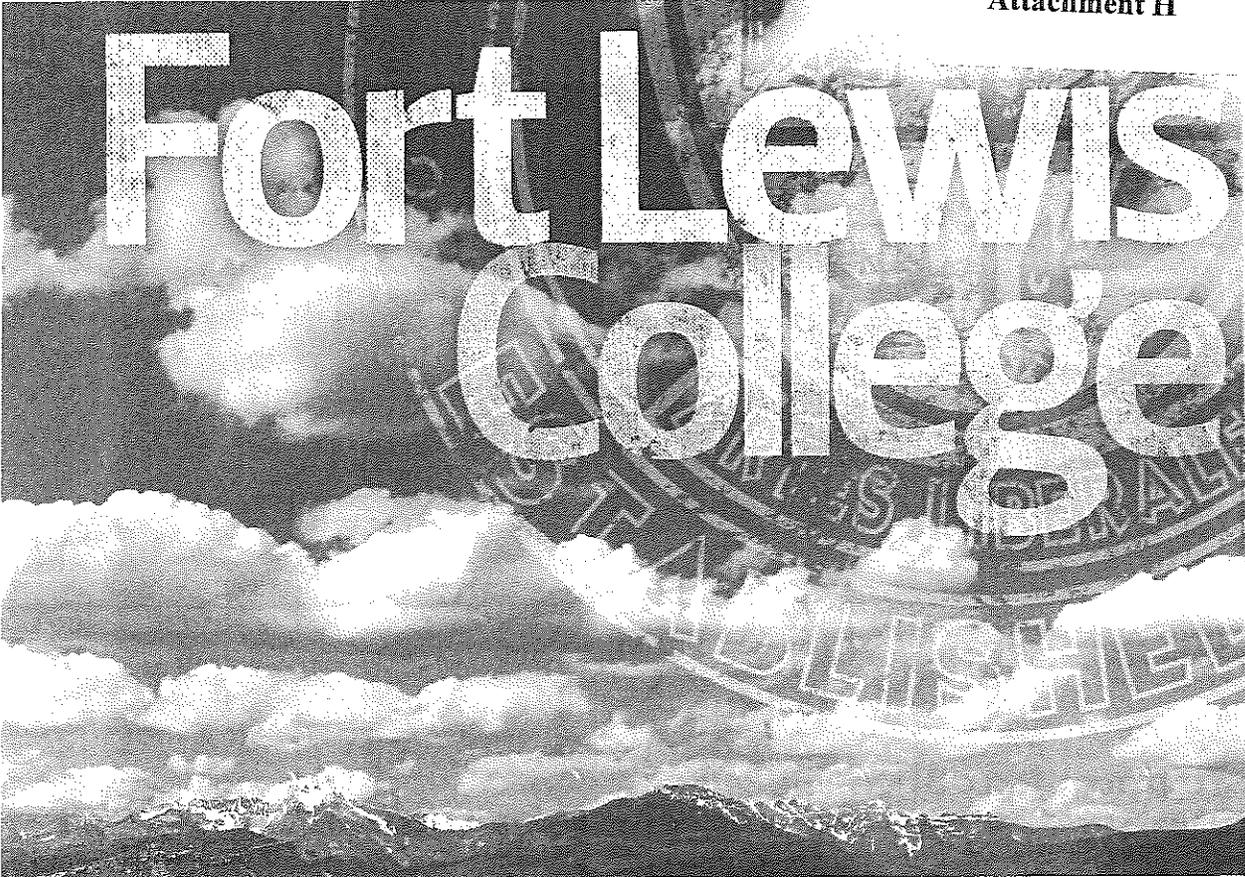


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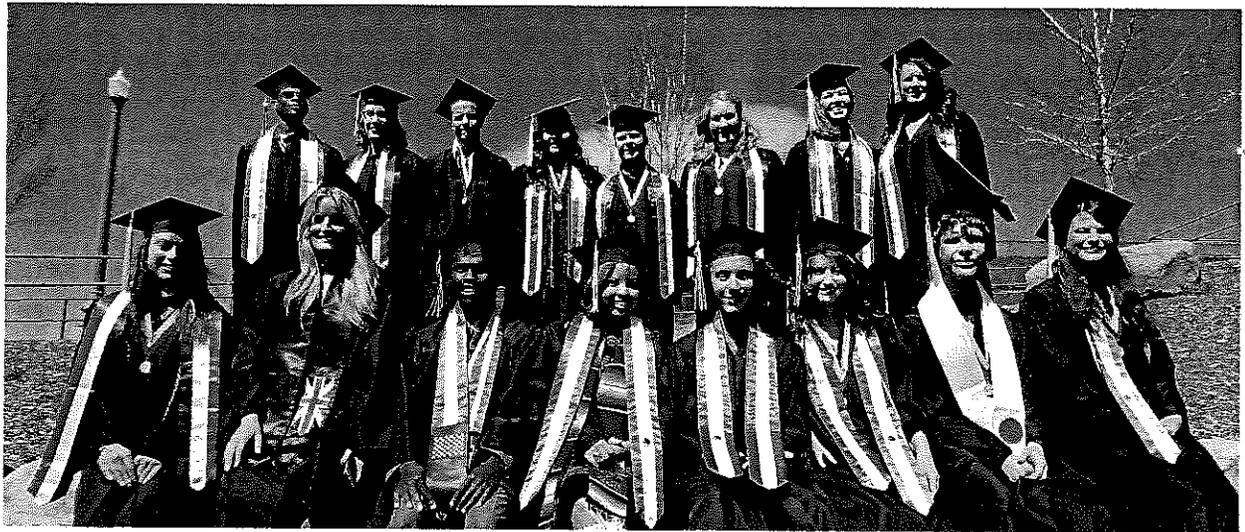


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**REPORT TO THE COLORADO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
2 DECEMBER 2013





### **STATUTORY ROLE & MISSION**

1) There is hereby established a college at Durango, to be known as Fort Lewis College, which shall be a public liberal arts college, with selective admission standards with a historic and continuing commitment to Native American education. In addition, the college may offer professional programs and a limited number of graduate programs to serve regional needs. The Center of Southwest Studies provides a valuable regional, national, and international resource.

