

XTO Energy donates \$30,000 for energy training initiatives at Butler County Community College

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(Butler, PA) The BC3 Education Foundation, Inc. received a \$30,000 donation from XTO Energy, a subsidiary of ExxonMobil, to support BC3 energy training initiatives. Amy Dobkin, community relations manager, XTO Energy, presented a check to Nick Neupauer, BC3 president, and Ruth Purcell, executive director of the BC3 Education Foundation, Inc., earlier this month.

In 2013, XTO partnered with BC3 to develop a best-in-class energy education program. Since then, Butler County Community College has developed a 24-credit energy technology workplace certificate. This program provides students with a fundamental understanding of the technical and human resource needs of the regional energy sector.

Support from XTO was essential in the curriculum development, equipment purchases, and internship opportunities for students in this program. This new grant will enable the College to explore development of larger field simulations and integrate energy technology education with existing public safety training at BC3.

“At XTO Energy, we are committed to helping develop the next generation of skilled workers for the natural gas and energy industry,” Mike Johnson, Appalachia Division vice president, XTO Energy, said. “In addition to providing funding, XTO worked closely with Butler County Community College for the past three years providing knowledge and leadership from our technical experts to help develop programs for those interested in pursuing careers in the energy industry.”

Nick Neupauer commented, “We believe that there continue to be opportunities in the regional energy sector for students and the current workforce. Our goal is to assure that BC3 energy programs provide the quality and flexibility to meet the changing work environment. Our partnerships with companies like XTO assure that we will meet this goal. We are grateful for XTO Energy’s continuing support and investment.”