



Dear Friends,

I am excited to contact the Labette Community College Class of 1969 & their friends about a capital campaign at LCC. I am involved in the campaign leadership team that is raising funds to expand and improve our athletic facility. Not only will the existing gym be enhanced, but much needed indoor exercise areas, training facilities, locker and shower rooms, offices, and classrooms will be provided. All of our support is needed for the success of the \$6.8 million campaign, which has three goals: \$1 million for scholarship endowment; \$50,000 for annual fund; and \$5.78 million for construction costs. Presently, we have secured \$3.9 million in gifts and pledges and exceeded our endowment and annual fund goals. Therefore, we are focused on meeting the construction needs. We are 45% of the way there.

We are reaching out to you because you have played a part in the tradition of LCC, formerly Labette County Junior College; because we are confident that your experience here has had positive influence on your life and career; and because you know the importance of providing the best education possible in our county, city and Southeast Kansas.

You are also part of a unique group of former students. With that in mind, we are proposing two types of support. The first is a large individual gift, which would be greatly appreciated. The second alternative is an opportunity to combine many gifts to a higher level of giving for a "naming" opportunity in memory of our classmate, Jim Ellis. In this way, based on the amount, LCC would designate a room, area, or other space. Regardless of the size of gift, all who give toward the Jim Ellis naming will have their name on a recognition wall. All gifts can be made over a five-year period. We are looking to support the campaign in the \$75,000-\$100,000 range. You will recall Jim attended the college, and played on the tennis team. He also provided support to college athletics as part of the Parsons Recreation Commission. The rec center gym was used by the school prior to construction of the college gym.

If you have visited the campus lately, you are aware of the state-of-the-art health science building, the new student housing complex, the Cherokee Center south of Pittsburg, the remodeled library, the just-completed Workforce Training Center north of town, and the Cardinal Events Center, which is under renovation at 13<sup>th</sup> and Main. If you have not visited lately, come see for yourself. I look forward to your visit, or answering (or finding someone who can) any questions you might have. Contact me at [pemcreynolds@hotmail.com](mailto:pemcreynolds@hotmail.com) or 620-778-6631.

Please give this effort due consideration, and join with your friends and classmates of the LCJC class of 1969, in honoring Jim, and providing for the future of Parsons and Labette County.

- Click here to make a pledge: [LCC Foundation and Alumni Payment Form](#)
- Click here to donate today: [LCC Foundation and Alumni Secure Payment](#)

I will keep you informed on our progress toward meeting this challenge.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat McReynolds".

Pat McReynolds

Campaign Steering Committee & LCC Trustee