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San Diego Mesa College opens new Design Center

Renovated elementary school now home to college's Department of Architecture and Environmental Design

What: San Diego Mesa College will host a dedication ceremony for the new Mesa College Design Center, home of the college's Department of Architecture and Environmental Design. The project was originally a 24,000 square foot, six-building elementary school. The renovation involved interior alterations, repairs, technology upgrades and accessibility enhancements, along with exterior building and site improvements. The renovation is funded by the District's \$1.555 Propositions S and N construction bond program.

When: Thursday, May 19, 2011
10:00 a.m. – Dedication and Remarks
10:30 a.m. – noon – Guided Tours, Refreshments

Where: 7250 Mesa College Dr., San Diego, CA 92111-4998
See map at <http://www.sdmesa.edu/map/index.cfm>

Who: Program speakers include:
Elizabeth J. Armstrong, Interim President, San Diego Mesa College
Rich Grosch, President, Board of Trustees, SDCCD
Constance M. Carroll, Chancellor, SDCCD
David Umstot, Vice Chancellor, Facilities Management, SDCCD
Ian Kay, AIA, Chair, Dept. of Architecture and Environmental Design
Petra Rupp, Interior Design Major, Class of 2011

Background:
The \$5.4 million renovation provides training facilities and state-of-the-art classroom space for nine degree and 14 certificate programs for the Architecture, Building Construction Technology, Interior Design, and Landscape Architecture programs.

Sustainable Features:
All construction and major renovations by the San Diego Community College District are designed and built to obtain the highest possible certification from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. The Mesa College Design Center project includes a number of sustainable features:

- Extensive use of natural lighting
- Design materials made with recycled content
- The landscape plan utilizes a water-efficient irrigation system and low water use plants and shrubs.



Visuals

- Unveiling of bronze dedication plaque
- Tours of the facility
- Classroom observations/demonstrations

Project Partners:

- **Architect:** Delawie Wilkes Rodrigues Barker Architects
- **Mechanical Engineering:** McParlane & Associates
- **Electrical Engineer:** Michael Wall Engineering
- **Structural Engineer:** Hope Engineering
- **Civil Engineer:** RBF Consulting
- **Landscape Architect:** Wimmer Yamada & Caughey
- **Propositions S and N Program Manager:** Gafcon, Inc.
- **Campus Project Manager:** Diane K. Malone, AIA NCARB LEED AP, Gafcon, Inc.

To obtain high-resolution renderings and/or construction photographs, please contact Ursula Kroemer at (760) 705-6919 or ukroemer@gafcon.com

The \$1.555 billion Propositions S and N construction bond program is providing for new teaching and learning facilities, major renovations, and campus-wide infrastructure projects at City, Mesa and Miramar Colleges, and six Continuing Education locations. For more information, please visit www.public.sdccdprops-n.com.

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