Letter to the editor:
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Rita Cavin, LBCC President

Linn-Benton Community College has received the good news that it will receive $516,810 in federal funds to equip its science and health education laboratories. This appropriation took the cooperative efforts of Representatives Peter DeFazio and Darlene Hooley and Senators Gordon Smith and Ron Wyden.

I want to thank the legislative staff members who have been working closely with LBCC on this proposal, community leaders in both Linn and Benton counties who have written hundreds of support letters, the delegation members who accompanied me to Washington, D.C. and who helped convince our elected representatives of the value of this investment.

Our ability to demonstrate strong, unified community support was key in our ability to receive this significant funding. These funds are an investment in our citizens and our community’s economy. They are also proof that our vision of doubling our enrollment to science, math, agriculture and health education is what our community wants and needs. Our voice has been heard.

The Linn-Benton Community College Science and Health Project continues to attract support from both the private and corporate community. Thank you for making a positive difference in the lives of students and for helping us prepare our students and future students to be skilled and educated workforce.

Sincerely,
Dr. Rita Cavin
President, Linn-Benton Community College