



# CLARK STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

## BREAKING NEW GROUND IN EDUCATION



It has taken the efforts of many people to bring us to the groundbreaking of the Sara T. Landess Technology and Learning Center.

President Rafinski had the vision. Staff and faculty translated the vision into concepts. Architects put the concepts into drawings. The Clark State Board of Trustees made the leap of faith to go forward with the project. The Clark State Foundation took on the challenge to raise the funds. Volunteers, donors, and legislators are coming forward with remarkable support.

Now the vision, faith, and support are about to take visible form with our first new construction on campus in more than 30 years! But the excitement is really not about the building, but what the building will allow us to offer our students.

Students were what mattered most to Sara Landess in her years on the Clark State Foundation Board. She believed that education was the best way for many individuals to make better lives for themselves and their families, and she wanted everyone to have that opportunity. I believe she would have approved that the building that honors her name will provide our students with the latest and best technology, but will balance that with a success center to offer one-on-one personal assistance to students who need help.

We hope you will join us in celebrating our building and our students on October 17!

Kristin Culp  
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## GROUNDBREAKING SIGNALS NEW BEGINNING

A groundbreaking ceremony will soon mark the start of construction for the Sara T. Landess Technology and Learning Center on Clark State's Leffel Lane campus. The building signals an exciting new phase in Clark State's forty-three-year history of enhancing the quality of life and economic strength of our community. This important project is possible thanks to the generosity of individuals, businesses and organizations in our community that are supporting the Connecting Communities Campaign for Clark State.

The facility will provide state-of-the-art academic classrooms, labs and technology. This well-equipped space will allow the College to accommodate its rapidly growing enrollment and to ensure that current technology is available to prepare students for the jobs of the future. The Center will also include an expanded and comprehensive health sciences complex where an increased number of students can be trained for healthcare professions in our community.

The building has been designed to connect two existing classroom buildings and present an inviting "front door" to the Leffel Lane campus. During months of planning, the building's layout has been refined, and furnishings and materials have been selected. Construction bids were solicited in August and opened in September; a decision on the bids is expected in early October. The groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Monday, October 17, at 2:00 p.m.

A groundbreaking publication will recognize donors who have contributed to the Connecting Communities Campaign by September 30. As the campaign continues, numerous areas and rooms in the new building will be available for naming opportunities.





CONNECTING COMMUNITIES MAKES US ALL STRONGER.

“One area in which educational investments appear to have paid off is our community colleges...America’s reputation as the world’s leader in higher education is grounded in the ability of these versatile institutions to serve the practical needs of the economy by teaching and training and, more significantly, by unleashing the creative thinking that moves our economy forward.”

—Alan Greenspan



EDUCATION WALL WILL HONOR THOSE WHO CHANGED LIVES

Clark State’s Guiding Principle is “We believe in the power of education to change people’s lives.” In many ways, education has changed all of our lives. It has prepared us for careers, introduced us to important people in our lives, and caused us to discover interests previously unknown.

And for most of us, one or more individuals stand out in our educational process as having made a critical difference. Maybe it was what they taught us. Maybe they encouraged us to achieve more than we thought possible. Maybe they helped us with our homework every night at the dinner table. In some way, they played a significant role in our education.



The Education Wall of Honor in the Sara T. Landess Technology and Learning Center will offer an opportunity

to recognize and thank those individuals. One wall in the rotunda of the new building will feature a display of 100 medallions, honoring individuals who “changed people’s lives” through education. The brushed aluminum medallions will be etched with the honoree’s name, a brief explanation of the role they played, and the name of the nominee. The honoree’s image will also be etched on the panel. An investment of \$10,000 payable over five years will make it possible to honor an educator, a parent, or another person of significant influence.

The wall will be unveiled at the dedication of the new building. Ground will be broken for the building in October 2005, with completion expected about 18 months later.

Funding for the Education Wall of Honor has been provided in honor of Ersie and Ruth Miller.

Forthcoming issues of *Connections* will feature news and updates about the campaign initiatives and how each of us can help make a difference in the future of our community.

HOW YOU CAN HELP OUR COMMUNITY CONNECT WITH THE FUTURE

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