(2) (a) Fort Lewis college shall be a regional education provider and shall have two-year authority only for an associate of arts degree in agricultural science.

(b) The Colorado Commission on Higher Education shall, in consultation with the board of trustees of Fort Lewis College, establish the criteria for designation as a regional education provider. (*Section 23-52-101, C.R.S.*)



## HISTORIC COMMITMENT TO NATIVE AMERICANS

Fort Lewis College was established under an agreement between the state and the federal government whereby any qualified Native American student would be admitted tuition free. Fort Lewis College is one of two public, non-tribal schools in this category in the country. In the fall of 2013, more than 1,100 Native American students were enrolled at Fort Lewis College under this program, with the tuition being paid by the state of Colorado (consistent with the federal agreement).

TOP TEN CO INSTITUTIONS BY DEGREES AWARDED TO NATIVE AMERICANS	
Fort Lewis College	1079
Colorado State University	649
University of Colorado at Boulder	497
University of Denver	311
University of Colorado at Denver	252
Pikes Peak Community College	245
Metropolitan State College of Denver	233
University of Northern Colorado	233
Front Range Community College	222
Regis University	222

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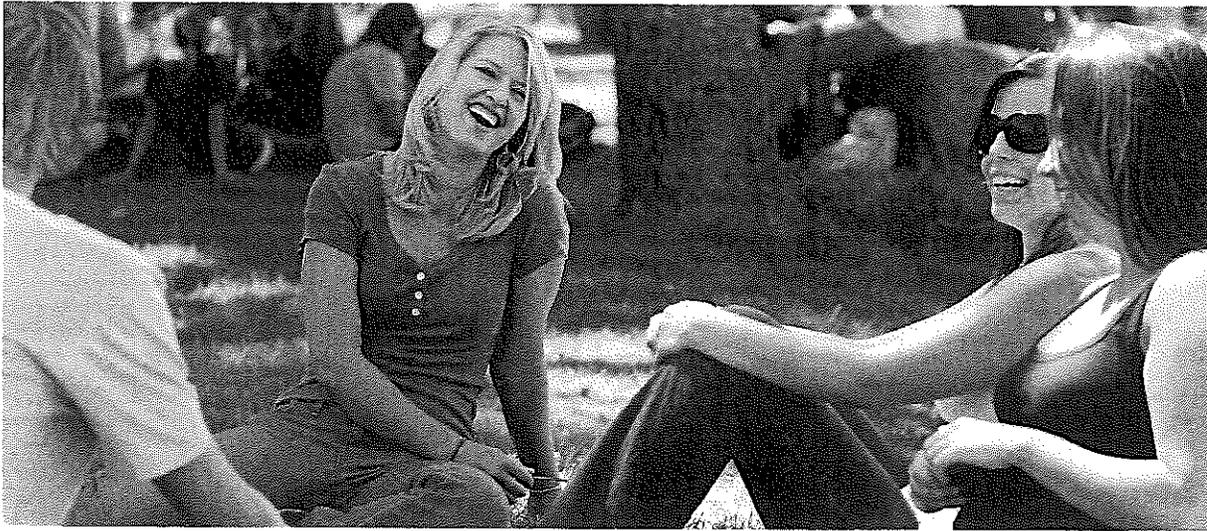
**No baccalaureate institution in the country awards more degrees to Native Americans than Fort Lewis College.** According to the American Indian Science & Engineering Society, FLC ranks 4th in the nation among institutions of higher education in percent of full time Native American undergraduates enrolled in college. Fort Lewis College is the only Native American Serving, Non-Tribal Institution in Colorado.



## **ACADEMICS**

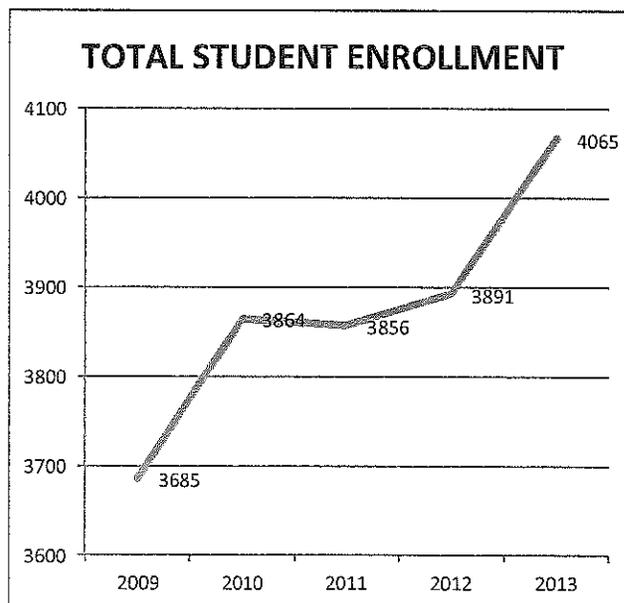
Accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and governed by a nine-member Board of Trustees, Fort Lewis College offers 96 majors, minors, certificates, and special academic programs. FLC is an institution with a focus on offering a transformative educational experience in a liberal arts environment with strong professional programs. Over the last decade, the College has added the following majors/degree programs: Master of Arts in Education, Adventure Education, Athletic Training, Marketing, Engineering, Environmental Studies, Native American and Indigenous Studies, Gender and Women's Studies and Public Health.

The 158 full-time faculty at Fort Lewis College are highly motivated professionals for whom student success is the highest priority; 84 percent hold terminal degrees, 51 percent are female and the average age is 48.



