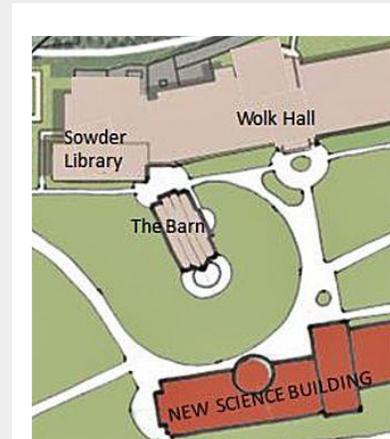


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Legislature OKs \$17 million for LFCC science building

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.



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Virginia’s General Assembly has approved a \$2.1 billion bond agreement, which includes funding for a new building on Fauquier’s Lord Fairfax Community College campus.

LFCC will get \$17 million for construction of a 40,000-square-foot building focused on science, technology, engineering, math and health professions.

Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D) last fall included the building in a proposed \$2.4 billion bond

package to support research and economic development projects.

The LFCC building remained among approved projects in the legislature's bond compromise.

"We are thrilled and eager to get started," LFCC President Cheryl Thompson-Stacy said. "So many people in the Fauquier community have supported our campaign for a new building. Senator Jill Vogel and Delegate Scott Lingamfelter deserve special recognition for their advocacy and leadership at the state level."

A groundbreaking ceremony for the building could take place early next year. Construction will take an estimated 18 months, according to LFCC-Fauquier Provost Chris Coutts.

Site work, including excavation and bringing utilities to the building, will precede construction.

The state does not cover the costs of site work for new construction at community colleges. The LFCC Foundation has raised \$1.75 million for that portion of the project.

This local share includes a [\\$1 million gift](#) from the PATH Foundation, announced last month.

The college hopes to raise an additional \$500,000 this year for site work, equipment and furnishings, estimated to total \$2.25 million.

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.