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SCRANTON--The University of Scranton dedicated the Joseph M. McDade Center for Technology and Applied Research, a state-of-the-art research and training program, on May 4.

University President Rev. J.A. Panuska, S.J., citing the "great economic potential in this region," said the McDade Center's purpose is to help bring that potential to achievement through training, technology and applied research in cooperation with government and the private sector.

"The vision and support of Congressman McDade have provided the opportunity for the University of Scranton to cooperate in the revitalization of the economy of northeastern Pennsylvania and to share in the realization of the aspirations of its people," he said.

"His challenge to the University to focus its reservoir of talent and to link with regional business and industry in an effort to secure Pennsylvania's future economic development resulted in the inauguration of the Center in 1988," Panuska added, referring to a \$7 million federal grant announced by McDade in June of that year.

McDade said he believes the Center will be one of the premiere industrial resource centers in the nation.

"In June of 1988, I said that this Technology Center, when finished, would serve as a springboard to a vibrant and healthy economy in northeastern Pennsylvania," he recalled. "I would only slightly amend my words today to say that this Technology Center will put, and keep, northeastern Pennsylvania on the cutting edge of economic development and provide a pool of technological resources linking government, higher education and the private sector."

The University, he noted, is providing this link by opening its research, training and problem-solving capabilities to regional business and industry.

State Rep. Fred Belardi and Austin J. Burke, president of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, said the program will be another important resource to help boost the state and regional economies.

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The McDade Center is located in a three-story, 22,000 square foot addition to the Harper-McGinnis Physics Wing on campus. It previously operated from the University's former Business Advancement Center in downtown Scranton.

The new facility houses laboratories, training areas, executive conference/seminar rooms and offices, including \$1 million worth of equipment and materials.

It provides a secure and confidential development and testing environment for projects in such areas as computer-aided design, software engineering, chemical and biotechnology, and telecommunications.

In addition to the Center's professional staff, the operation combines the expertise of University faculty, particularly those from the physics, computer science and electronics engineering departments, with other school facilities like the computing center and the new \$13.3 million library being constructed nearby.

Another in-house component is the Small Business Development Center, which has provided cost-free management and technical assistance to more than 6,000 clients since 1978.

The McDade Center also has cooperative ties with other regional programs such as the Ben Franklin Partnership and the Industrial Resource Center, as well as institutions such as Mansfield University and the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

The result is a comprehensive program that can provide expertise and support for applied research and development and direct assistance in problem solving, decision making, training and information processing.

To date 48 companies or organizations have been served by the Center.

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(A list of clients is attached)

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(to accompany article transmitted earlier)

The University of Scranton Friday (May 4) dedicated the Joseph M. McDade Center for Technology and Applied Research, a state-of-the-art research and training program that will serve regional business and industry. The program was initiated with a \$7 million federal grant announced by McDade in June of 1988. Touring one of the laboratories are, from left, Austin J. Burke, president of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce; University President Rev. J.A. Panuska, S.J.; State Rep. Fred Belardi; McDade; and Jerome DeSanto, executive director of the center.