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### **Sheridan College updates master plan thanks to Whitney Grant**

SHERIDAN, Wyo.— A \$36,000 gift from Whitney Benefits Inc. to the Sheridan College Foundation will enable SC to update the College master plan.

“Our Master Plan is an integral part of our mission, vision, and strategic plan for the college, said Sheridan College President, Kevin Drumm. This update will help us focus our resources based on the needs of our students and the community.”

According to Cheryl Heath, Dean of Administration and Chief Financial Officer at Sheridan College, “To be successful, the master planning process must include input from employees, the community, a space use analysis, space needs analysis, and analysis of technology, traffic, parking, and infrastructure needs.”

The process is expected to take four to six months. The College has contracted with Armstrong Design Studio and Knapp Architecture Design Development to complete the master plan update.

“The Whitney Board is pleased to assist the college in their continued effort to plan for the future,” said Tom Belus, Whitney Benefits trustee. “In order to enhance the educational and on-site learning experiences for the students at Sheridan College, a vision for the future including a master plan is invaluable. Mr. Whitney would be pleased to see his gift continue to assist Sheridan College, the students, and the community residents.”

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 \$23 million.

Within the past ten years alone, Whitney Benefits has generously funded over a dozen campus projects including updating the SC Master Plan, the Watt Agricultural Center, the SC Technical Center, the Health Science Programs, and the new student dormitories. 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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