



University of Phoenix to open at Crocker Park

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WESTLAKE-- Class soon will be in session at Crocker Park once the University of Phoenix opens its newest campus in January.

Allegro Realty Advisors, Ltd., a real estate services firm, is leading the University of Phoenix project as well as many other local corporation jobs.

"We feel Crocker Park is a good location for the campus because it offers a lot of green space, shops and many restaurants," said Michael Cantor, Allegro Realty Advisors chief operating officer. "We will offer students a bookstore and classes will range from video conferences to classroom teachers."

The campus will be located on the northwest corner of Crocker Park Boulevard and Main Street. It will take up 9,000 square feet of building space in the Whitlock building. It will be above the Brio Tuscan Grille, H & M and Barnes & Noble bookstore. The third floor area is under construction. The University of Phoenix offers a campus in 196 locations for working adults, according to Cantor. The university also has sites in Independence and Beachwood. Cantor said the Crocker Park location will cater to western suburban and Lorain County residents. He said it will be easily accessible from Interstate 90.

Since Crocker Park serves as a mixed-use development, the campus will be a great addition to the shopping plaza with many amenities, according to Cantor.

Cyndie O'Bryon, a representative for Stark Enterprises, agreed that the University of Phoenix will be another great asset to Crocker Park. O'Bryon said Crocker Park offers everything from international retailers to residential homes.

The University of Phoenix offers a variety of online courses, onsite education and the ability to meet with other classmates, according to Cantor.

The project is on schedule, Cantor said.

The University of Phoenix has 345,300 students enrolled and it is the largest private university in North America, he added.

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