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LFCC science, technology building gets \$1 million



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A crowd gathers in “The Barn” at LFCC’s Fauquier campus for Thursday morning’s announcement.

disciplines,” said John McCarthy, chairman of PATH, formerly the Fauquier Health Foundation. “It’s within the wheelhouse of our mission,” to enhance the health and vitality of our community.

PATH President/CEO Christy Connolly called the relatively-new foundation’s largest grant so far “an opportunity for healthcare workforce development.”

The gift demonstrates community support for the 2,000-student campus, LFCC President Cheryl Thompson-Stacy said.

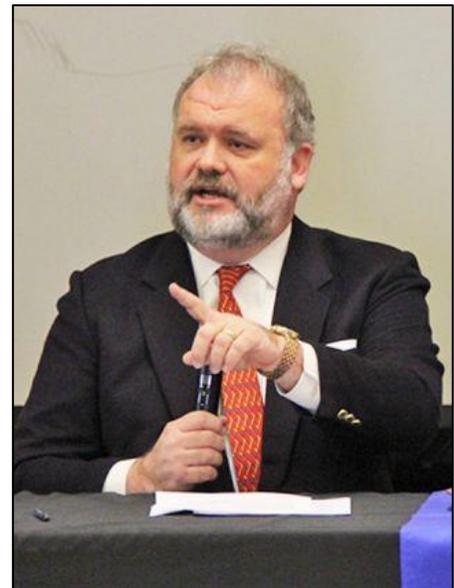
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By **Cassandra Brown, Staff Journalist**

Lord Fairfax Community College has moved a step closer to funding its new science, health and technology building in Fauquier.

The **PATH Foundation** on Thursday morning announced a \$1-million contribution toward construction of the \$20-million building on the campus just south of Warrenton.

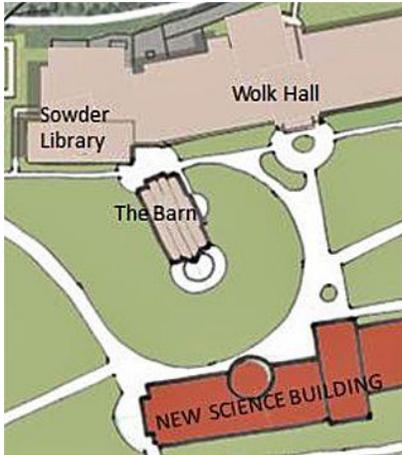
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PATH Foundation Chairman John McCarthy: “The health of our community is advanced by the health care disciplines.”

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Gov. Terry McAuliffe recently proposed a bond package that includes **\$17 million for the LFCC building.**



If the General Assembly concurs when it adopts a two-year budget next month, the college still would need to raise another \$500,000 for site work, equipment and furnishings, estimated to cost \$2.25 million.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the building could take place early next year, according to LFCC-Fauquier Provost Chris Coutts.

Students and staff could start using the new science and technology building by the end of 2018. Construction will take

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an estimated 18 months.

“We are going to push as much as possible to move that up,” Dr. Coutts said.

The 40,000-square-foot “STEM-H” building will house science, technology, **engineering**, math and health classes and labs.

Dr. Coutts called it, “the face of the campus,” fronting the College Street.

Although incomplete, the design will be “modern, yet complimentary,” he added. “It will reflect the nature of the programs. A lot of the science and technology . . . 3-D printers . . . will be on display as you walk through.

“It won’t mirror our current buildings, but will have its own unique look.”

The architect should present initial concepts for the two-story building in about three months, Dr. Coutts said.

The science and technology building will include:

- State-of-the-art, flexible-purpose classrooms.
- Science and health profession labs, including clinical simulation stations.
- Expanded distance-learning opportunities.

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- A large, multipurpose space that can accommodate meetings of as many as 300 people.

LFCC officials three years ago started planning the science and technology building.

In October 2013, the family of the late William A. Hazel Sr. announced a **\$1 million donation**. Half of that donation will go toward planning and design, with the balance for construction costs.

Fauquier's board of supervisors appropriated \$150,000 for the project in December 2013.

LFCC Science/Tech Building

- **What:** 40,000-square-foot classroom and lab building for science, technology, engineering, math and health.
- **Where:** South of "The Barn" on the Fauquier campus, 6480 College St, Warrenton.
- **Total cost:** Estimated \$19.9 million.
- **Funding:** LFCC Foundation has raised \$1.7 million from local grants and donations. Governor's proposed budget includes \$17 million for construction.
- **Goal:** Raise another \$500,000 this spring.
- **Groundbreaking:** Possibly in early 2017.
- **Completion:** Possibly 2018.
- **Website:** [Click here.](#)