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Nail-driving ceremony marks construction kickoff for San Diego City College Math & Social Sciences building

SAN DIEGO – The swinging of hammers and pounding of 6” nails into a 20’ wooden beam marked the ceremonial kickoff of accelerated construction for the new [Math & Social Sciences classroom building](#) at San City College. The \$80.9 million project consists of land acquisition and construction of a new 85,000 square foot classroom building for Mathematics, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and the District’s Military Education program. The five-story facility will also include the District’s Corporate Education Center, a Family Health Center, and a parking structure to accommodate 400 vehicles.

“This project is a very exciting one for us. It will be our second absolutely brand building, and it will essentially be the frame of the new grand entrance to San Diego City College,” said Dr. Terry Burgess, President of San Diego City College.

“This building will make a great difference to City College and it will make an enormous difference for the city of San Diego,” said Dr. Constance Carroll, Chancellor of the San Diego Community College District. “It will make all of the difference in the world to the people who are the most important of all, the students.”



The new building, which is expected to be completed in fall of 2012 will provide a central location for several academic programs currently scattered in different locations and become the working home of over 120 part-time and full-time faculty, representing five different departments.

“When this building is completed, it will be one of the busiest places on campus,” said Lori Erreca, Dean, Behavioral & Social Sciences and Consumer and Family Studies. “Because of the numerous disciplines and the breadth of the subjects that will be located in this building, students will be able to complete 90 percent of the degree requirements for the Associate in Arts/Liberal Arts and Sciences by attending classes in *just this building*.”

Designed by Roesling Nakamura Terada Architects, the building is on track to obtain a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification by the U.S. Green Building Council. Sustainable features include:

- Use of water-efficient plumbing fixtures
- Low emittance (Low-E) glazing on windows allows natural light through but blocks radiant heat
- Formaldehyde-free materials and no chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)
- Low volatile organic compound (VOC) emitting materials, adhesives and paints
- 75% of construction materials waste and debris will be diverted from landfill disposal
- Use of recycled materials throughout the project
- Increased ventilation for improved indoor air quality
- Energy efficient lighting with adjustable lighting controls

“I’m a biology major here so I’m really excited about this whole environmental LEED certification,” praised Alberto Vasquez, President of the Associated Students. “That means everything is eco-friendly here. We’re trying to leave the smallest carbon footprint possible and I’m excited about that.”

To view video highlights of the program and the nail-driving ceremony, please visit

<http://www.youtube.com/user/SDCCDPropsSN>.

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