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BISHOP ANNOUNCES LARGEST GRANT IN ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE HISTORY

Congressman Secures \$400,000 for 'Smart Classrooms'

Patchogue, NY- On Tuesday, Congressman Tim Bishop announced the largest grant in the history of St. Joseph's College. The Congressman announced a \$400,000 federal grant for the development of 'smart classrooms'. Bishop was joined at the announcement by Sister Elizabeth Hill, President of St. Joseph's College, as well as several students, who will benefit from the improved classrooms.

"These classrooms will make sure that students at St. Joseph's learn in an environment that will develop vital skills they'll need," Bishop said. "I am very glad to be able to assist St. Joseph's. This college is a gem in our community and they are doing remarkable work."

"We are very grateful to Congressman Bishop for his dedication to the school," Hill said. "Not only is this the first federal grant we have ever received, it is also the largest grant."

The 'smart classrooms' will be fully integrated, technological facilities that will provide students with the chance to use, explore and experiment with the technology that they will encounter during advanced study and in their future careers. The classrooms will be used for the lecture-based instruction of theory and as interactive learning laboratories for the practical application of that theory.

The grant will convert 45 classrooms in total, 21 on the Patchogue campus and 25 in Brooklyn. With this grant, every classroom at St. Joseph's Patchogue campus will now be a smart classroom.

The funds were included in the Omnibus Appropriations Bill, which was passed by the Congress in late-November and signed into law by President Bush in December. These funds are currently available to the College.

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