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LACKAWANNA COLLEGE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER TO HOLD
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Scranton, PA – 8/13 – On Monday, August 12, 2013 at 4:00 p.m., Lackawanna College will dedicate its newly completed Environmental Education Center located at 93 McKenzie Road in Covington Township. The Lackawanna College Environmental Education Center (LCEEC), dedicated in memory of Nancy Coccodrilli Angeli, the late wife of President Emeritus Raymond S. Angeli, rests on 211 acres of property, and is in the process of becoming LEED Silver certified. The building provides a venue with seating for up to 100 people, and will host exciting and progressive programs for the public, the College and K-12 educators and students, beginning in the fall of 2013.

The 5,000 square-foot facility uses an Integrated Design Process, developed by Hemmler + Camayd Architects. Specific design features include a wind turbine, a geothermal HVAC system, a solar photovoltaic array, daylight harvesting and a low energy design plan. These features will reduce greenhouse emissions and will help offset the maintenance and operating costs of the facility.

Other sustainable design features include a living marsh-machine wastewater treatment plant with a gray water recovery system, in which wastewater is recycled after filtering through an onsite greenhouse. Stormwater collection, rain gardens and impervious parking surfaces will mitigate storm water run-off. Reclaimed barn wood was used for flooring and countertops. Many considerations were taken to reduce toxins in the building, lower the ecological footprint, and reduce cost.

The space will also include exhibits such as an interactive software monitoring system that will provide live analysis of building data for water usage, solar and wind energy generated, reclaimed gray water usage and CO2 emission saved.

The 2 million dollar project was partially funded by DCNR Bureau of Recreation and Conservation Environmental Stewardship Fund; PA Department of Education; and US Department of Education. For more information call 570-842-1506 or visit www.lackawanna.edu.

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