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LHU library celebrates new student friendly learning space University dedicates Wollock Learning Commons

One pair of scissors, one snip of a ribbon...and months of planning and building became reality. On Monday, September 12, Lock Haven University dedicated the new Wollock Learning Commons on the second floor of Stevenson Library.

President Michael Fiorentino Jr. was joined by Colonel Robert S. Terrill (USAF retired) in the ceremonial ribbon cutting, marking the official opening of the learning commons. In his welcoming remarks, President Fiorentino shared his excitement over the new centralized learning environment for students. "Serving students is what we are here to do," he said. "This facility will enable us to do an even better job of serving our students."



The new learning commons is named for Stephanie A. Wollock, whose generous endowment of \$1 million enabled the commons to be created and will continue to support library services. Ms. Wollock was a close friend of Helen Burgess Terrill, after whom the library archives are named. Colonel and Mrs. Terrill were life-long supporters of the library, and they encouraged their friend to support it as well.

Colonel Terrill spoke movingly about Stephanie Wollock. Ms. Wollock was, he said, a "single lady who guided herself through life." She was devoted to her family and to the Ukrainian Catholic Church. In 1951 she accepted a position with the U.S. Department of Defense. She served in the Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG) and retired from the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. She received many awards, decorations and citations for her meritorious service.



Ms. Wollock was also a sports enthusiast. She played tennis and golf and had season's tickets to the Redskins, though she never wavered in her support of the Steelers. She loved theatre, plays and opera, and on her last trip to Broadway saw the play "Jersey Boys." She also loved travel, particularly in the southwestern United States. She was generous with her time and energies and supported numerous charities with her giving.

Together, Col. Terrill and President Fiorentino unveiled an oil portrait of Stephanie A. Wollock which will greet students to the Learning Commons.

The Stephanie Wollock Learning Commons includes the University Writing Center, directed by Dr. Richard Van Dyke, and the Betty Schantz Tutorial Center, directed by Dr. Pamela Czapela. Dr. Czapela recognized Betty Schantz, retired Dean of Students, and showed her the plaque which honors her contributions to the Tutorial Center and which will be displayed in the commons.



Facilities in the learning commons include small group tutoring rooms, computer workstations, work tables, cushioned window seats, wireless internet connections and ample electrical outlets for students to keep their laptops and other portable devices fully powered. The entire area is designed to be student-friendly and academically focused.



Keith O. Barrows, Executive Director of the LHU Foundation also welcomed guests to the ceremony. Director of Library and Information Services Brenda Corman thanked all those who helped make the Stephanie Wollock Learning Commons a reality. She thanked the Lock Haven University administration, facilities department, Instructional Technology department, librarians and support staff, and directors of the Writing and Tutorial Centers. She thanked Colonel Terrill "for his personal support of the library and for encouraging his friend to support us." Finally, she extended

her thanks to Stephanie A. Wollock "for the generous endowment that will allow library services to grow beyond this project."

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