



## Miramar College to unveil two new campus buildings

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At 1 p.m. Tuesday, San Diego Miramar College will celebrate the formal grand opening of its Humanities & Arts Building and Math & Business Building, along with a new campus center to be called the Compass Center.

The two buildings, previously honored as Projects of Distinction winners in the 2008 Education Design Showcase, are on track to obtain a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC).

The Humanities & Arts Building consists of approximately 45,000 gross square feet of new construction to house the English, visual arts, music, speech and foreign language programs. The building includes "smart" classrooms, a lecture hall, recording studio, studio space for drawing, painting and ceramics, and related office space for faculty and support staff.

The Math & Business Building consists of approximately 45,899 gross square feet that includes new "smart" classrooms equipped with computers, audiovisual and multimedia equipment, a mathematics research center and related office space for faculty and support staff.

The ceremony will also include the formal opening of the new Compass Center, a giant circular azimuth compass feature in what will be the new central gathering point on campus.

The \$34.4 million dual-classroom building project was funded as part of the San Diego Community College District's \$1.555 billion propositions S and N construction bond program.

**NTD Architecture** was the designer of the two buildings. The project construction manager was **Sundt Construction**. Engineering consultants were **Wiseman + Rohy Structural Engineers**, **Michael Wall Engineering** for electrical and **DCE Inc.** for mechanical. **Gafcon Inc.** is the Propositions S and N program manager.

The Compass Center designer and landscape architect was Wimmer Yamada & Caughey. The project manager was James Bray, of Gafcon. The sustainable features of the two buildings include: sloped roofs with north-facing clerestory windows and south-facing photovoltaic panels; use of concrete, brick and stone to achieve thermal massing; high performance glass; and recycled materials and high efficiency lighting, plumbing and mechanical systems.