### BETTER THAN EXPECTED GROWTH

Fort Lewis College reached a milestone in 2013 as its enrollment broke the 4,000-student mark for the first time since 2004. Total on and off campus undergraduate enrollment is 4,028 for fall 2013. The College's new Master of Arts in Education program adds another 37 graduate students, making FLC's total enrollment for this year 4,065, an increase of 174 students or more than 4.5 percent over 2012.





**FLC SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S  
PROVEN EXCELLENCE**

Since 1919, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB) has acted as an accrediting body for business schools worldwide. **Schools earning this rigorous accreditation are considered to be among the best in the world. This honor is cast into clear focus when one considers that less than five percent of the business schools in the world achieve AACSB accreditation.**

In addition to its own AACSB accreditation, the Fort Lewis College School of Business Administration holds the distinction of being the first undergraduate-only business school to be accredited by AACSB, illustrating the long history of trail blazing excellence at FLC.

**COLORADO SCHOOLS WITH  
AACSB ACCREDITATION**

<b>Fort Lewis College</b>
Colorado State University
Colorado State University-Pueblo
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
University of Colorado Denver
University of Denver
University of Northern Colorado
U.S. Air Force Academy

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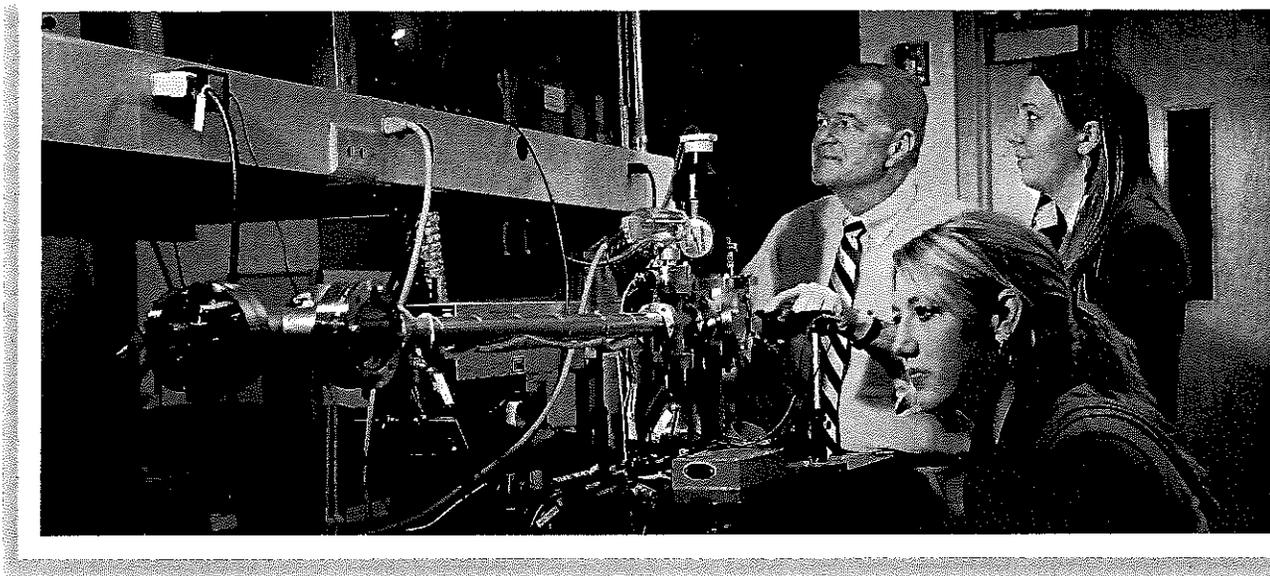
## **MARKS OF QUALITY FOR THE ARTS AND SCIENCES**

One of the marks of excellence that sets the exceptional schools apart from the rest is accreditation. Accreditation means that a school has proven that the programs it offers are of the highest quality and valuable to students.

Within the Fort Lewis College School of Arts & Sciences are many programs that have earned the right to count themselves among the best in the nation through their accreditations. A student searching for the right program can look at an accredited program and feel confident that it is worthy of their time and effort.

### **Fort Lewis College School of Arts & Sciences Specialized Accreditations**

- The Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education
- The American Chemical Society
- The National Association of Schools of Music
- The Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology



## TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Gretchen Rothschof ('93) grew up in a small town and never dreamed she could have a future beyond a small town life. It wasn't until she studied chemistry with 2009 CASE Colorado Professor of the Year Ron Estler that she saw the possibilities ahead of her.

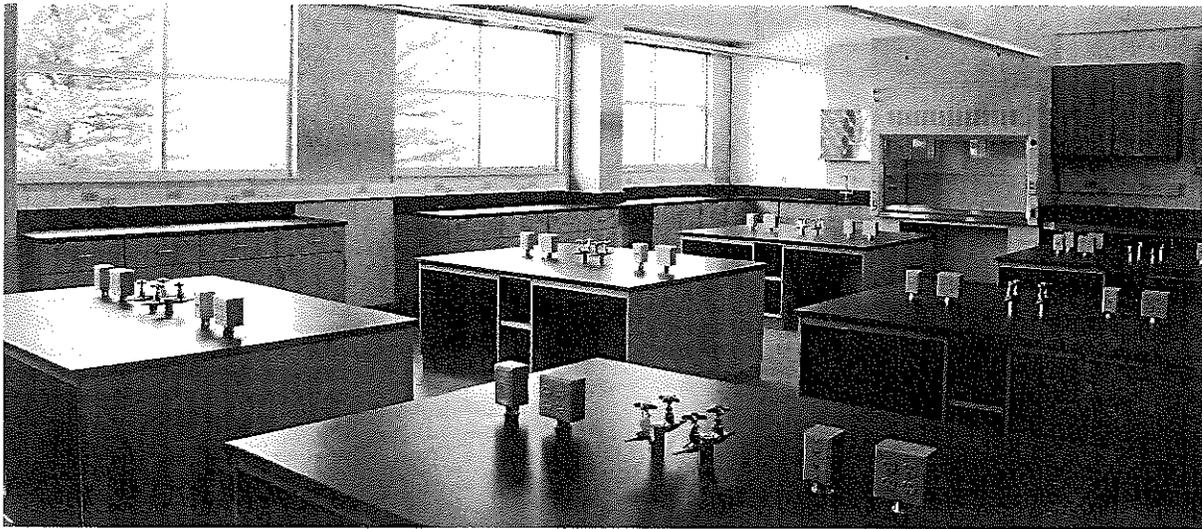
CO'S TOP THREE PRODUCERS OF CHEMISTRY DOCTORATES BY BACCALAUREATE INSTITUTION (2002-2011)	
Colorado State University	33
University of Colorado at Boulder	32
<b>Fort Lewis College</b>	<b>17</b>

