

Early Learning Center breaks ground

On Sept. 13, Clark College took "The Next Step" on behalf of its youngest students at a groundbreaking ceremony for the first phase of the school's Early Learning Center.

The new facility will be located near the north end of the college's main campus in Vancouver.

LSW Architects, based in Vancouver, designed the 5,000-sq.-ft. structure, which is being built by JWC Construction. The facility is scheduled for completion by summer 2011.

The project is made possible through a public-private partnership, with Washington state providing \$1 million for the first phase of the Early Learning Center on the condition that the college raise matching funds.

"At a time when our state funding continues to decline, it's clear that donor support will be vitally important to our future – for today's students and to help us meet our region's needs for the future," said Robert Knight, Clark College president.