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RAHALL ANNOUNCES GRANTS FOR WEST VIRGINIA COLLEGES

WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) announced today that three West Virginia colleges have received grants from the U.S. Department of Education in that Department's program for special services to the disadvantaged.

According to Rahall, Marshall University, Bluefield State and Concord Colleges will receive awards to help students who are deprived.

"This program will assist students who may be educationally, economically or culturally deprived," Rahall said. This includes those who are also physically impaired and those who have limited English-speaking ability."

Under the plan, Marshall University will receive \$108,693; Bluefield State College will get \$103,017 and Concord College has been allotted \$95,933. Rahall says that the grants will help the educational system which in turn will help the state and nation grow.

"The money provided by the federal government will aid many students in furthering their education," Rahall stated. "We all know that a mind is a terrible thing to waste and I think that by aiding our students we are in fact taking stock in America's future."

The funds were made available to the institutions on July 1.

Rahall also announced today that the Craft Memorial Library in Bluefield is the recipient of a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The Congressman said the grant totals \$19,230 and is part of the Library Literacy Program.

"Libraries are important institutions in our society," Rahall commented. "This program's objective is to help local public libraries by assisting in the extension and improvement of such facilities."

The funds to the Craft Library will be made available October 1, 1987.