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"Ron [Estler] and the undergraduate research opportunity opened the world to me," she says. "I had lived my whole life on a farm in Colorado. I had not even dreamed of meeting so many people from so many different countries. My experiences with Ron doing research played a large part in my decisions for my future."

Gretchen went on from FLC to earn her Ph.D.—something that Fort Lewis College is exceptional at helping its student do—and she now lives and works in Albuquerque.

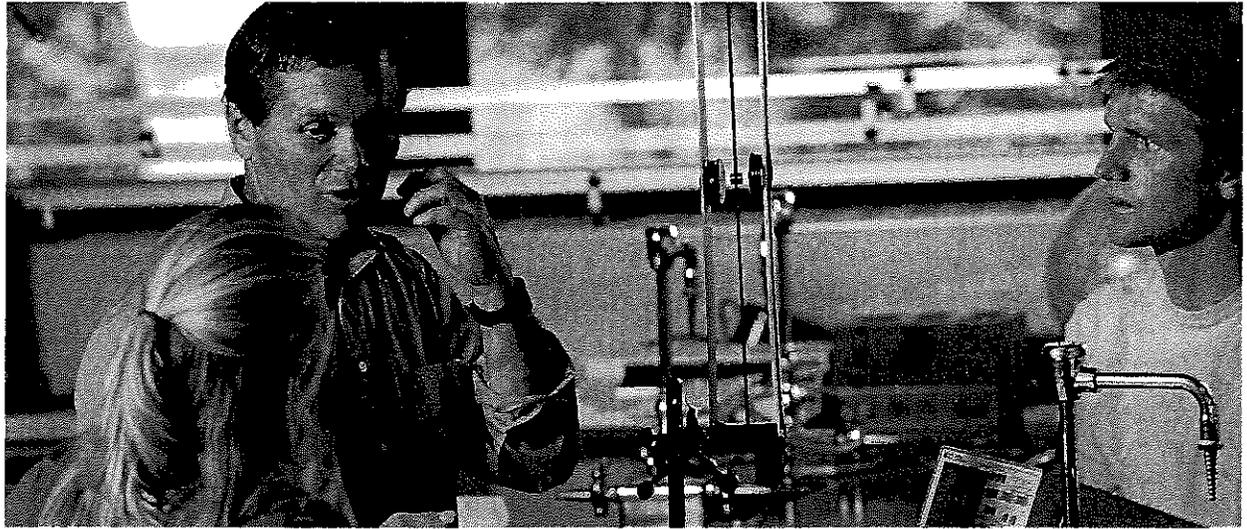
Gretchen is one of many FLC Chemistry graduates who go on to earn their doctorate degrees. **In fact, over 10 years, only CSU and CU-Boulder produced more chemistry Ph.D.'s in Colorado than Fort Lewis College.**



## **THE EFFECT OF A NEW FACILITY**

Fort Lewis College's most recent academic construction project was the biology wing of Berndt Hall, which was completed in 2010. Biology has long been one of FLC's strongest degree programs, but the announcement of a new facility energized the program. **From the groundbreaking of the building to the grand opening, enrollment in the Biology Department jumped more than 15 percent.**

Before the biology wing was built, the Biology Department was facing many of the same issues that Geosciences, Physics and Engineering are facing today, namely too little space and inadequate research facilities. The new wing gave Biology the chance to grow and offer better educational opportunities to its students, which is also the goal for Geosciences, Physics and Engineering with their new building.

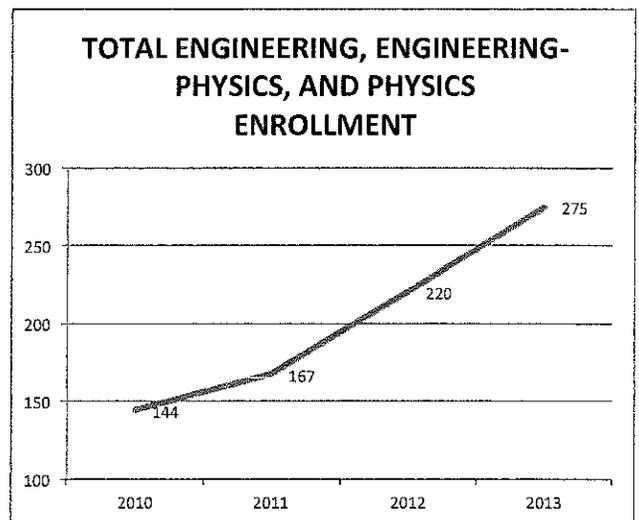


### MEASURING SUCCESS IN ENGINEERING

In addition to its skyrocketing growth, the FLC Department of Physics & Engineering also boasts a more than 90% employment rate for its students straight out of school. One such example is Micah Chapman ('12). Micah was hired as an engineer at Northrup Grumman soon after graduating from Fort Lewis College.

"I think Fort Lewis College did an outstanding job of preparing me for the position I hold now," he explains.

