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*"Growing Together – Learning Forever"*

## Olds College Students' Association Donates \$1.01 Million to the Community Learning Campus

**The vote is in!** Olds College students overwhelmingly endorsed a donation of \$1,010,000 in support of the Community Learning Campus (CLC) at a special referendum. The Olds College Students' Association (OCSA) held the referendum on March 14, 2006, at which time 94 percent of attendees voted in favour of contributing to the project. This generous donation from OCSA will be directed to the establishment of a Student Leadership Centre located in the eLearning Core, one of five CLC structures being built on the Olds College campus.



*OCSA Rep Cody LaRocque, with  
Olds College President H.J. (Tom) Thompson.*

"Visionary describes the Olds College Students' Association Executive and members," said Mark McLoughlin, Vice President of Advancement at Olds College. "Their support for the CLC project speaks to the tremendous leadership abilities of students today. The OCSA recognized a need and stepped forward with a commitment to create new opportunities for the students of tomorrow."

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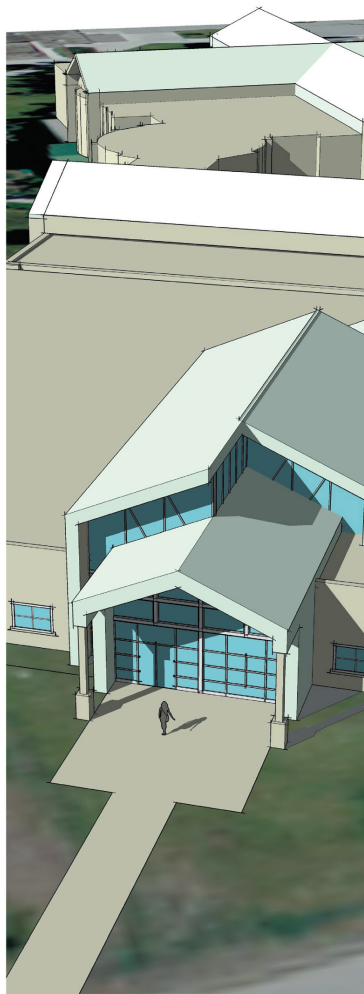
## The dream... one step closer to reality

**The Groundbreaking Ceremony** on the site of the new eLearning Core facility at Olds College on May 24, 2006 brings the Community Learning Campus [CLC] dream one step closer to reality. The CLC has been a reality in the hearts and minds of Olds College, Chinook's Edge School Division and community members throughout the area for many months, and the prospect of seeing construction begin is exciting. On May 24, Alberta Government members and officials will gather with members of the community, Olds College, Chinook's Edge, Mountain View County and the Town of Olds to celebrate this new beginning of "Growing Together – Learning Forever."

"We're thrilled to see the project move forward," said Roy Brassard, Chair, Chinook's Edge School Division Board of Education. "The Community Learning Campus is unique and innovative, and we are so enthused about the positive impact it will have on learners."

# eLearning Core:

## A Hub for eLearning and Connected Community



**As the first building to be constructed,** the eLearning Core will open its doors in the summer of 2007. As a portal to the CLC it will provide a wide range of eLearning opportunities, community access to technology, efficient technology services, and enhanced Olds College Students' Association [OCSA] services. This facility will be the hub for eLearning and the connected community, providing improved rural access to broad band technologies such as video conferencing, through the SuperNet.

As Central Alberta community members enter the building, a Business Development Centre will be their portal to access a wide range of technology support and applications. The eLearning Core will promote access to new technology for business applications and provide a centre for leadership growth by creating opportunities for professional development of staff, industry, business and government. The eLearning Core will be a combination of flexible space to allow for a variety of learning experiences and areas built specifically to accommodate technology applications. Learners will have an opportunity to access face-to-face or online learning off-site or a combination of delivery methods best suited to their needs.

High school Career and Technology courses such as Information Processing and Communications Studies will be delivered in the eLearning Core, as will college courses with technology applications. Learners in other communities will be linked to the CLC through remote eLearning access points in schools across Chinook's Edge. The eLearning Core will provide a venue for sharing of Olds College and

Chinook's Edge technology resources and expertise to reduce duplication of services. As the home of an expanded OCSA, the eLearning Core will be accessible to students for a variety of activities and leadership opportunities.

"The focus of planning for the eLearning Core has been the linking of opportunities for learners in Olds, increasing access to technology for learners in other communities, and addressing the technology needs of rural community members," said H.J. (Tom) Thompson, President and CEO, Olds College. "The Business Development Centre will welcome members of the Central Alberta community by providing support to meet personal, industry and business technology needs. This is an innovative approach to learning and community collaboration that will stretch the impact of what this campus has to offer beyond its physical borders."

