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RAHALL ANNOUNCES GRANT RESERVATION FOR BLUEFIELD STATE

Beckley, W.Va. - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall announced today that a grant of \$100,000 has been reserved for Bluefield State College by the U.S. Department of Education. The \$100,000 will be presented to the college when a local match of \$100,000 is met by the Bluefield State College Foundation.

"Officials at Bluefield State are really excited about this grant," Rahall said. "To date, the school has raised \$77,000 and only \$23,000 is needed to receive their Endowment Challenge Grant. I have been working on this project with Bluefield State for the past six months and this is great news to many ears."

The BSC grant was one of only 254 submitted by colleges throughout the nation. According to program guidelines, BSC has 18 months from the date it submitted its application to raise the matching funds, which gives the school just under one year to raise the remaining matching funds.

"This will truly aid a insitution of higher learning in a depressed region of our state," Rahall said. "For nearly a century, Bluefield State College has provided West Virginia with many teachers, nurses, engineers and outstanding citizens. This grant will help continue that tradition."

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