"One of the primary reasons I was offered my position is due to being educated in a variety of topics that the FLC curriculum offers engineering-physics students. The broad spectrum of physics and engineering subject matter to which I was exposed not only offered me a great deal of flexibility in searching for employment, it has helped me a great deal in integrating into the industry I have chosen.





### **A NEAR SWEEP FOR FLC GEOSCIENCES STUDENT RESEARCH**

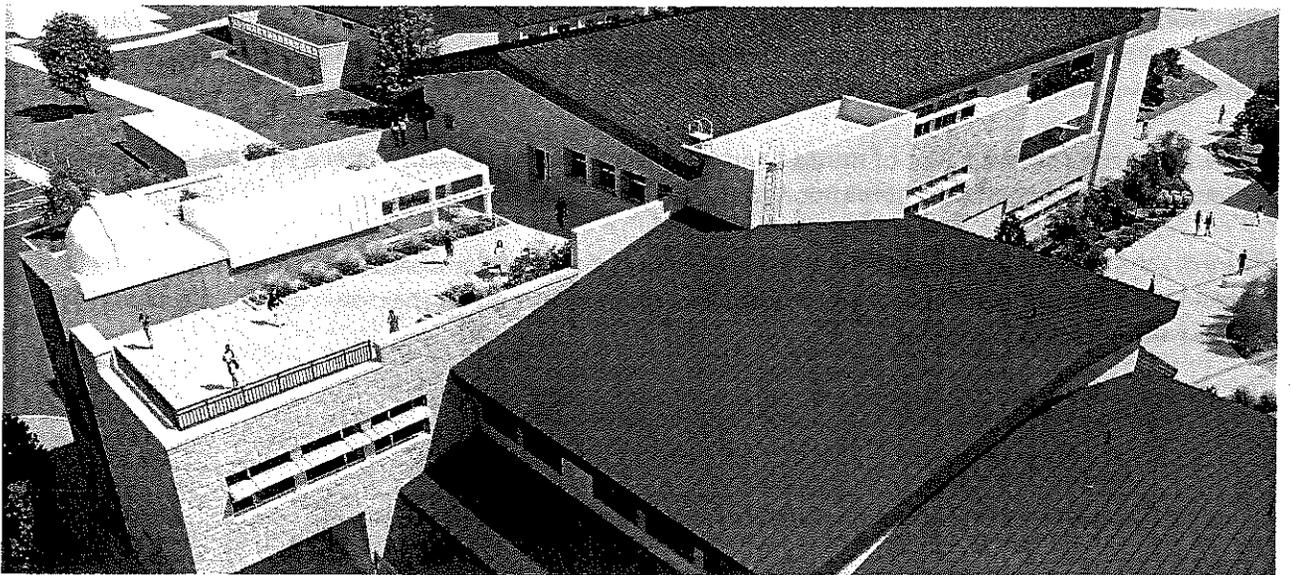
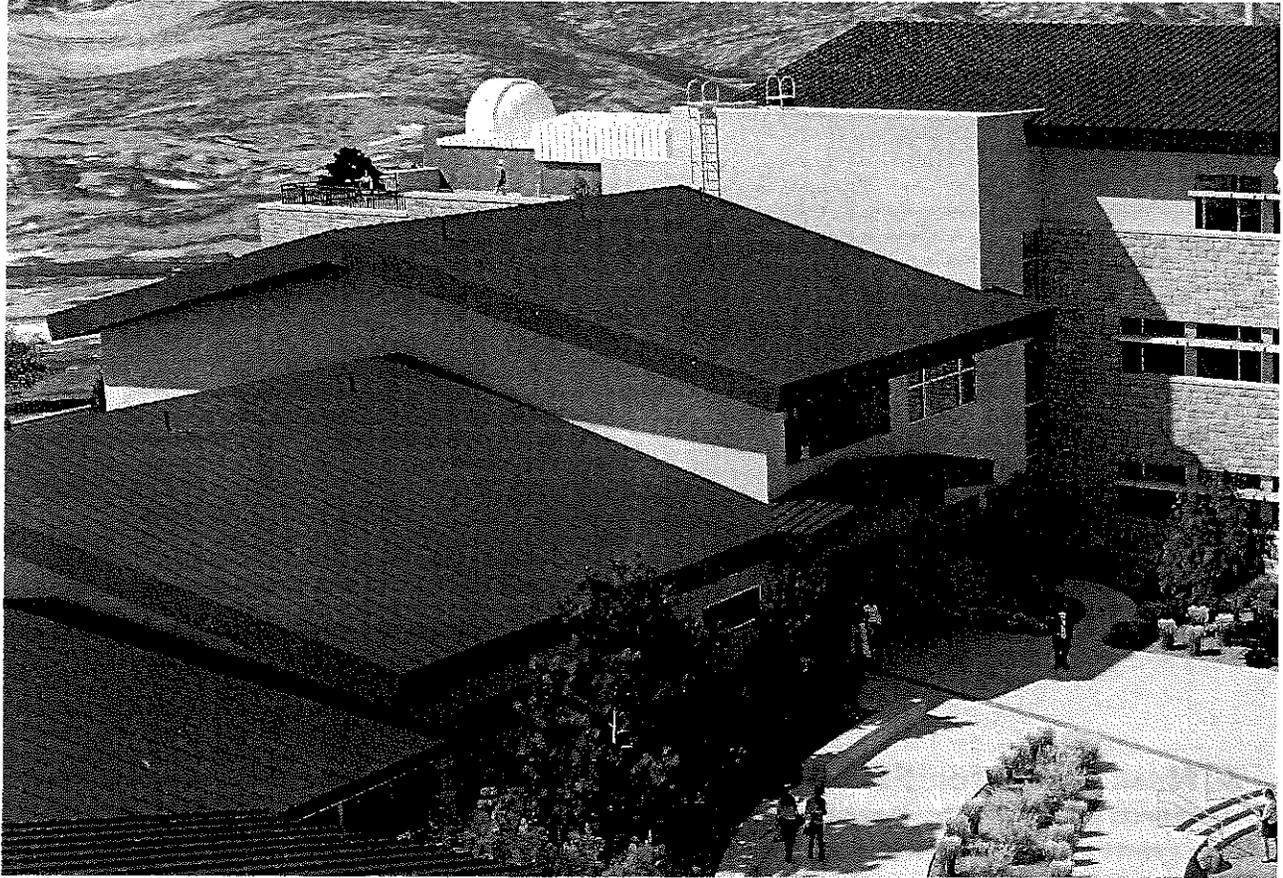
**Research proposals by Fort Lewis College Geosciences students earned four of the five grants for undergraduate research awarded by the Rocky Mountain Section of the Geological Society of America (RMS-GSA) in 2012.**

