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Ashland welcomes Hampton Inn and Suites

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ASHLAND –

After a “soft opening” on Valentine’s Day, Hampton Inn & Suites celebrated its opening with a ribbon cutting Tuesday evening at its East Main Street location.

“My parents are here which is wonderful. It was their dream to build a Hilton product and the Ashland community was a perfect match,” owner Sachin Patel said Tuesday.

The four-story hotel offers 81 rooms, an indoor saltwater pool, a free extended breakfast and a state-of-the-art fitness area. The owners decided to decorate the hotel and its rooms in Ashland University colors and with photos and memorabilia from AU. Besides being a nod to the Ashland community, there is also a tie between the hotel and the university.

Ohm Patel is a graduate of Ashland University, receiving his MBA in 2009. He also is CEO of The Witness Group, the hospitality management company that runs the Ashland Hampton.

“The secret recipe for any one of our successful hotels has been strong community ties and relationships and cultivating a guest-first team, and I would have to say in a very short amount of time this hotel has exuded that, has accomplished that and has already set its goals very high in terms of what it wants to achieve,” Patel said. “This project couldn’t have been done without the support of the city, the university and the entire community at-large which has supported us since day one.”

General Manager Kristina Mansfield said the community has been very receptive to the new hotel. “We’ve had a lot of support. Everyone is very pleased with the property and proud of it,” Mansfield said. Ashland Convention and Visitors Bureau President Amy Daubenspeck said the initial meeting with owner Sachin Patel to bring the Hampton Inn to Ashland took place in March 2014.

“So here we are three years later and this is what we have to give to our community and give to our visitors,” Daubenspeck said. “It’s been a long time coming and we’re so excited that they’re here.” Ground was broken on the site in September 2015.

Ashland Mayor Duane Fishpaw welcomed Patel and the Hampton Inn to Ashland. In August 2015, Ashland City Council approved a 12-year, 60 percent tax abatement to help bring the hotel to Ashland.