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PEWAUKEE — The former president and owner of Signicast Corporation, Walter (Terry) Lutz, donated on Wednesday \$2 million to Waukesha County Technical College. WCTC and the WCTC Foundation announced that the donated money will go towards enhancing and expanding the school's Integrated Manufacturing Center.

“Manufacturing is crucial to the success of the United States and the American dream,” said Lutz.

The IMC and adjacent building will be named the “Terry Lutz Integrated Manufacturing Center” in recognition of the donation. WCTC officials are considering various facility enhancements to best support student learning.

The Lutz Family Foundation also plans to commit \$600,000 toward the purchase of new training equipment. In February,

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the foundation donated \$188,000 to purchase an automated manufacturing cell for the college's Automation Systems Technology/ Robotics program.

Lutz, who holds a bachelor's degree in metallurgical engineering, hired many WCTC graduates throughout his career with Hartford-based Signicast.

“At Signicast, I had a firsthand view of the skills required of employees who wish to become leaders

in manufacturing,” said Lutz. “I decided to make a sizable gift so the college's Integrated Manufacturing Center could have the most modern facilities and equipment.”

WCTC Dean of Applied Technologies Mike Shiels said the gift will have “an incredible impact” on the college's advanced manufacturing programs and students will benefit from the new equipment and improvements to the facilities adjacent to the IMC.

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