

SNOW COLLEGE

SNOW TO CELEBRATE FOUNDERS DAY BY UNVEILING NEW PLAZA

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EPHRAIM – Snow College will mark the end of its 120th year by unveiling its new Heritage Plaza Thursday for Founders Day.

In a public ceremony at 2 p.m. Elder Steven E. Snow, a general authority of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, will dedicate the plaza, which will stand as a tribute to those who have donated at least the equivalent of one year's tuition to the college at any point in its history.

"We wanted to have some way to remember those who have given so much to Snow," said Scott Wyatt, President of the college. "This will be an outward sign of the sacrifices people have made for the college."

The ceremony is open to the public and will take place just south of the Noyes Building. Not only does the plaza feature a wall with the names of the donors, but a place to hold events and outdoor concerts and another anchor on the west end of Snow's main Ephraim campus.

The plaza will also feature a one-and-one-quarter life size statue of Snow College's namesakes, Lorenzo and Erastus Snow. The sculpture, which was crafted by Snow's art professor Brad Taggart, is one more way to honor those important figures in Snow's history, said Wyatt.

The plaza is one piece of the much larger Huntsman Library project. The new, state-of-the-art, four-story library is on schedule to be completed in summer 2010.

Founded as Sanpete Stake Academy, Snow's first classes were held Nov. 5, 1888, in the Ephraim Co-op, a building located on Main Street in Ephraim at the corner of what is now College Ave. In years since, Nov. 5 has been observed as "Founder's Day," when the ideals and history of Snow College are celebrated.

Snow has grown from that one-room schoolhouse to Central Utah's largest institution of learning, spanning two counties and serving more than 4,000 students on campuses in both Ephraim and Richfield.