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Miami Dade College North Campus Joins National WeatherBug Weather Station Network

Miami, Monday, June 16, 2008 - As part of its academic focus on the sciences, Miami Dade College's (MDC) North Campus recently inaugurated a state-of-the-art weather station that will benefit residents throughout the South Florida region and beyond. Available now, users can access the WeatherBug network at: <http://weather.weatherbug.com/>, which provides live local weather conditions, forecasts, as well as severe weather alerts.



"Built to withstand all kinds of weather, the state-of-the-art WeatherBug Tracking Station (inset) is currently installed atop a building located at MDC's North Campus, where it records 27 different real-time weather measurements. Live weather data is available now online at <http://weather.weatherbug.com/>. The online weather network provides live local weather conditions, forecasts, and severe weather alerts."

MDC joins the ranks of over 8,000 schools across the U.S. now using the professional grade weather tracking service to teach math, science and geography with real life data. A leading provider of weather information services, WeatherBug, was developed with the purpose of delivering live local weather conditions, forecasts and life saving severe weather alerts from its exclusive network of WeatherBug Tracking Stations.

"The WeatherBug weather station at North Campus fills a void in this area of the county as it is the first station of its kind in this community," said José A. Vicente, North Campus President. "However, it is also a great addition to the MDC North Campus community as a learning tool, where it will assist students within the meteorology and atmospheric sciences and work cohesively with the new state-of-the-art science complex that is now under construction."

MDC North Campus is currently building a state-of-the-art science complex complete with 21 science laboratories, including biology, chemistry, physics, earth science, microbiology, organic chemistry, zoology, botany, environmental science, and biotechnology; a state-of-the-art weather center; one working greenhouse as well as one ornamental greenhouse; a Palmetum; botanical garden; a lecture hall and classroom facilities; and a large plaza facing the North Campus Lake, which students, faculty and staff recently rehabilitated.

The weather station, installed by WeatherBug, adds the MDC North Campus to a national network of 8,000 tracking stations and over 1,000 weather cameras. These professional-grade weather stations generate live, up-to-the-second neighborhood reports: providing live feeds for local weather conditions to meteorologists and broadcasters in over 100 television broadcast stations including ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX and Univision. The inauguration of the device comes in conjunction with the current push MDC is making in the sciences.

For more information about the WeatherBug weather station at MDC's North Campus, contact: Michael Boulos at (305) 237- 8094.

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