### Fine Arts and Multi Media Centre: A Link to Learning

Construction of the Fine Arts and Multi Media Centre will begin in the fall of 2006 to open in the late fall of 2007. The Fine Arts and Multi Media Centre is an extraordinarily flexible venue that will respond to the programming needs of the high school by providing a site for classes in art, band, choir, stained glass, dance, drama, and cosmetology. It will also be an instructional, presentation or conference space for Olds College learners. Community access to the centre will be encouraged to enhance the performing and visual arts in Olds and area.

The flexibility of the Fine Arts and Multi Media Centre is a central feature. It will have several configurations that will be possible through the use of moveable ramped seating and a variety of staging options. For example, during performances instructional space will become backstage areas for dressing rooms and the student gathering area will become an art gallery and lobby to the theatre with access to a sculpture garden. Staging can be moved to provide for dinner theatre or conventional theatre configurations for presentations, plays, dance, musical performances or independent film.

"With the Fine Arts and Multi Media Centre, we have worked with both community neighbours and designers to develop a state of the art facility that will be home to our high school fine arts program, college programs, and community cultural events," said Stirling McLeod, Chair, Olds College Board of Governors. "We greatly anticipate seeing what the artists and budding artists throughout Central Alberta can create within the walls of their new home."

### Health and Wellness Facility: A Holistic Approach

The Health and Wellness Facility will promote a holistic approach to physical, emotional, intellectual and social growth of all learners and community members. Construction will begin in the fall of 2006 and will open in the fall of 2008.

# “Growing Together – Learning Forever”

This gateway to the CLC will strive to galvanize users by encouraging a commitment to physical activity and healthy lifestyles. In terms of the high school program, the Health and Wellness Facility will be a key venue in addressing the outcomes of the Health, Physical Education, and Career and Life Management programs of study.

With the addition of a Director of Health and Fitness Programming to the Olds College staff, a program is under development to provide physical fitness, athletic and sports programming to college learners. This facility will be a centre of excellence for coaching. All users will have an opportunity to develop leadership and athletic skills and healthy attitudes by accessing the many services provided. Included in the Health and Wellness Facility are: three large gymnasiums, running track, fitness centre, multipurpose areas for wrestling, aerobics, gymnastics, wall climbing and child-minding services.

The facility is built to house Central Alberta Child and Family Services, and Alberta Human Resources and Employment. The Integrated Career Centre - a joint project of Alberta Human Resources and Employment, Olds College and Chinook's Edge - will provide a wide range of services and resources to all learners and community members. Space within the facility has been allocated for health care professionals to provide medical services such as access to a nurse, doctor and physiotherapy. The Health and Wellness Facility will be a hub of activity that will reinforce collaboration through the co-location of fitness, athletic, counseling, health and government services for learners and the community.

“I can't wait to see the impact of the Health and Wellness Facility,” said Dot Negropones, Executive Director, Community Learning Campus. “The focus on a holistic approach to health and wellness is what makes this facility unique, and what will make it such a huge benefit to high school and college learners, and to all community members.”

## Core High School: Nucleus of Innovation

The Core High School will be the entrance to the CLC for students from grades nine to twelve in Olds and area. Many of the components of the high school program are embedded in the previously mentioned facilities, with the high school programming coordinated and centred in the Core High School.

Olds High School students will have an opportunity to engage in personalized learning programs to ensure they are supported in a seamless transition through grades nine to twelve and on to the world of work, trades or apprenticeship, college or university. Students will engage in learning in flexible teaching and learning spaces that will promote classroom, team and individual configurations allowing for self-directed study, project-based learning or collaborative learning. Within the Core High School, students will study mathematics, English, sciences and social studies, languages, and Career and Technology Studies courses in Foods and Fashion. Using wireless technology, students will move about the Core High School connecting through the SuperNet to a variety of resources. Throughout their program they will be guided in their exploration of career pathways to ensure they are making a successful transition through their educational program.

Olds High School students will also have access to Olds College facilities and programs beyond the CLC facilities as they move through their programs. They will have access to library learning resources normally made available to post-secondary students. This will happen through electronic data bases, such as the provincial digital library available on computers in the Core High School and computers and text materials in the Olds College Library. The Olds High School Library materials will be merged with the collection at the Olds College Library. Students will also access a practical arts lab in the Olds College Agricultural Mechanics Building for their Career and Technology Studies courses in Construction and Fabrication. As students enter grades eleven and twelve they may access other college facilities as they enroll in college, apprenticeship or university courses in conjunction with completing their high school diplomas. Rural students in Chinook's Edge will also have access through a combination of distance and on-site opportunities as they are linked to the CLC through remote eLearning access points in Chinook's Edge schools.

