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College of Nursing Northern Division

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Campaign Update



by General Campaign Chair Ron Stauffer

I am very pleased to announce that we have reached our goal to build and equip the College of Nursing Northern Division facility. With the generous donations from nearly 450 individuals, businesses, and public entities, we have surpassed our \$11.9 million goal. Thank you to everyone who contributed and made this vision a reality!

Construction is now underway on the facility. Be sure to check on the progress if you are near the Northeast Community College campus in Norfolk.

As the summer and fall progress, the exterior will be enclosed so construction can begin on the interior during the winter months. A dedication ceremony will be held in the fall of 2010, at which time students will be studying in the building to become the next generation of nurses.



McIntosh Name will Grace New Building



J. Paul and Eleanor McIntosh

The Northeast Community College Board of Governors announced in May that the building that will house both UNMC's and NECC's nursing programs will be named the J. Paul and Eleanor McIntosh College of Nursing. The announcement came after the McIntosh's pledged well over \$1,000,000 to the capital campaign.

"J. Paul and Eleanor's history of great generosity to this institution is legendary," said Northeast President Dr. Bill R. Path. "This is just another example of their great selflessness. We humbly and gratefully accept this gift, knowing that nursing students will benefit greatly from their generosity."

"For generations to come, aspiring nurses will learn to care for our loved ones and neighbors in this facility, thanks in great part to the generous gift from J. Paul and Eleanor McIntosh," said Mike Flood, Speaker of the Nebraska Legislature. "What a fitting tribute to name this building after two people who have given a lifetime of community service, raised a wonderful family, and who both deeply care about the promise and potential of quality education."

"I truly believe that with all Paul and Eleanor have done for Northeast Community College, this is a much deserved honor for them and a much appreciated capstone gift which assures the success of the campaign," said Ron Stauffer, General Campaign Chairperson. "On behalf of the campaign team, Paul and Eleanor, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts."



Reception Held to Thank Supporters and Celebrate Success of Capital Campaign



Senator Mike Flood

A dessert reception was held June 17th at Divots Conference Center to celebrate the success of the College of Nursing Northern Division capital campaign.

Guests enjoyed desserts and live saxophone music by Anthony Beardslee, Audio and Recording instructor at NECC. Speakers for the event were Mike Flood, Speaker of the Nebraska Legislature; James B. Milliken, President of the University of Nebraska; Dr. Harold M. Maurer, Chancellor of the University of Nebraska Medical Center; Dr. Virginia Tilden, Dean of UNMC College of Nursing; James Sinek, President and Chief Executive Officer of Faith Regional Health Services; Dr. Bill Path, President of Northeast Community College; and Ron Stauffer, General Campaign Chair. Jerry McCallum, Madison County Commissioner, and J. Paul McIntosh also spoke during the program.



Anthony Beardslee



Stauffer Honored by NECC with Distinguished Service Award

Ron Stauffer, General Campaign Chair for the College of Nursing capital campaign, was honored with a Distinguished Service Award from Northeast Community College during a dessert reception to celebrate the success of the campaign.

“You simply could not ask for a better campaign chair. Ron is not looking for personal gain or glory – he truly wants to better his community,” said Dr. Bill R. Path, President of NECC. “He has dedicated countless hours to this campaign and has essentially been an unpaid employee of the College for the past two years.”

“He has been an optimist from the beginning, frequently stating that ‘failure is not an option,’” he said. “Not only is he able to step back and think strategically about how to proceed with the campaign, he has been out there making dozens of calls himself. His optimism, drive, and passion for the project are infectious. His words of encouragement and his actions motivate all the staff and volunteers on the campaign,” Dr. Path continued.



Dr. Bill Path and Ron Stauffer

Stauffer has been an active member on the Northeast Foundation Board of Directors for more than six years and is currently the Foundation’s vice-president. He has also been instrumental in many area campaigns, including the local YMCA, the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center, and the Norfolk Community Theatre.

He retired from Tyco-Kendall, formerly known as Roehr Products, Brunswick, and Sherwood Medical and now known as Covidien, in 2003 after 40 years of service to that organization. The company produces healthcare products. Stauffer is now employed part-time in sales and marketing for Beckenhauer Construction of Norfolk.

The Distinguished Service Award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated active service to higher education and played a significant role in the development of Northeast Community College.

Endowment Fund Established for College of Nursing

When J. Paul and Eleanor McIntosh announced their gift of more than \$1,000,000 to the College of Nursing Northern Division, it allowed NECC to not only finish the capital campaign, but also to establish an endowment for the facility.

“Our goal is to have the facility equipped with state-of-the-art nursing instruction technologies for generations to come,” stated Dr. Bill Path, President of NECC. “The endowment will allow for ongoing updating of the equipment, offsetting the need for taxpayer support.”

If you have not yet had an opportunity to be a part of this incredible project, it is not too late. Gifts of \$500 and more to the endowment will be recognized on the donor recognition wall in the facility.

Please contact Courtney Klein-Faust, NECC Executive Director of Development, at (402) 844-7056 or courtney@northeast.edu for information about the College of Nursing Endowment.

Governor Heineman Signs Budget Allowing for Operational Funding

The vision shared by many - to ensure communities in Northeast Nebraska have enough nurses to care for its residents - passed a final hurdle when Gov. Dave Heineman signed the two-year state budget bill that includes operating funds for the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing Northern Division in Norfolk.

“What started three years ago with a letter to Chancellor Harold Maurer has become a reality,” said Mike Flood of Norfolk, Speaker of the Nebraska Legislature. “The Norfolk area has recharted a new course - one that embraces our strengths and builds for the future.”

The bill provides for operating expenses - \$425,000 in fiscal year 2009 and more than \$1.4 million in fiscal year 2010 and thereafter. The money will go for expenses such as payroll for faculty and staff, curriculum resources, and maintenance expenses.

Timeline for the College of Nursing Northern Division

February 2006

Senator Mike Flood speaks to former Faith Regional Health Services (FRHS) CEO Bob Driewer about the shortage of nurses.

April 2006

Senator Flood presents the idea of a College of Nursing Northern Division to University of Nebraska (NU) President James Millikan.

October 2006

UNMC conducts a feasibility study that indicates the need for a northern division college of nursing.

January 2007

The NU Board of Regents adopts a resolution that requires three binding agreements before the board can give its approval to the establishment of a division—the letter of intent, a joint operating agreement, and an academic affiliation agreement.

May 2007

The letter of intent to establish the new division is signed by officials from NECC, FRHS, NU, and UNMC.

October 2007

NECC begins private fund-raising for the new facility.

February 2008

NECC publicly kicks off the capital campaign for the College of Nursing Northern Division.

March 2008

The Joint Affiliation and Operating Agreement and Academic Affiliation Agreement that establish formal agreements among the NU Board of Regents, NECC, and FRHS relating to the establishment of the nursing division are approved.

May 2009

Governor Dave Heineman signs the State budget that provides for operating expenses.

J. Paul and Eleanor McIntosh announce their gift that caps off the capital campaign and establishes an endowment for the facility.

Construction begins on the new facility.

June 2009

A celebration to mark the success of the capital campaign is held in Norfolk.

August 2010

NECC and UNMC will begin holding classes in the new facility.

Fall 2010

An open house will be held for the new facility.



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