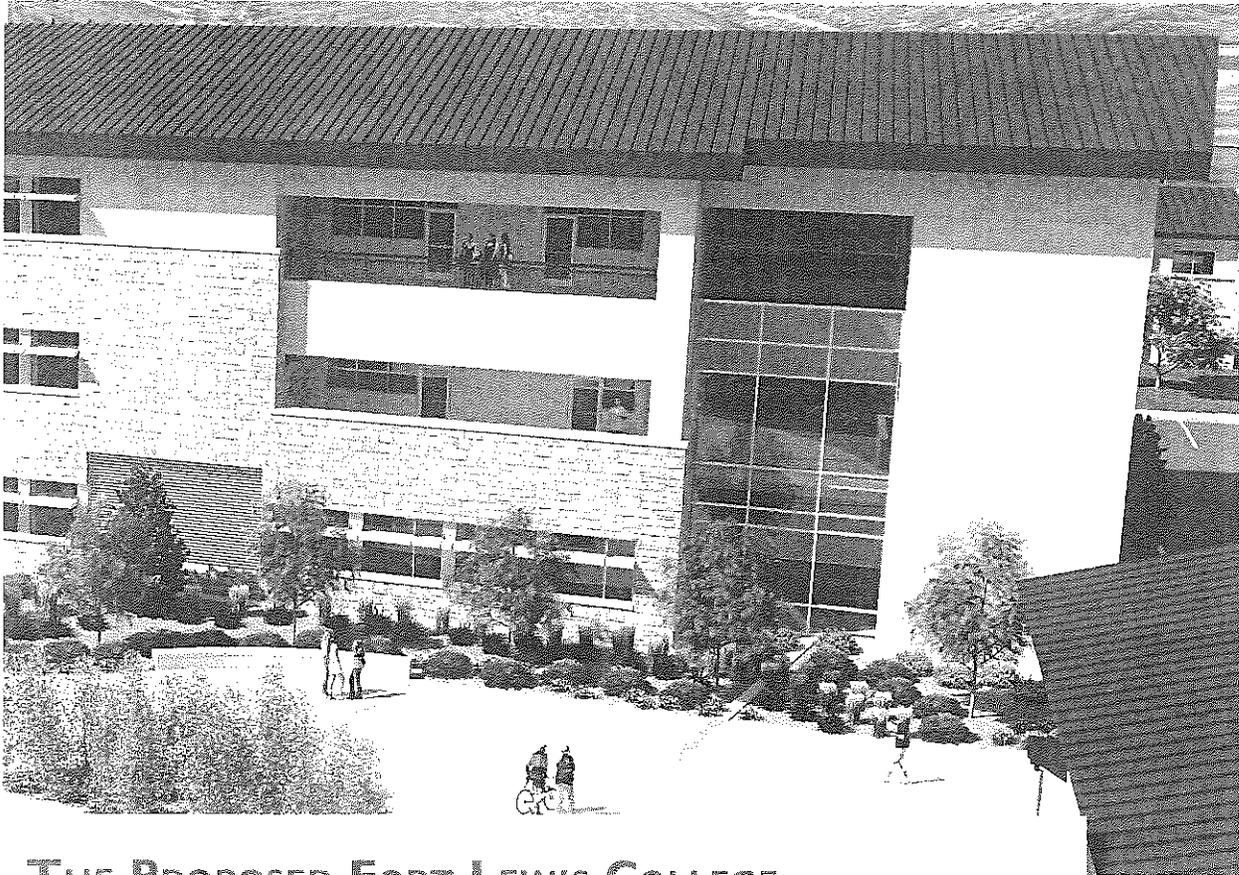
The Rocky Mountain region of the GSA covers Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, and part of Arizona, as well as the Canadian provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, and the Mexican state of Chihuahua.

“Their proposals showed a lot of thought and hard work,” noted vice-chair of the RMS-GSA Erin Campbell-Stone in her award notification to the FLC Geosciences Department.