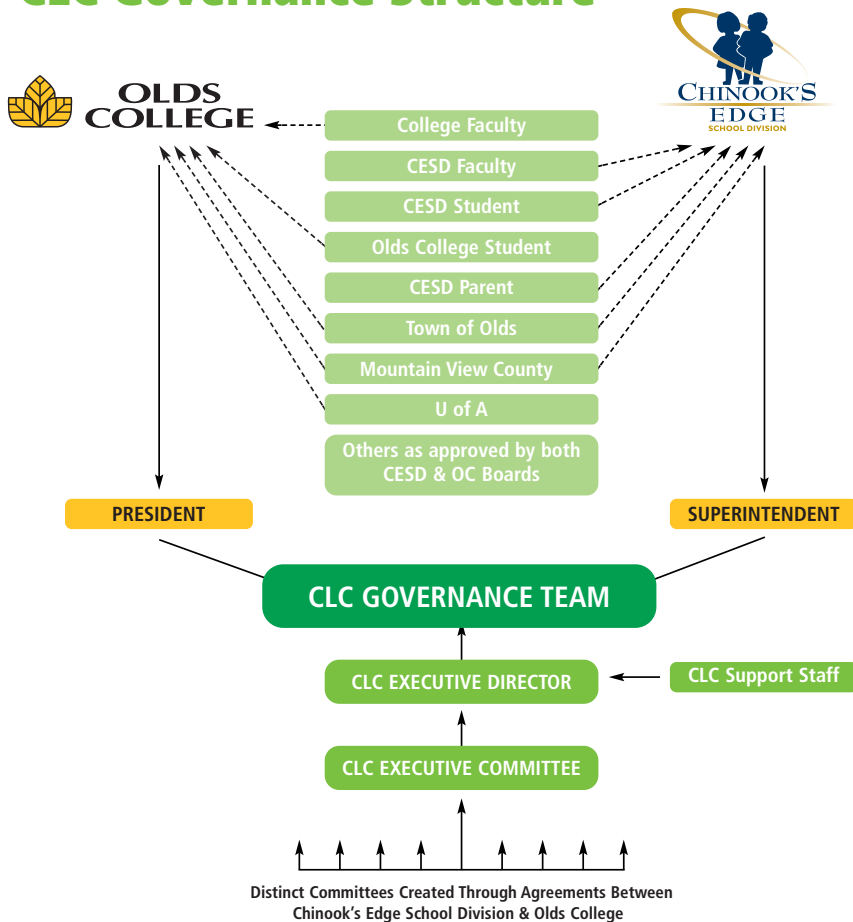
“The Core High School will be home to our students, and just the beginning of their career exploration,” said Jim Gibbons, Superintendent, Chinook's Edge School Division No.73. “Our goal is to help our learners experience a seamless transition from high school into to work, apprenticeship, college or university.”

## Groundbreaking... just the beginning

The Groundbreaking ceremony on May 24 is just the beginning of advancing the CLC mission: to create a universally recognized model for enhancing rural community capacity, through meaningful partnerships, that guarantees seamless, quality, accessible and innovative education for all learners. The Community Learning Campus will be great for learners and will provide untold opportunities for residents throughout Central Alberta and beyond.



## CLC Governance Structure



## Olds College Students' Association Donates \$1.01 Million

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The eLearning Core will serve as the hub for eLearning and connecting the community. It will provide opportunities for distance learning and provide access to high speed internet, video conferencing technology and new technology for business applications. The eLearning Core will include expansion of the Students' Association offices, meeting rooms and a student centre. The new facilities will enable the OCSA to expand the services provided to students and create additional employment opportunities for students on campus.

The students' contribution is an excellent example of how the Olds College Family including Board of Governors, Campaign Cabinet, Management, Faculty, Staff and Students, are coming together in support of the 2009 Capital Vision Campaign.

In February 2006, the Office of Advancement launched the Olds College Family Gifting Program to engage members of the Olds College Family in providing financial support for the Capital Campaign. The Family Gifting Program is a voluntary program designed to allow members of the Olds College Family the flexibility to contribute to the Capital Campaign in a way that fulfills their personal charitable gifting goals.

The Family Gifting Program is an integral part of the 2009 Capital Vision Campaign. Support for the Family Gifting Program demonstrates internal commitment to the vision and future of Olds College.

## Construction to begin

The beginning construction dates for the five CLC buildings will be staggered from the summer of 2006 through to the fall. By December of 2006 all buildings will be well underway. The first building to be built is the eLearning Core, followed by the Health and Wellness Facility, Core High School and Fine Arts and Multi Media Centre. All facilities will be constructed to promote environmental sustainability.

Construction will also begin in the summer of 2006 on the Chinook's Edge Bus Maintenance Facility on the Olds College campus. Although not strictly an educational venue, this facility has been developed under the umbrella of the CLC. This facility will provide service to the CESD bus fleet and will be a venue for high school and college work experience, apprenticeship or job shadowing opportunities for learners.

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