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SECURING OUR CAMPUS: NSGP GRANT ENHANCE SAFETY MEASURES

Bennett College is pleased to announce that it has received three grants totaling $450,000 from the NC Department of Public Safety's Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP). These grants highlight the institution's steadfast commitment to ensuring the safety and security of our campus community.

Understanding the utmost importance of safety, these funds have been used to implement vital security upgrades across prominent areas of the campus. The cutting-edge security cameras and other essential safety measures have been installed in J. B. Cole Honors Hall, the Global Learning Center (GLC), and the David Jones Student Union.

Creating a safe and secure environment is crucial for nurturing an atmosphere where learning and development can flourish. With the support of these grants, Bennett College reinforces its dedication to campus safety by providing a supportive and protected environment for all community members.

Mr. Jermaine Thomas, Executive Director of Campus Safety and Health Services and Title IX Coordinator, stated, “Through the lens of surveillance cameras that we acquired through the Department of Homeland Services grant, Bennett College transforms into a vigilant guardian, safeguarding not just its physical spaces but nurturing a culture of safety and accountability. With each pixel, we embrace the promise of security, the assurance of protection, and the empowerment of our community to thrive in a sanctuary of trust.” For more information, contact Jermaine.Thomas@Bennett.edu.



Pictured: Mr. Thomas shares installation points in the J. B. Cole Honors Hall.



Pictured: Contractors install cameras on the exterior of the David Jones Student Union.

RENOVATION SPOTLIGHT: GOODE GYMNASIUM PREPARES FOR UPGRADES

The Ida Haslip Goode Gymnasium, named for a long-time trustee member of Bennett College who was also president of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, holds a rich history dating back to its construction in 1939. Goode Gym has been vital throughout its history in promoting physical health, wellness, athletic excellence, and academics within the Bennett College community. It has served as a space for students to engage in various sports, fitness activities, and academic classwork.

Over the years, Goode Gym has undergone several renovations and updates to keep pace with the evolving needs of the college community. These efforts have included modernizing its facilities, equipment upgrades, and improvements to support a wide range of athletic and recreational pursuits for students, faculty and staff, and the community.

The gym is undergoing another makeover and renovation as part of the Title III Improving Academic Facilities Activity. The transformation promises to breathe new life into this important academic space. The renovated Goode Gym will also feature expanded and upgraded academic spaces alongside upgraded facilities and amenities. These additions will provide students with a modern environment to study, collaborate, and engage in academic pursuits. Stay tuned for further updates as we continue this exciting journey of transformation and renewal at Goode Gym.



