

HOST OF THE 114TH MEETING: COLUMBIA STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Columbia State Community College

On June 22, 1965, the State Board of Education approved Columbia as the site of Tennessee's first community college. Once the Board of Education had approved the location of a college in Columbia, the Maury County Quarterly Court approved a resolution to purchase the two hundred four-acre Hickman farm and pledged \$250,000 to aid in the construction of the college.

Columbia State graduated its first class in June 1968. These

students had enrolled in 1966, when the College was temporarily housed in the Education Building of the First Baptist Church and other facilities throughout the city. On March 15, 1967, Lady Bird and President Lyndon B. Johnson dedicated the Columbia campus.

Today, the college serves close to 10,000 students per year in credit and continuing education courses and awards more than eight million dollars in financial aid. Five academic divisions offer students over 50 programs of study and the opportunity to earn a certificate, associate of arts, associate of science or associate of applied science degree. In addition to the Columbia campus, the college has locations in Lawrence, Marshall, Wayne and Williamson counties.



FIG. 1. President Lyndon B. Johnson and Lady Bird Johnson attend the 1967 dedication of Columbia State Community College.



FIG. 2. The Hickman Building is the newest addition to the Columbia State campus.