Welcome to the Blinn College District’s Walter C. Schwartz Building at the RELLIS Campus! This 83,000-square-foot facility features 19 classrooms and eight laboratories, and is designed to accommodate up to 3,000 students.

The building is named after Walter C. Schwartz, who served as Blinn’s 11th president from 1984 until he was named the College District’s first chancellor in 1994. During his 46-year career at Blinn, which began as a night school teacher for returning veterans in 1948 and service as the Dean of Students from 1959-1984, Mr. Schwartz oversaw Blinn’s growth from approximately 300 to more than 12,000 students.

In addition to his service to Blinn, Mr. Schwartz held numerous public offices, including two terms as the District 21 Representative in the Texas Legislature, membership on the Brenham City Council from 1962-1979 and 1982-1984, and Mayor of the City of Brenham from 1994-2003. He also volunteered with the Washington County Little League, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, United Way, March of Dimes, Brenham Maifest Association, Bohne Memorial Hospital, Trinity Medical Center, and the Washington-on-the-Brazos Park Association.

As you enter the Walter C. Schwartz Building, you are greeted by an open, inviting lobby where students can relax, meet with classmates, and study.

To the left, you will find the Blinn Marketplace, operated by Barnes & Noble. This one-stop shop provides all the amenities of a modern convenience store and provides an on-campus venue for students to purchase all their necessary textbooks and supplies.

Across the hall from the Blinn Marketplace is the Welcome Center, a convenient study and meeting room for group work and team discussion. Past the Welcome Center, you will find the Learning and Library Center, where students can access resource materials, tutoring, and all the educational assistance they need to succeed.

Blinn’s second floor includes classrooms designed to accommodate approximately 30, as well as two physics laboratories. These rooms are supplemented by group study rooms and open lounge seating, where students can work together to master their course material.

The second floor also houses Blinn’s Student Services offices, the Testing Center, and the Campus Health Clinic. In the hallways, the Schwartz Building has been equipped with water bottle filling stations, so that students can conveniently refill their water bottles and conserve natural resources.

The third floor features an additional classroom space, as well as the microbiology and organic chemistry laboratories. These high-tech laboratories include all the scientific equipment students need to master their STEM studies and develop solutions to 21st-century scientific challenges.

The fourth floor features collaborative learning classrooms. Using the latest educational technology, Blinn instructors can use a smart monitor system to share screens in real time. Instructors can demonstrate models and ideas using the device, and relay that information to the monitors located at each group learning station. Students can then log into the system with their laptop, phone, or tablet to send images and audio to their group table monitor.

The fourth floor also houses chemistry laboratories and a multi-purpose meeting room. Just outside the multi-purpose room, students can enjoy a picturesque view of the RELLIS Campus while studying or relaxing on the terrace.