

In October, I was thrilled to unveil the first new building on our Ammerman Campus since the 1970's. Almost 250 guests, including the Chairman of the SUNY Board of Trustees, attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new 64,000-square-foot William J. Lindsay Life Sciences Building. The dedication program brilliantly showcased this spectacular facility, our wonderful faculty and our very bright students, all while appropriately remembering an outstanding public servant and former Presiding Officer of the Suffolk County Legislature, William J. Lindsay, who was a strong advocate for the College throughout his career. In line with our timeline, we successfully opened the building in time to schedule classes for the spring semester.

Last fall, the College hosted a visit with the Community College Capital Program Manager for SUNY. The purpose of the visit was to tour some of the College's on-going capital projects and review procedures for the next State budget cycle. Included on the tour were the Riverhead Building renovation, and the new William J. Lindsay Life Sciences Building on the Ammerman Campus, as well as a visit to capital sites on the Michael J. Grant Campus.

2015-2016 Capital Budget

As a result of last year's capital program process, all of our capital projects were maintained in the County's capital program. In addition, a Master Plan Update and a fourth phase of Infrastructure College-wide, were added as new projects when the College submitted its 2015-2017 Capital Program request to the County. My main focus this year was to keep all existing projects from being dropped or delayed. Projects currently scheduled for funding in 2015 and beyond now total $42.3 million.



The Lindsay family has announced the establishment of the William J. Lindsay Memorial Scholarship Fund.

At its meeting on June 2nd, the full Suffolk County Legislature voted to adopt the County Capital Budget. This included approving all of the College's capital project requests as modified by the County Executive. The College's capital projects are funded with 50% coming from our sponsor, Suffolk County, and 50% coming from the State of New York. The College has also submitted its requests to SUNY based on the Adopted County Capital Budget and Program. I am grateful to our elected officials for their leadership on our capital budget requests.

Just as we enjoyed the official opening of the William J. Lindsay Life Sciences Building on the Ammerman Campus in Selden this past fall, among the projects we can now look forward to are a new Health and Wellness Facility at the Eastern Campus, construction of a Renewable Energy/STEM Center and new Learning Resource Center at the Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood, along with appropriations for a Plant Operations Building for the Michael J. Grant Campus and Warehouse Building for the Eastern Campus, renovations to Kreiling Hall on Ammerman and to the Sagtikos Building on Grant, a new master facilities plan for the College and a fourth installment of $10.3 million for college-wide infrastructure projects. It is important to note that the College's larger capital projects will generate numerous good-paying construction jobs that will assist in boosting the regional economy.

Some highlights from among our upcoming capital projects are the following:

Health and Wellness Facility – Eastern Campus

This building is vital to supporting a health and wellness focus for eastern Suffolk County. The facility will be used by our students for athletics and recreation – finally allowing the institution to provide a full college experience for those enrolled at the Eastern Campus. The facility will also be made available to community residents for general fitness and recreational use and to train east end fire, police and dive rescue