

Lees-McRae Names New Nursing School

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Lees-McRae has announced that they will begin the process of construction of a building to house their new program, their release says that, "Based on student interest, marketplace demand and the generous donation from Daniel and Dianne May, Lees-McRae College is pleased to offer undergraduate degree programs in Nursing and Allied Health, pending accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)." President Barry M. Buxton announced the plans last Wednesday evening to friends and alumni during a reception at the home of Daniel and Dianne May. He said, "We believe the May School of Nursing and Allied Health can be an important tipping point in the continuing revitalization of Lees-McRae College. There is great student interest in nursing and no shortage of demand for additional health care professionals," said Buxton. "This new program will benefit the College and the community by elevating health care in Southern Appalachia. We are grateful to Daniel and Dianne May for their love of Lees-McRae College and their transformational support." Their release said that groundbreaking construction for the May School of Nursing and Allied Health will begin as early as spring 2013 on the campus of Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk. A new 18,000 sq. ft. facility will be constructed directly across from the main entrance to campus and the Chaffee Administration Building on NC Hwy. 194.