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CASCADIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, BOTHELL PHASE II CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED

The community is cordially invited to the dedication of two new buildings on the Cascadia Community College, University of Washington, Bothell co-located campus at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 13.

The public will be treated to tours of the campus's new Media Center and University Book Store, as well as a second University of Washington, Bothell building (UWB2) that will provide additional classroom space, science research labs, faculty offices and a commons area for students to gather. Additionally, the dedication will highlight a display of students' high-tech work, classroom demonstrations and programs, and entertainment.

Students will be well served by the newly expanded homes for the high-tech Media Center and the University Book Store. For the past year, the Media Center and the University Book Store have been operating out of cramped quarters, yet still delivering a

high quality of service to students. The new buildings will provide an opportunity to enhance those services.

During the past school year, the Media Center has provided students from both institutions with access to digital cameras, editing equipment and VCRs. The space in the new building allows the Media Center to more than quadruple the amount of technology available, truly a showcase for this high-tech campus. Students now have access to media and graphics production, a darkroom, audio recording, as well as a large collection of media materials.

The University Book Store now features a spacious storefront that offers Cascadia and University of Washington, Bothell sweatshirts, mugs and all the school supplies needed, including textbooks. Gifts and light snacks are also available.

The newly constructed UWB2 building provides much-needed space including a tiered lecture hall, traditional classrooms, writing and math labs, science research labs and faculty offices.

As part of the UWB2 dedication, the Education Program will demonstrate a newly acquired iBook Wireless Mobile Lab combined with a ROBOLAB software system. The system was purchased from funds raised through the University of Washington, Bothell's Education Excellence Fund. State Senator Rosemary McAuliffe and her husband, Jim, Dick Truly, the previous owner of the campus property, and Kent and Barbara Chaplin raised the needed \$3,000 to fund the project. Barbara is a recent UW Bothell graduate.

"Supporting quality education in our public schools has been my number one priority for the past 25 years, so I am extremely excited about this new technology," says Senator McAuliffe. "Students who learn in different ways will have doors open to unique learning styles. And teachers will be better prepared to help students learn science, math, and critical thinking skills – tools that enable students to pursue broader opportunities in and out of the classroom."

The ROBOLAB system and accompanying LEGO building sets make up a versatile technology that enables elementary age school children to design robots that move and react using lights, motors, and sensors. "Children are motivated to understand the scientific principals and mathematical rules underlying their creations and to test and alter their constructions to improve performance," says Kathleen Martin, education program director. "Critical inquiry and problem solving skills are the important lessons learned in this dynamic educational environment."

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