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MCC awarded new active-learning classroom by Steelcase Education

OMAHA, Neb. — Metropolitan Community College has been selected to receive the installation of an active-learning classroom at the South Omaha Campus through the Active Learning Center program, a new grant initiative launched in 2014 by Steelcase Education. This program empowers educators to implement active-learning strategies by leveraging classroom space.

Beginning summer 2015, a Steelcase Education learning environment will be installed in the Connector Building of the College's South Omaha Campus, 27th and Q streets. The award, valued at \$52,000, will go toward design services, furniture and integrated technology for the new classroom. The classroom's goal is to positively impact teaching, learning and support active education for students eager to return to school. The new classroom is an integrated system of furniture designed to support a variety of learning and teaching styles, allowing for fluid transitions between modes. This learning environment encourages dynamic movement, engagement and interaction between students, content and the instructor.

"MCC has shown its commitment to active-learning strategies and student engagement in the classroom," said Sean Corcoran, general manager of Steelcase Education. "With this new learning environment, MCC will be able to utilize a flexible learning space that allows educators to explore the capabilities of an environment built specifically for improved engagement and collaboration."

“The Active Learning Center partnership with Steelcase Education facilitates a unique and innovative learning environment for our faculty and students alike,” said Tom McDonnell, interim vice president for academic affairs at MCC. “Our hope is this new classroom will work to improve student outcomes by encouraging collaboration and positively changing the dynamics of our relationships with our students.”

The project is expected to be completed in fall 2015.

About Steelcase Education

As lifelong learners, Steelcase Education aims to make a difference in education. For students, educators and designers, the organization creates the most effective, rewarding and inspiring learning spaces. As a dedicated group within Steelcase exclusively focused on education, it brings evidence-based design, technology and innovative solutions to education environments, wherever learning happens.

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Metropolitan Community College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, is a comprehensive, public community college that offers affordable, quality education to all residents of Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties. Founded in 1974, MCC has the largest enrollment out of six community colleges in Nebraska and is the second largest postsecondary institution in the state. MCC serves more than 40,000 unique credit and noncredit students.