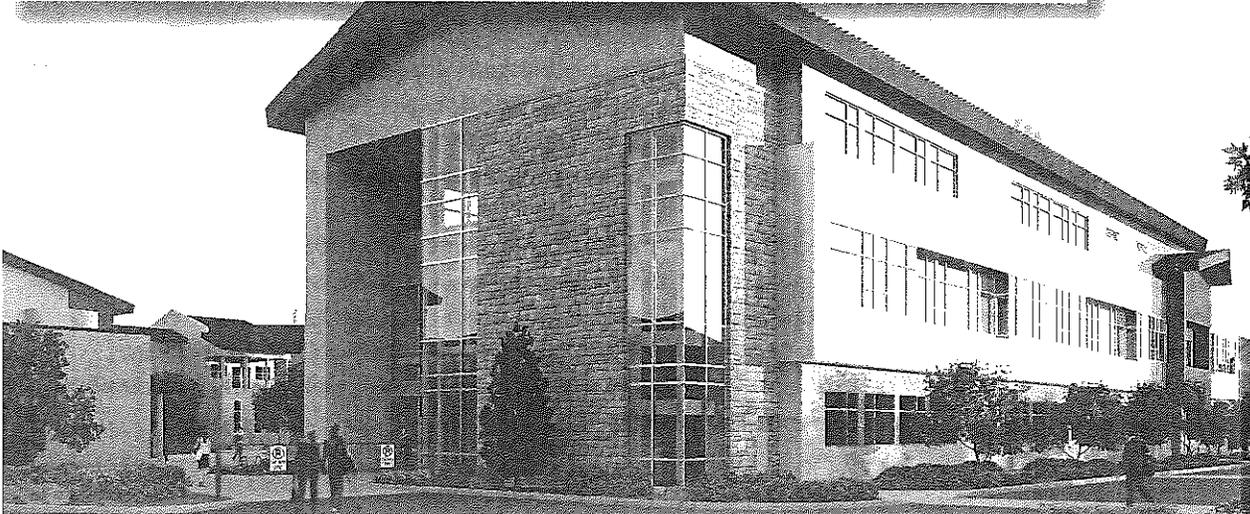
“Frankly, the committee was surprised that four of five of the awards went to one school. But we had ranked them independently of that information, so they each stood on their own merit,” she added.

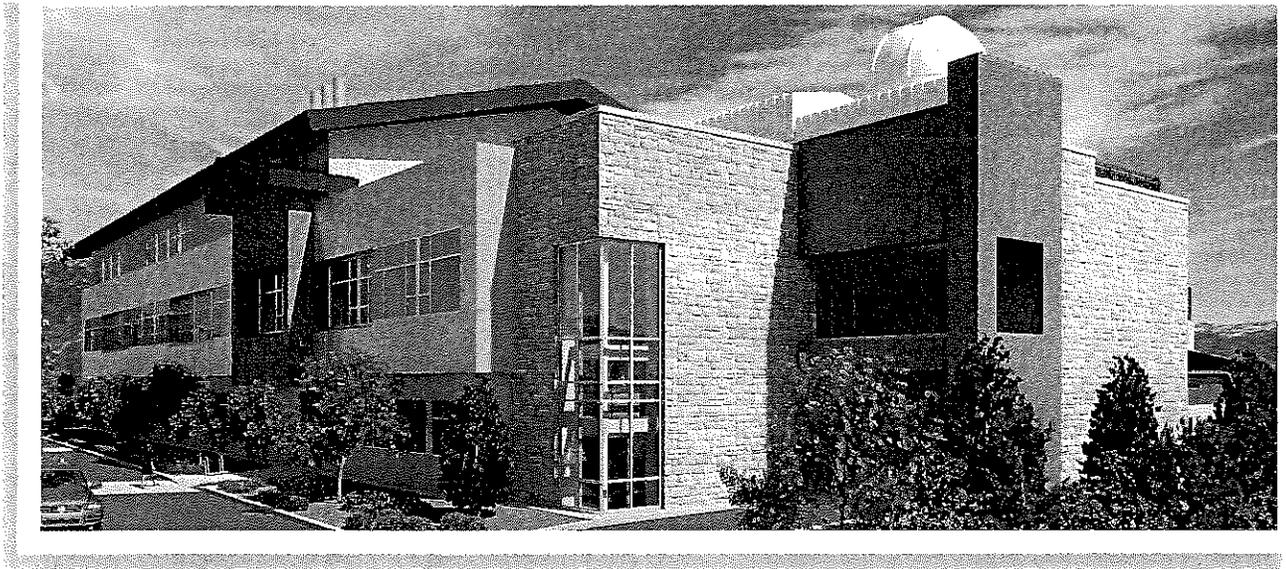
“Good work with the students!”





