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## Media are invited for a sneak peek at the U of L's new science building

After years of planning and construction, University of Lethbridge crews are putting finishing touches on the new science building and preparing to open the doors to the public. In advance of the Big Bang Grand Opening Weekend, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 13 and 14, we are inviting local media to have a sneak peek at this \$280-million facility that puts science on display and will inspire the next generation of researchers, entrepreneurs and leaders.

**What:** Sneak peek media tour

**When:** Thursday, August 15, 10:30 a.m.

**Where:** Main Entry, Level 8

\*Media can park in the lot on the north side of the building

**Who:** **Dr. Matt Letts**, Faculty of Arts & Science interim dean, will provide an overview of the building, its design and purpose, and the scientific disciplines it houses.

**Gene Lublinkhof**, director of Science Facilities, will speak about the complexity of moving 50 years of science into the new building.

**Ed de Bruin**, project manager with the Destination Project, will talk about some of the green features of the building, such as its natural ventilation, exposure to natural light and integrated shading.

**Dr. Laura Keffer-Wilkes**, Synbridge manager and chemistry and biochemistry instructor, will discuss the opportunities for scientific collaboration and community outreach that come with the new building.

After remarks by the first four speakers, the tour will move to Level 6 and the NMR facility to meet **Tony Montana**, NMR facility manager. He will describe the process of moving sensitive equipment like a nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) instrument and provide a few details on the upcoming Big Bang grand opening celebrations. Following this, the speakers will be available for one-on-one interviews or to show additional features of the building.

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