

Capital One donates \$100,000 to Reynolds Community College for East End culinary school

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The culinary institute — which will feature four kitchens, one with stadium seating to allow for demonstrations — is proposed for a parcel at 2500 Nine Mile Road in Richmond.

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Capital One has awarded a \$100,000 grant to J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College to help with the college's plan to relocate its culinary arts program to a new building in Richmond's East End.

"What Capital One is helping us accomplish is so significant," Reynolds President Gary Rhodes said in a statement.

"Expanding the college's footprint into the East End creates greater access to culinary workforce development and dozens of occupational and academic programs."

The grant is through Future Edge, Capital One's five-year, \$150 million investment in grants and initiatives in the communities where it has operations.

"Future Edge empowers more Americans to succeed in our economy and develop skills for the jobs of today and tomorrow," Larry Doyle, who is a managing vice president at Capital One and who serves on Reynolds' board, said in a statement. "Seeing these dollars, which include scholarship funds, generate more job opportunities for our neighbors in the East End is inspiring."

The Reynolds Culinary Institute is part of a proposed development that is under construction in Church Hill North at North 25th Street and Nine Mile Road that will include restaurants, apartments and retail space — including a full-service grocery store in the supermarket-deprived East End.

The new culinary institute will be able to accommodate 700 students, more than double the program's current enrollment. The culinary program currently operates at the school's downtown Richmond campus.

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