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**SC Technical Building receives upgrade thanks to Whitney Benefits' gift**

SHERIDAN, Wyo.— Students taking classes this summer and fall in the Sheridan College Technical Center will definitely notice something different about their classroom. A gift of \$46,000 from Whitney Benefits, inc. has allowed Sheridan College to install a direct expansion cooling upgrade to the existing heating and ventilating unit serving the classroom portion of the Technical Center.

"Our students will definitely notice the difference this fall with the new system," said Jim Bennage, Ag and Technical Program Division Chair. The new system will not only make the temperature easier to control in the rooms but also will help to make the learning environment better and more conducive to successful learning by making the space quieter as well.

Roy Garber, Vice President of Whitney Benefits said, "The Whitney Board is pleased to assist in providing educational and on-site learning experiences and enhancements to the students in the technical programs at Sheridan College. We believe that Mr. Whitney would be pleased in his ability to continue to benefit Sheridan College and the community residents."

"We are fortunate to have a supporter like Whitney Benefits," said Sheridan College Dean of Administration Cheryl Heath, "This project is a good example of one that might not have happened as soon, and our students will benefit immediately."

The project included the installation of a 'Building Automation Control' unit which will connect to the existing campus building control system. In addition, the system will incorporate graphics and higher level control functions for the air handling unit.

Through the vision and generosity of the late Edward A. Whitney, Whitney Benefits has played a pivotal role in establishing and helping grow the Sheridan College campus and its programs. This includes the first gift of land on which the campus is built and which now encompasses 120 acres - all given by Whitney Benefits. In total, Whitney Benefits' unmatched generosity and unparalleled gifts to Sheridan College exceed \$21 million.

Within the past ten years alone, Whitney Benefits has generously funded over a dozen campus projects. Whitney is a private, non-profit educational foundation located in Sheridan, Wyoming. Whitney Benefits was created under the Last Will and Testament of Edward A. Whitney, a Sheridan County resident, who passed away in 1917.

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