

# MEMORANDUM

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

Cc: LCCC Foundation Board of Directors

From: Lisa Trimble, AVP of Institutional Advancement

Date: November 21, 2017

Re: Naming of Room 158 in the Science Center

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In accordance with Naming of College Spaces Procedure 5.5P, the Foundation has reviewed the following candidate for potential naming opportunities on campus. With the assistance of the INBRE program faculty and the Dean of Math and Sciences, we would like to propose the following candidate be recognized on the Cheyenne campus through a naming tribute based on their financial and service contributions to Laramie County Community College.

## Wyoming INBRE

IDEA Networks for Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) has been contributing funds to Laramie County Community College since its inception in 2008. These grants, totaling more than \$630,000 have allowed and created unique learning opportunities for students and faculty in the areas of biology and undergraduate research. INBRE funding enhances biomedical research capacity, expands and strengthens the research capabilities of biomedical faculty, and provides access to biomedical resources for promising undergraduate students in Wyoming and other states where grant funding is available.

Since 2008, the grants provided by INBRE have allowed LCCC to purchase new research equipment and supplies for students to complete independent study and course research projects. The use of this equipment is often not available for students in their first two years of college, thus setting LCCC apart from community colleges in Wyoming and other regional colleges and universities. Some of the specialized equipment includes a: Lyophilizer (freeze dryer), Liquid chromatography controller with auto-sampler, genetics analysis and imaging instruments, and high power microscopes and cameras. Additionally, the funds have provided support for supplies that allow students to conduct novel research projects and develop critical thinking and communication skills, train on specialized instruments, conduct field work for research, and present research findings at regional and national scientific conferences.

Most recently, Wyoming INBRE provided LCCC with a grant to create a flexible research and workspace for our students and faculty. The grant supported the purchase of supplies for the renovated space in addition to covering half of the renovation costs. The total grant value for this project was greater than \$40,000. Without the Wyoming INBRE grants, LCCC would struggle to provide the necessary equipment, supplies and support for students to engage in independent study research opportunities.

Based on the support of Wyoming INBRE, we propose naming Room 158 in the Science Center (the above mentioned renovated lab space) on the LCCC Cheyenne campus, the INBRE Experiential Education Laboratory.

Naming tributes such as this are a spectacular opportunity to share with the community the continued high level of support we have from many different levels and sources while recognizing the people and industry that have made such a difference to our college and our students.

The Dean of Math and Sciences and INBRE program faculty appreciate your consideration of this naming opportunity.