**THE PROPOSED FORT LEWIS COLLEGE  
GEOSCIENCES, PHYSICS AND ENGINEERING BUILDING**

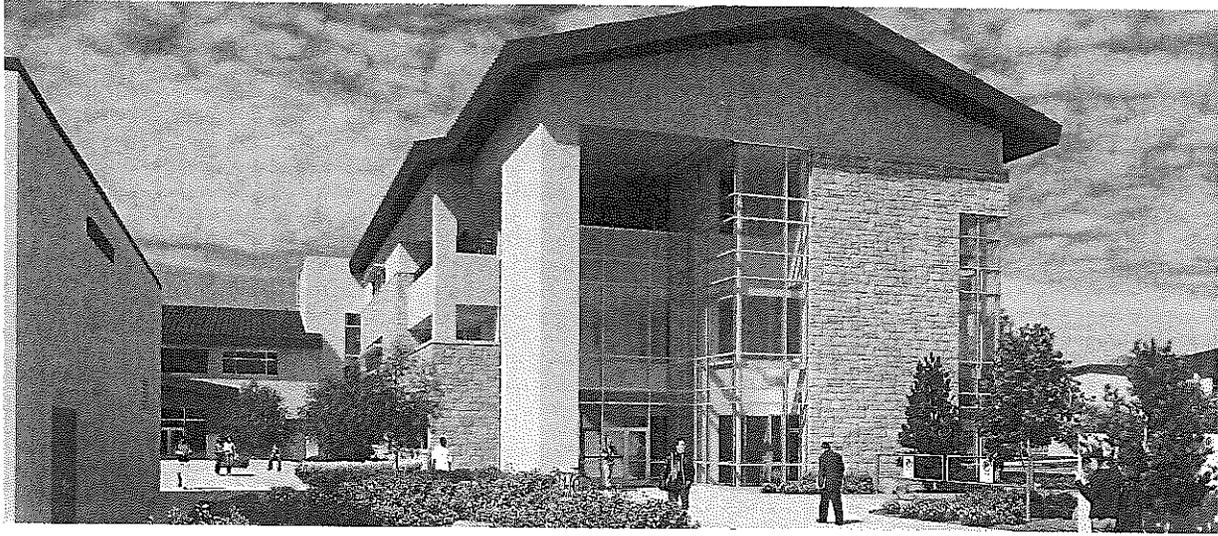




### **THE GEOSCIENCES, PHYSICS AND ENGINEERING BUILDING: MEETING AN URGENT NEED**

The Geosciences Department has grown by approximately five percent annually over the past five years, with laboratories and classrooms located in the aging 1955 portion of Berndt Hall. The area currently occupied does not provide sufficient space for teaching or research, nor does the area comply with modern classroom or building standards. Currently classes are filled and program growth is limited by available laboratory space. The Physics/Engineering Department has expanded enrollments by 30 percent over the last two years. The College has struggled to provide enough space to accommodate these programs; however, a waiting list to get into the program continues to exist. Phase two of the Berndt Hall Geosciences, Physics and Engineering reconstruction is badly needed for these reasons.

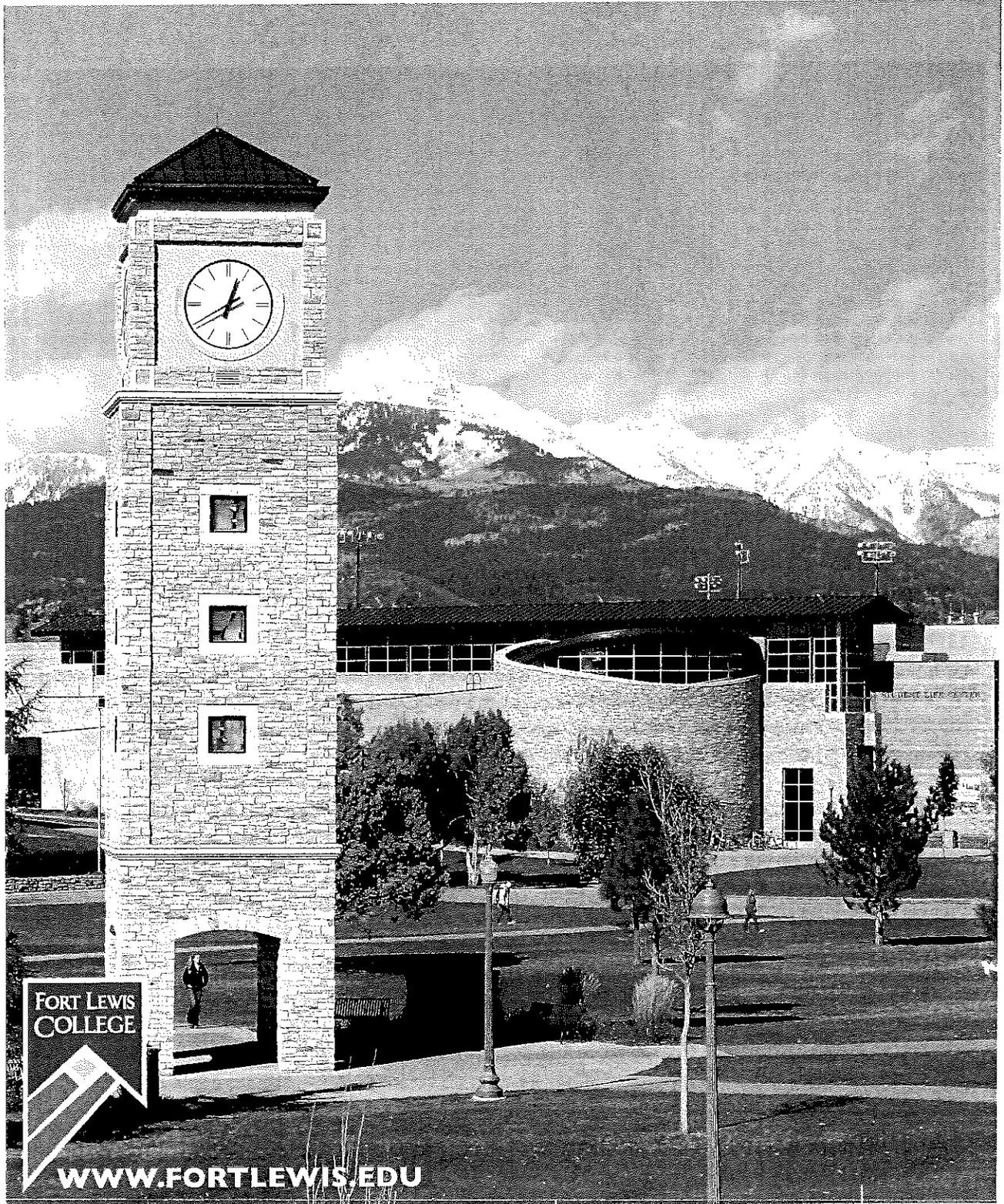
To accommodate the rapidly growing programs and inadequate facilities, the proposed LEED Gold, 60,838 square foot home for Geosciences, Physics and Engineering will be the largest-ever academic building project for Fort Lewis College. In 2008, the state of Colorado provided \$3.2 million for the design of the building. It was hoped that construction funding would soon follow and architectural designs were put in place and today the project is shovel ready. However, the building has been on hold due to state funding delays caused by the economic downturn.



### **GPE PRIVATE FUNDRAISING EFFORT**

In the near future, Fort Lewis College is preparing to launch a comprehensive fundraising campaign with the Geosciences, Physics and Engineering Building at the heart of the effort. The GPE Building is FLC's top facilities priority and as such the College stands ready to invest time and resources into raising private money to complement the state funding for the building.

The current plan is to raise a total of \$4.2 million. That money will be added to the \$28 million proposed from the state. Together this funding will ensure that the GPE Building will be a state-of-the-art facility of tremendous benefit to our students and faculty.



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