



ODESSA COLLEGE FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



The Wood Family Foundation, Inc., has committed to a \$5 million contribution to Odessa College to help fund the construction of a new \$39.7 million Health Sciences Building. OC will name the 83,000 square foot, four-story building the “Wood Health Sciences Building”.

“The Wood Family Foundation is excited to partner with Odessa College, yet again, in their efforts to provide the community the opportunity for a quality education,” Brenda Denton, Wood Family Foundation Executive Director, said. “The growth of health sciences curriculum will be beneficial for the Permian Basin.”

“This \$5 million contribution from the Wood Family Foundation is the largest gift that Odessa College has ever received from a private entity, and will lead the way in funding construction of the new Health Sciences Building,” Dr. Greg Williams, Odessa College President said. “The Wood family’s continuous support and partnership over the decades has helped Odessa College become one of the top community colleges in the nation.”

While fundraising for this project is still underway, OC plans to break ground on the new Health Sciences Building in late 2021, followed by 18 months of construction and an estimated opening date of Fall 2023.

The Health Sciences Building will be equipped with state-of-the-art simulation technology and additional square footage required to create a collaborative learning environment. The additional space and technology will allow OC to add more programs and to accept more students into the School of Health Sciences and continuing education programs to produce a minimum of 171 more highly skilled, health sciences graduates per semester, up from 269 students.

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OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2020

\$2,833,140

IN CONTRIBUTIONS & GRANTS COMBINED

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SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC DONATES \$300,000 IN EQUIPMENT TO INSTRUMENTATION AND AUTOMATION PROGRAM

Photo by Steve Goff: Kevin Krahl, Square D by Schneider Electric Territory Sales Engineer, delivered \$300,000 in equipment to the Instrumentation and Automation students in September 2020.

Schneider Electric donated more than \$300,000 in equipment to the Odessa College School of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) to strengthen the Instrumentation and Automation programs. The donated equipment was delivered in September and includes the latest in automation technology, including Modicon M580 PLCs and Altivar 630 variable speed drives as well as licenses to leading software packages, including ScadaPack and Wonderware to enhance the training facilities for both undergraduate students and current professionals in the region.

“We believe that it is critical to invest in our future now to ensure that we have the right people, with the right skills, to drive the industry forward,” said Christopher Dartnell, Oil & Gas Segment President, Schneider Electric. “We are proud to align ourselves with a leader in education that is developing the talented automation professionals that will be driving the Oil & Gas industry into the future.”

This donation is part of Schneider Electric’s ongoing partnership with Odessa College, which includes innovative products and software solutions for hands-on training classes and access to those facilities for hosting additional training classes to educate current industry professionals in the region.

“We are very excited that Schneider Electric has selected Odessa College and our leading Instrumentation and Automation program for this generous donation,” Jacqui Gore, Odessa College Executive Director of Advancement, said. “By supporting this program, Schneider Electric is reinforcing their commitment to the school, the community and the industry as we all have the shared goal of providing students with the practical skills needed to be successful.”

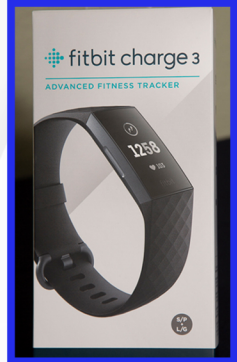
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Campaign

Odesa College employees didn't let COVID-19 get in their way of supporting the United Way of Odesa in full force. This fall, 99.7 percent of OC employees contributed a total of \$43,798. Employees donated \$38,261 and the annual OC Silent Auction, which was held online this year, raised \$5,537. Odesa College hopes to hang on to the United Way Gold Cup Award for Highest Employee Participation that was received in 2019.



Odesa College and our community bid on wonderful items, like these, during our online silent auction.

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STUDENT SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN

Make your contribution by e-mailing foundation@odessa.edu or visit www.odessa.edu/give. 100% of your contribution to the Student Success Scholarship Campaign will benefit Odesa College students.

\$400,000 GOAL

\$326,049 RAISED

INCLUDES EMPLOYEE AND COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank You!