



Media Advisory

ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric donate \$75,000 to an academic wing expansion initiative at Lakeland College.

Photo opportunity - Thursday April 1, at 11 am, Lakeland College, Lloydminster, 2nd floor

News Release

ACADEMIC WING EXPANSION AT LAKELAND COLLEGE TAKES FLIGHT

LLOYDMINSTER, AB -- A \$75,000 donation from ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric will support a much needed expansion at Lakeland College. ATCO's contribution will help the College reach its goal of increased enrolment capacity and access to facilities and equipment for students.

"Both ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric have a long history supporting our rural communities and the people who choose to live and work there," said Nick Gelych, South East Regional Manager, ATCO Electric. "Our support of this project will ensure Lakeland continues to provide an affordable alternative for our young people wanting to pursue a post-secondary education in a rural setting."

The funds will go towards a \$5 million capital campaign that will see construction of a new academic wing at Lakeland's Lloydminster campus. Scheduled for completion by the fall of 2005, the expansion will include construction of two new health and human services laboratories, lecture theatres, student lounges and purchase of new equipment and computer resources.

"Our contribution towards Lakeland College is one of several ways we are reinvesting in the future of communities in the Lloydminster region and all across rural Alberta," added Charlie Teeuwsen, Yellowhead Region Manager for ATCO Gas. "With many of our employees, customers and their families living in rural communities across Alberta, ATCO has an important part to play in the sustainability of these communities."

ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric have a long history with Lakeland College. The companies have supported past capital campaign projects, scholarship and bursary programs, silent auctions and sports team support.

“Dr. Mark Lee, Lakeland College President and CEO is very pleased that ATCO is once again demonstrating its strong support of Lakeland College and post-secondary education,” said Elmer Nykiforuk, Director of the Office of College Advancement and External Relations. He added, “It’s the industry support we get from companies like ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric that will make our planned expansion possible.”

ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric are members of the ATCO Group of Companies. The ATCO Group is a premier Alberta-based corporation operating worldwide in five business groups: Utilities, Logistics and Energy Services, Power Generation, Technologies and Industries.

With 90 years of history, Lakeland College is one of Western Canada’s oldest and most respected post-secondary institutions. Known for its entrepreneurial, practical and intimate learning environment, Lakeland College has made an indelible impression on the communities of rural Alberta and Saskatchewan by offering regional access to education. For more information about Lakeland College’s Capital Campaign, visit their website at: <http://www.lakelandc.ab.ca/pdf/CapitalCampaign.pdf>.

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