

Pathways

LCC Capital Campaign

Preparing a Pathway to the Future

Labette Community College
200 S. 14th Street
Parsons, KS 67357

1-620-421-6700
1.888.LABETTE (522-3883)
www.labette.edu

A Capital and Endowment Campaign



Preparing a Pathway to the Future



Wherever life may lead, you never leave behind the lessons learned in the Heartland. Parsons' strong sense of community offers generation after generation a springboard of security and confidence to help achieve their future goals. We can take pride in the fact that in 2006, our city was honored to receive the National Great American Main Street Award. **It is a town of timeless value and *cardinal character*.**

As an active and integral member of the community, Labette Community College continues to make a positive and lasting impression on thousands of lives. The College continues to provide the deep roots and expansive wings that graduates need to, accomplish great things in their chosen professions.

For many years, LCC has offered college-level courses in area high schools to provide accessible education for those working toward a degree. Recently, the Board of Trustees and the Foundation Board have moved another step forward by opening a satellite campus in Cherokee County near Pittsburg.

In order to advance the level of learning and excellence that Labette Community College strives to provide its students, it is essential for LCC to initiate a capital project, find funding for deferred maintenance projects, and establish additional endowments for scholarships.



onstruct a new Health Science Building

Graduates of our health science programs are in high demand. The College has earned a reputation for graduating highly trained students. In fact, over the past three years, the average pass rate of our nursing students has exceeded the registered nurse national exam pass rate. In each of the past five years, one hundred percent of our radiography students passed their national exams. And for the last seven years, one hundred percent of our graduates in respiratory therapy have obtained certification.

Our faculty are exceeding national averages in national exams too. Three nurse faculty members and the Director of Nursing have earned the Certified Nurse Educator credential. According to the National League for Nursing website, certification for academic nurse educators establishes nursing education as a specialty area of practice and creates a means for faculty to demonstrate their expertise in this role. It communicates to students, peers, and the academic and health care communities that the highest standards of excellence are being met.

LCC is among an elite group of three colleges in the country that have such a high percentage of their eligible nurse faculty members with the CNE credential.

“A mark of certification really distinguishes a person for professionalism in their field and I’m extremely proud of our nurse faculty,” Vice President of Academic Affairs, Joe Burke said. “For years, they have established themselves as the best nurse faculty in the state and this latest accomplishment proves it.”

However, the building which now houses the health sciences was not designed for the rapid changes in health science or for the number of students served. A 31,176-square foot facility efficiently designed for specific program requirements makes good business sense. It will not only meet the needs of the current students, but has also been designed with room to expand and adapt to future needs. It will also provide a supportive environment by utilizing technology that will mirror that used in hospital and clinical settings in the real world. Increasing the capacity of the programs would continue to raise the visibility of Labette Community College in the health science market.

"Another university told me I would have a better chance of being accepted into a pharmacy school if I started at a four-year college, but I really wanted to attend Labette Community College because I knew Dr. Ecoff's chemistry classes would give me the best possible preparation for my professional future. Before graduating from LCC I found out that I had been accepted into the KU School of Pharmacy as one of the top choices."

Emily Gilpin, 2007 LCC Graduate and a Parsons High School Valedictorian



Sonny and Sophia Zetmeir Health Science Building



Clock Tower

The Sonny and Sophia Zetmeir Health Science Building will provide state-of-the-art facilities for our outstanding healthcare students and faculty. Currently our programs are busting at the seams. In August 2004, the Nursing Program initiated dual-entry enrollment, allowing students to begin the program in August or in January, thereby doubling the annual program enrollment to 100 students.

Still, at their accreditation-mandated capacity, existing Allied Health programs currently must turn applicants away—placing hopeful students on waiting lists every semester. Current instructional space on LCC's main campus supports high-demand LPN, RN, radiography, and respiratory therapy courses, all enrolled to capacity. With additional demand associated with dual-entry enrollment in nursing programs, current lab space does not include—and does not have the space for—the specialized equipment and resources the ever-advancing fields of healthcare require. For example, digital radiology was not even conceived at the time the current facility was built, and it cannot accommodate the new digital equipment that is the new standard for patient care simulation. This type of difficulty is reflected in Nursing and Respiratory Care as well.

In order for LCC to continue to serve our students with educational excellence and improve access to those students who wish to improve their lives, it is imperative that we provide the appropriate space and laboratory infrastructure.





