

## REAL ESTATE ROUNDUP

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### Miramar College Building Has Topping Out Ceremony

A “topping out” ceremony is being held for the Cafeteria, Bookstore and Student Services Center project at San Diego Miramar College.

In keeping with this longstanding construction tradition, the final vertical beam — one of nearly 17,000 pieces of steel used for the Cafeteria/Bookstore/Student Services Center — will be painted white and made available for construction crew members, campus and college district dignitaries and invited guests to sign before it is lifted into place along with an evergreen tree and U.S. flag. A 190-ton crane will hoist the beam into its final position.

The new three-story building consisting of 76,000 gross square feet will include a cafeteria, bookstore, multipurpose room, convenience store, coffee shop/café and meeting rooms as well as house student support services such as admissions, counseling, financial aid, and student activities offices.

The project is on track to obtain a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, and includes a number of sustainable features. The light well and atrium will be multifunctional, harvesting daylight into the building core. Photovoltaic panels will capture energy and provide shade to the building and outdoor balconies.

The building is 35 percent more efficient than required by California’s Title 24 energy-efficiency code for construction. The building will utilize reclaimed water to flush toilets and for landscape irrigation.

The Cafeteria/Bookstore/Student Services Center project is one of 14 projects currently under construction as part of the \$1.55 billion Propositions S and 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.