

\$2 million for Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College

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LOGAN - Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College has been awarded a \$2 million grant from the federal government, according to Southern President Joanne Jaeger Tomblin.

Tomblin said Southern has been approved for a Title III grant under the Strengthening Institutions Program sponsored by the United States Department of Education.

The college will receive the \$2 million over a five-year period beginning in October of this year. Tomblin said the funds will be used to upgrade classrooms with multimedia equipment.

The Title III project addresses the need for student open learning spaces (labs) and the integration of multimedia into classroom instruction. The grant will be used at the Center for Allied Health and Technology (CAHT) on the Logan campus.

At the end of the grant cycle, all classrooms in the CAHT will be multimedia equipped and a majority of courses will have multimedia components, Tomblin explained. Two open computing student spaces will also be created.

Southern offers a number of degree and certificate programs in its Career and Technical Division. The University Transfer Division offers degrees that prepare students to transfer to upper division programs at four-year colleges and universities.

Southern operates four campuses and two sites located in Lincoln, Boone, Logan, Mingo, Raleigh and Wyoming counties. Kentucky students living in Pike, Martin, Boyd and Lawrence counties are eligible for in-state tuition rates. The school's Website is www.southernwv.edu; the toll free telephone number is 866-798-2821.