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“Topping Out” of Linda Vista Campus for San Diego Continuing Education

Construction milestone marks placement of highest structural element



What: Topping Out Celebration for San Diego Continuing Education’s Linda Vista Campus

When: **Friday, November 18, 2011, 11:00 a.m.**

Where: Staging area is located across the street from the Allied Health building [parking lot](#), San Diego Mesa College, 7250 Mesa College Drive, San Diego 92111-4998.

Background:

A “topping out” marks the point when a structure’s highest element is hoisted into place. The practice started in Scandinavia over 1,000 years ago. Upon reaching the highest point, workers traditionally put into place a small evergreen tree as a symbol of good faith and good luck.

In keeping with this longstanding construction tradition, the final vertical beam – one of more than 17,000 pieces of steel used for the [Linda Vista Campus](#) - will be painted white and made available for construction crewmembers, campus and district dignitaries to sign before it is lifted into place along with an evergreen tree and American flag. A 220-ton crane will hoist the beam into its final position.

The \$20.6 million facility will be a two-story, 38,000 gross square feet building consolidating programs currently offered in temporary classrooms at Clairemont High School, Linda Vista Presbyterian Church (a rented facility), and in surrounding community and neighborhood sites. The new facility will offer classes in ESL (English as a Second Language), Disability Support Program and Services (the Acquired Brain Injury Program), Emeritus (classes for age 55+), and Parent Education programs. In addition, there will be a parent/child educational space, a nutritional kitchenette for classroom demonstrations, as well as the required administrative office areas. The project is designated to obtain Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification.

By The Numbers

- 438 Tons of Steel**
- 41 Truck Loads of Steel**
- 6,708 lbs. Largest Column**
- 3,685 lbs. Largest Beam**
- 17,151 Individual Pieces of Steel**
- \$1.65 Million Worth of Steel**
- 50 Day Steel Duration (10 weeks)**

The Linda Vista Campus is one of 14 projects currently under construction as part of the \$1.555 billion Propositions S & N construction bond program, providing for new instructional and career training facilities, major renovations, parking, public safety enhancements and infrastructure projects at City, Mesa and Miramar Colleges and six Continuing Education campuses. To learn more, please visit <http://public.sdccdprops-n.com/Pages/sdccd.aspx>.

Visuals/

- Signing of the steel beam

Media Availability

- Lifting of the steel beam into place with evergreen tree and American flag
- Construction crew, district and campus leaders, students, others
- 120-foot steel crane

Project Partners

- **Architect:** SGPA Architecture
- **Construction Manager:** PCL Construction
- **Civil Engineer:** Latitude 33
- **Electrical Engineer:** Johnson Consulting Engineers
- **Mechanical Engineer:** MA Engineers
- **Landscape Architect:** MW Peltz & Associates
- **Campus Project Manager:** Scott Ellis, URS Corp.
- **Project Manager:** Brian Browning, PE, Gafcon, Inc.
- **Propositions S and N Program Manager:** Gafcon, Inc.

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