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LCC Junior Cardinal Clay Class

Parsons, KS—The Labette Community College Foundation was awarded a \$5,000 Union Pacific Foundation Grant. The grant will help fund the children's pottery class, Jr. Cardinal Clay Class, at Labette Community College.

"As local public schools continue to face budget shortcomings, they are being forced to eliminate or reduce fine arts in their curriculum. To address this problem, John Ford, the fine arts professor at Labette Community College, designed a youth ceramics program." said Lindi Forbes, Executive Director of the LCC Foundation and Alumni Association. "One of the objectives of our college is to provide educational and cultural enrichment opportunities to the community."

Ford has offered the Junior Cardinal Clay class in summer and fall of 2013 with great success. The free class is open to children ages 7-12. Classes will be held Thursdays from February 6 through April 10 from 4:15-5:30pm in the LCC Fine Arts Building. LCC Fine Arts instructor, John Ford, will teach the children's class.

"Exposure to fine arts is important at a young age, and this clay class will offer that," Ford said. "We are excited to partner with the UP Foundation and an area clay company. With their support, we can offer this unique program to local children without an enrollment fee."

To register in the Jr. Cardinal Clay Class, call Carol Rabig at 620-820-1273. Class size will be limited, so register early.