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## Williams Hall to be new home for OC Continuing Education

ODESSA (July 8, 2014) – Odessa College’s administrative team announced the name of the new Continuing Education building to be constructed on the OC campus.

As the architectural rendering for the new Williams Hall was revealed, OC administrators and employees, OC board of trustees, and members of the Odessa business community responded with a loud round of applause for OC President Gregory D. Williams and the building that will carry his name.

The college received a \$1 million dollar donation several years ago with the stipulation that a building be named in honor of Dr. Williams. During his brief comments, Williams said, “I don’t have words to adequately articulate my appreciation to the anonymous donor and to everyone ... I just want to say thank you for the support of the staff and this community and my family ... thank you all.”

Williams then added, “ This building will provide our community a state of the art center for classes for life long learning as well as excellent facilities to meet and accommodate the training needs of businesses in our community.”

With smiling faces, OC board of trustees, Dr. Gregory D. Williams, his wife, Karen, son, Gregory, and daughter, Kara, took shovels in hand and closed the celebration with a ceremonial ground breaking for Williams Hall.

Williams Hall will be a 13,000 square foot one-story building located on the property on the northeast corner Robertson and West University Blvd. directly north of the Administration Building and Saulsbury Campus Center. The new structure will contain a multi-tiered auditorium with AV presentation technology, a computer-training lab, four general-purpose classrooms, a seminar/conference room, a catering/serving kitchen, enrollment and payment services, and Continuing Education administrative offices. The building will be completed by November 2015.

The estimated construction cost for Williams Hall is \$3.75 million. Architects for the project are JSA Architects and the constructions manager is Lee Lewis Construction.

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