

Capital University Center Moves into Permanent Home



Capital University Center, a public higher education center located in Pierre, celebrated completion of its 18,555 square-foot building with an open house Aug. 12, 2009. Wallace R. Halverson (right), a retired educator who donated \$1 million to the building project and for whom the education building is named, cuts the ribbon to officially open the facility.



Celebrating the grand opening of Capital University Center included (from left): Ron Woodburn, the center's executive director; Ellen Lee, executive director of St. Mary's Foundation; Susan and Jim Mollison and Wallace R. Halverson, the building project's major donors; Ann Thompson, former executive director and founder of Capital University Center; Cheryl Stone, a member of the Capital University Center Foundation Advisory Board; and Sen. Bob Gray of Pierre.



Jack R. Warner, executive director and CEO of the South Dakota Board of Regents, said Capital University Center plays a critical role in expanding access to postsecondary education across central South Dakota.



Ann McKay Thompson, former executive director of Capital University Center, recalled the forward vision of community leaders who established CUC in 1982.

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