co. Students into Film Training Program

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Atlanta Metro Studios, the Fulton County School System and Union City this week unveiled a pilot-program collaboration that will start by funding tuition for as many as six 2015 Fulton County high school graduates and enroll them in Clayton State University’s Digital Film Crew Training Program. The applicant search will target Fulton County schools surrounding the Atlanta Metro Studios site at the old Shannon Mall in Union City.

Ed Richardson and Brian Livesay, founders and co-CEOs of Atlanta-based 404 Studio Partners, along with their development partner Rooker created, designed and are currently in construction of Atlanta Metro Studios. “We are committed to engage Fulton County’s youth and to provide opportunities for them to learn the skills necessary to be a part of Georgia’s thriving film business,” says Richardson.

“There are a number of programs that claim to give students an insider track into the film business, but most of these programs fall far short of the actual boots on the ground training that is given in the Clayton State University program. This business is, after all, a ‘tradecraft’ industry and nothing beats the hands-on training for entry level crew that the Digital Film Technician Certificate Program delivers,” says Livesay.