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Dellbrook One Way breaks ground on Franklin Cummings Tech Campus at 1011 Harrison Ave.

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Shown (from left) are: Sheryce Hearn, Dellbrook|JKS's director of diversity equity, & inclusion; Harry Rodriguez, project engineer at Dellbrook|JKS; and city of Boston's mayor Michelle Wu

Boston, MA Dellbrook One Way, a joint venture composed of Dellbrook|JKS and the minority business enterprise, One Way Development, broke ground on March 12th, for a new campus for the Benjamin Franklin Cummings Institute of Technology (Franklin Cummings Tech, FCT), located in Nubian Sq. Lieutenant governor Kim Driscoll, mayor Michelle Wu, city and state officials, and the

president & CEO of Franklin Cummings Tech, Dr. Aisha Francis, gathered on-site to celebrate the educational facility.

The three-story, 68,000 s/f building will support the college in preparing a skilled, diverse workforce for careers in Mass., with cutting-edge learning environments designed to maximize hands-on technical experience. Designed by Studio G architects, Franklin Cummings Tech's campus will feature an advanced manufacturing center, exposed MEP systems that double as examples for students, a rooftop learning lab, a heat pump installation lab, and a ground-level automotive shop, open to the community.

"As a Roxbury native, born and raised, I am excited to work on this project, showcasing Dellbrook One Way's commitment to community engagement and workforce development within the city of Boston," said Sheryce Hearn, director of diversity, equity, and inclusion at Dellbrook|JKS. "We have scheduled several job fairs, free OSHA training, trade partner learning series, and pre-bid conferences, ensuring that we build up the community and its residents while we build up the new FCT campus."

A graduate of Franklin Cummings Tech, Harry Rodriguez will serve as an assistant project manager and assistant superintendent on the construction of his alma mater's reimagined campus, through his time as a project engineer in Dellbrook|JKS's construction immersion program. "I'm proud to continue my relationship with Franklin Cummings Tech, from walking out its doors as a graduate to framing the doors on the new campus FCT will call home," said Rodriguez.

As a project engineer in Dellbrook|JKS's Construction Immersion Program, Rodriguez will rotate through key areas of construction management, gaining practical experience in estimating, project management, and the field, mirroring the life cycle of his designated project. He will work alongside mentors and an experienced project team, who anticipate the campus's completion in the fall of 2025.