

# MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Joe Schaffer, President  
LCCC Board of Trustees

Cc: LCCC Foundation Board of Directors  
Lisa Murphy, AVP of Institutional Advancement

From: Ann Nelson, Director of Corporate Development & Major Gifts

Date: October 19, 2016

Re: Naming of College Spaces

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The LCCC Foundation has received commitments from two separate donors for substantial gifts associated with naming specific spaces at LCCC. In accordance with Naming of College Spaces Procedure No. 5.5P, the Foundation has reviewed these candidates for these potential naming opportunities on campus. We propose the following candidates be recognized on the Cheyenne campus through a naming tribute based on their newly committed gifts as well as their past financial donations to Laramie County Community College.

## John and Esther Clay

John Clay recently made an additional major gift donation. This gift is a part of his commitment for an even larger transformational bequest gift to LCCCF. John and his late wife, Esther Clay, have a long distinguished history of giving of themselves and their time as well as sharing their financial treasures with LCCC. Their monetary contributions began in 1971 and have continued throughout the years. John and Esther created an endowment to support the arts and a watercolor workshop now known as the Esther and John Clay Watercolor Workshop. They have endowed scholarships for nursing and the arts, and have given to an existing fund for business training and workforce development. Additional monetary gifts by the Clays also paid for the renovations to the campus art gallery now aptly named the Esther and John Clay Fine Arts Gallery.

John was among the leaders who helped to establish the College and the Foundation. For many years, he served on the LCCC Foundation Board, several of those years as president. In addition, he volunteered and supported numerous other important community boards and causes including the Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce, Laramie County United Way, and Cheyenne Rotary. Esther was an artist and also was active civically outside LCCC, playing a key role in the construction of the Cheyenne Civic Center.

John and Esther Clay's many efforts and financial gifts have made significant and positive changes at LCCC. Even today, John continues to provide his fundraising expertise to the Foundation. He has pledged his assistance to help LCCCF reach out to other potential donors with the lofty goal of increasing LCCCF's fund assets to \$50mm.

We propose honoring John and Esther Clay for their generous financial support and many years of volunteerism to the college by naming the new Student Services building as the Clay Pathfinder Building.

Spradley Barr Motors, Inc.

Bob Womack, Vice President of Spradley Barr Motors, has announced a new major gift to the college to support the Library/Learning Commons capital campaign and an additional separate smaller gift to support other college priorities. Spradley Barr Motors has partnered with LCCC in the past by establishing an endowed scholarship in 2008. That gift was matched by the State of Wyoming. Bob Womack generously gives his time and treasure throughout the community to many philanthropic causes. He is also a new member of LCCC Foundation's board of directors.

Based on their current and past support, we propose naming the flexible meeting areas (FT 115-116) in the new Flex Tech Building for Spradley Barr Motors, Inc.

The Board of the LCCC Foundation recommends and supports these candidates and the identified naming tribute for each and looks forward to the Trustees' favorable response.