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Hawaii Technology Academy opens in new Central Oahu building

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Hawaii Technology Academy, the largest tuition-free public charter school in the state, has opened in its new digs in Waipahu in Central Oahu, the developer of the property confirmed to Pacific Business News this week.

The tech school, which uses a blended model of face-to-face, virtual and independent learning, opened last week in a 13,000-square-foot space as part of a 40,000-square-foot building at the Plaza at Milltown, Christine Camp, president of Honolulu-based Avalon Development Co., told PBN. Avalon is the developer of the building.

Design Partners is the architect for the project, while Honolulu Builders is the general contractor.

The 2-acre site is aimed at being a central hub of the community with the tech academy now on its growing list of tenants.

Ballet Hawaii is also moving into a 2,600-square-foot space in the building at the end of this month.

"We originally developed it in 2008 as a 30,000-square-foot building, and now we made it into a 40,000-square-foot building with a new stand-alone building and an expanded footprint to accommodate new tenants and expanding tenants," Camp said.

Existing tenants include Na Maka, a kindergarten prep school; Liberty Dialysis; Pearl's Chinese Kitchen; Studio 6 Spa and Salon; and 808 Urban Bowl.

"We acquired the 15-acre property in 2006 and completed this particular building in 2008," Camp said. "We are pleased to be able to redevelop it into even a better property than it was before."

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