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# Editorial

**T**ODAY, after twenty years of operation, the Technological Faculty of the District University Francisco José de Caldas has become a point of reference for many other universities nationwide with regard to propaedeutic cycles for higher education. It is a matter of pride for the University, which is celebrating this birthday with the support and enthusiasm of the whole community.

On February 20, 1995, and with the aim of solving specific problems of access to education of the Capital District in Ciudad Bolívar area, and among strong political pressure, the Technological Faculty of the District University Francisco José de Caldas born. In its beginnings the Faculty offers only three (3) technological level academic programs: Industrial Technology, Mechanical Technology and Electrical Technology. These programs were offered initially in partnership with the Technological University of Pereira, and the Technological Units of Santander. A year later came into operation the programs of Data Systematization Technology and Technology in Civil Construction. Pretty soon the Faculty appropriated these programs, adapted them to the particular needs of the Capital District, and they are today reference to design programs nationwide.

The Technological Faculty has grown exponentially, not only in terms of student population (more than 7,000 active students, and expects to receive about 3,000 more in the next three years in the new headquarters of 'El Ensueño'), but also in capacity (facilities and teachers) and academic programs, particularly with the engineering cycles. The Technological Faculty is one of the faculties with more programs offer in the engineering area, and has outstanding indicators such as labor employment of its graduates in the field of training. Engineering programs structured around technological cycles are: Electrical Engineering, Control Engineering, Telecommunications Engineering, Civil Engineering, Production Engineering, Telematics Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. Teachers and community has a critical mass formed and prepared for offering master's level programs, without neglecting strengths as research and extension. Undoubtedly the Technological Faculty will continue to make great contributions to the city and the country.

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