

Local Foundation provides gift for new and innovative on-campus housing

Whitney Benefits, a local foundation in Sheridan, WY, donated \$7,500,000 for expansion of on-campus student housing at Sheridan College, the main campus for the Northern Wyoming Community College District. The project which took two years to complete includes nine buildings called the Whitney Suites that replicate vintage housing in and near downtown Sheridan and four units referred to as the Whitney Lofts that replicate a downtown area. The Suites and Lofts provide housing for 150 students and a new café, game room and hospitality service area. Each suite includes a kitchenette, shared living space, shared quiet studies, washer and drier, and single or double occupancy bedrooms. Each individual building is named for an early board member of the foundation established in 1927 by a provision in Edward A. Whitney's will. Mr. Whitney, who passed away in 1917, continues to provide for education in the community he loved.

College trustees, foundation board members, and administrators, Chamber of Commerce ambassadors and Whitney Benefits board members gathered November 10, 2009 to cut the ribbon for the lofts on September 4, 2009. College Trustee Walt Wragge and Whitney Benefits President Tom Kinnison handled the scissors to cut the ribbon.