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A grant from the Cardiology Associates Foundation in Jonesboro has enabled Williams Baptist College to add an important new safety feature to its campus. The college has received a heart defibrillator for emergency use in its gymnasium.

The automatic external defibrillator, valued at \$3,000, is to be placed in WBC's Southerland-Mabee Center, according to Betty Gregory, college nurse at Williams. The grant also provided for four people at the college to receive training on operating the device.

Pictured above is Gregory examining the defibrillator with campus security director Jerry Van Kirk.

Additionally, WBC is purchasing two training kits, which will enable others at the college to be certified in using the defibrillator.

Gregory said the device will analyze heart rhythms and, when necessary, shock the heart back to beating. Defibrillators have been credited with saving numerous lives around the country, particularly when athletes have experienced heart failure in the course of competition.