

Lewiston, NY – Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28) today announced Niagara University is poised to receive \$550,000 to purchase equipment for the B. Thomas Golisano Center for Integrated Sciences. The funding, which has passed a key legislative hurdle and is positioned for approval by the House and Senate by the end of the year, will allow the campus to install modern science equipment allowing the University to continue the growth of their science departments and facilitate integrated and interdisciplinary discovery research.

“Niagara University’s commitment to its students is unparalleled,” said Slaughter, “and I’m pleased to provide this federal funding to Niagara University so they can continue their exemplary education in the sciences and prepare its students for the jobs of tomorrow.”

Slaughter was joined by Niagara University President Reverend Joseph L. Levesque for today’s announcement.

“I have said many times that the B. Thomas Golisano Center for Integrated Sciences will radically alter the teaching and research environment on our campus,” said Father Levesque. “Thank you Congresswoman Slaughter for supporting this important initiative and, in doing so, bolstering Niagara University’s position as a premier 21st century institution of higher learning.”

The B. Thomas Golisano Center for Integrated Sciences will feature advanced research laboratories, faculty offices and classrooms for Niagara University’s 3,300 students. The \$550,000 announced today will purchase essential scientific equipment and classroom technology for the state-of-the-art center. Construction is set to begin on the 46,000 square foot facility in May. The new Science Building is expected to have an immediate fiscal impact upon the Western New York region with an estimated 392 full time jobs created during construction and more than \$42 million realized in indirect economic impact.

The funding was approved by the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education in July. This is a key hurdle and positions the project for funding when the measure is voted on by the full House and Senate.