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Sheridan College builds second greenhouse thanks to Whitney Benefits Grant

SHERIDAN, Wyo.— A \$106,000 gift from Whitney Benefits Inc. to Sheridan College will enable SC to build a 1440 square foot greenhouse next to the Watt Agricultural Center on the SC campus.

According to Chuck Holloway, SC Horticulture Instructor, "As our Horticulture program has grown, the requests for plant material have also increased. Our students really appreciate being able to see their plants help beautify the area. This additional greenhouse will allow us to double our inventory."

"We are fortunate to have the SC horticulture program in Sheridan," said Whitney Benefits Trustee Sam Street. "While the public may not know it, the flowers in the Whitney Commons area as well as the flowers in the planters downtown each summer will be provided by the students in the program. In order to enhance the learning experience for our students, this type of community and educational partnership is essential. Mr. Whitney would be pleased to see his gift continue to assist Sheridan College, the students, and the community."

According to Holloway, the Horticultural program requires the additional space to meet the needs of both the curriculum and community. Students will benefit from learning in a state-of-the-art facility that will enable them to seek employment in the horticultural industry anywhere in the world. Production cycles, environmental control systems, and propagation techniques will be key components in the students program of study. The greenhouse will allow for a learning environment that is safe, more closely resembling industry standards, and for exploration of the science behind plant growth and development.

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, the four -year endowed Nursing Chair 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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