

piece of equipment is worth more than \$100,000 and even up to \$500,000.

"It's high-end equipment that we would have no chance of buying for this purpose, so it's a very advantageous program for us," Cochran said.

With the new building being built with added space and new equipment, it wouldn't come as a surprise to Cochran to see an increase in enrollment.

"When you expand a building like this, your course load should go up," Cochran said. "People get excited about being in a new building, students see that and want to be in there."

The school has also decided to use all solar panels that could've been used on future projects for the ITC building, so there will be a significant solar array on top of the new building. There will also be some panels on the ground for students to view and use as a field lab.

Once everything is moved to the new

building, the area in Barlow will still have use, according to Cynthia Risan, the dean of technology, health occupations and workforce at CCC.

"Automotive will expand," Risan said. "They're on the other wing of Barlow, and they'll expand to both wings of Barlow."

With the much needed improvements coming to the building, Mattson is ready and excited for the building to just begin.

"It's been a long time coming. It's super exciting. It's like waiting for Christmas, but they keep moving Christmas, so I'm going to be really happy when they break ground, that's for sure," said Mattson. "This is a high value investment for the community. There are great jobs at the end of the training period for all of these students and each student that comes through this program."

The groundbreaking start date is set to be on April 6, from 4-5 p.m., which is when the project is officially set to start.

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At Clackamas Community College, April showers bring May changes in elevator powers.

Starting in the spring, the college will begin elevator renovations in Randall, McLoughlin and Barlow halls.

"The renovations in Randall will start first as early as mid-May," said Public Information Officer Lori Hall in an email. "Then Barlow and McLoughlin projects will follow as early as mid-June. This project will also include rebuilding the ramp in Barlow Hall."

During the spring and summer terms, students and staff who need elevator access in these buildings will need to make special arrangements.

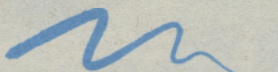
Students can contact the Disability Resource Center at 503-594-6357 or drc@clackamas.edu. The staff can help students to make sure that the classes they register for will be accessible while renovations take place.

Staff members or visitors who need access in the buildings are encouraged to contact Human Resources. HR Compliance Specialist Chris Smith can be reached at chris.smith@clackamas.edu or 503-594-3302, and Dean of Human Resources Patricia Anderson Wieck can be reached at patricia.anderson@clackamas.edu or 503-594-3300.

All projects are scheduled to be completed by fall term.

—Kristen Wohlers

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