Above: View from Northwest of current campus with renderings of proposed clock tower and new building

Capital Campaign Steering Committee Members

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Alice Beachner, '62 | Pete '41 and Mary Hughes |
| Gary Beachner | Kenny LaForge |
| Jim Bishop, '62 | Chris Lubbers |
| Robert Brandenburg, '59 | Dr. Stephen Miller |
| Lou Branham | Helen C. Jones |
| Chuck and Mary Catherine Brown | Linda Proehl |
| Shirley Chalker, '64 | Kelly Rector |
| Larry Compton | Gene Rexwinkle |
| Kenny and Corrine Ervin | Joseph Smith, '71 |
| Dr. Wayne Gilmore | Gary Wall '59 |
| Louise Holmes '56 | Roberta Whetzel '57 |
| | E.F. "Sonny" Zetmeir |



Kresge Challenge Grant

Labette Community College has been awarded a \$1 million Challenge Grant from the prestigious Kresge Foundation of Detroit for the new Health Science Building. The grant represents one of the largest grants received in the 86-year history of the College.

“To be awarded the Kresge Challenge grant is a true honor. This prestigious award will help to fulfill the vision of the College and Foundation by building a new health science building. This building will mean growth and prosperity for future generations of top-quality healthcare professionals,” said LCC President, Dr. George Knox. “The addition of the three new programs, new technology, and lab space will only enhance the already outstanding programs we have to better serve our students.”

The new health science building is slated to begin construction in March of 2011. The building will be built with Gold LEED certification standards. The Foundation is working closely with the LCC Green Committee to insure environmental sustainability.

“The Kresge Foundation is pleased to award a challenge grant in support of Labette Community College’s first-ever capital campaign. Labette is an engine of opportunity in southeastern Kansas, and we are pleased to partner on the construction of a new Health Sciences facility to increase access to training in the high-growth field of allied health,” said Bill Moses, Kresge Education Program Director.

This is the second year that community colleges have been allowed to submit applications for Kresge challenge grants and LCC was honored to be one of few to be recipients nationwide. The Kresge Foundation is one of the nation’s premier private foundations and a large supporter of higher education. These grants are highly competitive and grant recipients are selected very carefully. The grants help strengthen institutions through challenge grants for capital projects. The foundation’s work is focused in six fields of interest: health, the environment, arts and culture, education, human services and community development. Part of the challenge from the Kresge Foundation is how our organization exemplifies the Kresge values in the area of creating opportunity, community impact, institutional transformation, environmental conservation, innovation, collaboration, underserved geography, and diversity. This challenge grant is a way to examine an institution’s work and impact on its community.

Moses added, “The College aligned well with Kresge’s grantmaking values, including a commitment to environmental sustainability, access for low-income people, and significant community impact, and we hope this challenge grant will spur additional community support for this important effort.”

This is a CHALLENGE GRANT that requires LCC to have in hand pledges and gifts to fully fund the campaign by March 31st, 2011.





Campaign Goals for Preparing a Pathway to the Future

Your support for Preparing a Pathway to the Future will help extend Labette Community College's reputation well beyond the southeast Kansas region, beyond our state borders, and beyond even the expectations of those first citizens who, over 85 years ago, made education a priority and Labette Community College a reality.

Now it's your turn to make some history!

Campaign Costs

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| Health Science Building <i>Includes all equipment, furnishings, landscaping, parking, sidewalks, etc.</i> | \$ 8,445,354 |
| Scholarship Endowment | \$1,000,000 |
| Deferred Maintenance | \$735,072 |
| Other capital/project costs | <u>\$300,000</u> |
| Campaign Total | \$ 10,480,426 |





Labette
Community College

LCC Foundation and Alumni Association Board Members

Sandy Babcock, '86
Robert Bartelli, Jr., '07
Sandy Babcock, '86
Robert Brandenburg, '59
Dr. Jerry Bouman, '77
Erlene Cares
Shirley Chalker, '64
Julia Finley
Mark Gilpin
Marlan Hoffman
Pam Holmes
William "Bill" Lassen '81
James McCarty
Roger Moore, '62
Dan Peterson
Jody Thompson
Christopher Way

LCC Board of Trustees

Lorraine Evert, '92
Dr. Wayne Gilmore
Mike Howerter
Dr. Wanda Ladage
Montie Taylor
Sophia Zetmeir, '84

