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Rep. Allen Supports Educational Opportunities

Madison- Today the Joint Finance Committee supported the State Building Commission's recommendation to provide \$3 million in capstone funding for a state-of-the-art science building at Carroll University in the city of Waukesha.

Representative Scott Allen (R-Waukesha) is proud to support this public/ private partnership to enhance educational opportunities in key job sectors including medical and technology fields. "This project will help Carroll University attract quality students from across the country, and help Waukesha County fill a projected gap in skilled healthcare workers" said Rep. Allen.

Carroll University is the oldest four- year university in the state of Wisconsin and the only four-year university in Waukesha County. The school has experienced growth in student enrollment in recent years and is seeing increased number of graduates in physical therapy, nursing and occupational therapy and other primary care fields. As the "Baby Boomer" generation retires and grows older by the day, the need for workers in these fields will skyrocket.

The funding will support construction of a new 44,500 square-foot science building that will house interactive teaching and research laboratories for biology, chemistry and biochemistry.

A vast majority of Carroll's graduates stay in the state of Wisconsin after graduation. The committee's action today is a great investment for the state of Wisconsin and Waukesha County. Not only did the committee invest in education, it invested in our economic future, advancements in health and sciences professions, and in our future generation of leaders.

The university had raised \$25 million of the \$28 million project. This state grant will provide the final \$3 million to complete the project. The new facility is projected to be complete by July 1, 2016.

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