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Lackawanna receives $8,000 EITC donation from Pennstar Bank

SCRANTON, Pa. – Pennstar Bank recently presented a $8,000 Educational Improvement Tax Credit donation to Lackawanna College to benefit the College’s ongoing EITC programs.

Lackawanna has been designated as an Educational Improvement Organization by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for providing innovative educational programs to students in kindergarten through 12th grade. From July 2012 to June 2013, the College’s programs attracted approximately 1,000 children from nearly a dozen regional school districts to Lackawanna’s Scranton campus and Environmental Institute in Covington Township.

Programs at the Environmental Institute ranged from week-long summer camps and discovery-based learning sessions to field trips exploring local habitats and the region’s avian ecology.

“Secondary Stages: The Community Concerts at Lackawanna College Arts Project” includes a series of hands-on learning opportunities and summer camps involving the performing arts. Individual programs are often tied thematically to the Community Concerts at Lackawanna College series, which continues its 2013-14 season on Nov. 24 with a performance by Preservation Hall Jazz Band.

“It is with great pride that Pennstar Bank extends its support to Lackawanna College for the incredible educational programs it is making available to our younger generations,” said Elizabeth C. Nagy, AVP, Marketing and Communications Manager for Pennstar Bank. “We have long shared Lackawanna College’s pursuit of building the experiences and education of our area’s youth and hope to continue our support through EITC in the years to come.”

Pennstar Bank provides personal banking, asset management and business services. The community bank, headquartered in Scranton, Pa., has over 30 offices in six northeastern Pennsylvania counties. Pennstar Bank is a division of NBT Bank, N.A. NBT Bank has 125 additional locations in New York, Vermont, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, NBT Bank and its parent company, NBT Bancorp Inc., are headquartered in Norwich, N.Y. NBT Bancorp Inc. had assets of $7.5 billion as of June 30, 2013, and is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol NBTB. More information about NBT Bank and NBT Bancorp can be found on the Internet at http://www.nbtbank.com and http://www.nbtbancorp.com.

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CAPTION: Shown during the recent check presentation are, from left, Michelle Williams, Director of the Lackawanna College Fund; Elizabeth C. Nagy, AVP, Marketing and Communications Manager, Pennstar Bank; and Mark Volk, President of Lackawanna College.