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New West City Campus opens in Point Loma

*Sustainability showstopper is newest Continuing Education campus for SDCCD;
high-performance building design will result in significant water and energy savings*

What: The two-story West City Campus is San Diego Continuing Education's newest teaching/learning facility.

Nearly 39,000 square feet, the \$18 million campus was designed to be Continuing Education's "Campus of Excellence" for Hospitality and Consumer Science. In addition to housing one of the best Culinary Arts kitchens in all of San Diego for teaching, learning and demonstration, West City's technology-rich, state-of-the-art classrooms are especially designed to teach and enhance students' skills in Sewing, Fashion Business Information Technology, English for non-native English Speakers, Parenting Education, Arts and Emeritus Program (classes for age 55+).

The project was funded by the \$1.555 billion Propositions S and N construction bond program, providing for new instructional facilities, major renovations and infrastructure projects at City, Mesa and Miramar Colleges, and six Continuing Education campuses.

When: Wednesday, May 6, 2009, 10 a.m.

Where: 3249 Fordham St., San Diego, CA 92110

Who:

Anthony Beebe, President, San Diego Continuing Education
Rich Grosch, President, Board of Trustees, San Diego Community College District
Constance M. Carroll, Chancellor, San Diego Community College District
Sy Lyon, Dean, Hospitality Services, Consumer Sciences & Basic Skills, San Diego Continuing Education
David Umstot, Vice Chancellor, Facilities Management, San Diego Community College District



Faculty, staff, design team, contractor, construction team and visitors

Other:

San Diego Gas & Electric will present check for participation in Sustainable Communities energy efficiency program

- The Associated Student Body will begin leading tours immediately throughout the day.
- Student/faculty groups will provide demonstrations and performances throughout the day
 - 9:45 a.m. – West City Dixie Jazz Band
 - 10:30 a.m. – Pattern making demonstration
 - 10:45 a.m. – Ikebana floral design demonstration
 - 11:00 a.m. – NOTEables Chorus
 - 11:15 a.m. – Baby Sign Language demonstration (performing childhood favorites)
 - 11:20 a.m. – Cedar Center Chorus
 - 11:30 a.m. , 12:15 p.m. – Fashion Show
 - 12:45 p.m. – Textile design demonstration
 - 1:15 p.m. – Tailoring demonstration
 - 1:30 p.m. – Dance Band Combo

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. West City will obtain, at minimum, LEED Silver.

- Low E-rated windows and solar tubes help maximize natural daylighting, reducing energy demands on cooling and artificial lighting. Sensors automatically dim lights in response to available lighting.
- Low-flow and waterless plumbing fixtures reduce water consumption by over 40% as compared to a standard building, saving an estimated 386,000 gallons of water per year.
- Economizer units on the roof will circulate fresh outside air into the building. Low-fume emitting paint, adhesives and carpeting, along with automatic CO2 monitors help maintain good indoor air quality.
- Sorting and recycling the construction waste diverted about 90% of the project's construction waste – approximately 200 tons – from the local landfills. This included grinding the concrete foundations and parking lot from the old buildings to reuse as base under the new building.
- A high percentage of new construction materials are made from recycled materials. This includes countertops made from recycled newsprint, fences made from recycled plastics, and play surfaces made from recycled tires. *(Photos of all of these features are available from Ursula Kroemer)*
- The use of [porous concrete](#) in the parking lots serves as a storm water management tool, minimizing runoff to the San Diego Bay and River.
- Trees and shrubs have been selected for their compatibility to the area, to provide shade and to minimize the need for water. A high efficiency irrigation system utilizes a controller that adjusts itself to the local weather.

To obtain high-resolution renderings and/or construction photographs, please contact Ursula Kroemer at (760) 705-6919 or ukroemer@gafcon.com. For more information about the West City Campus project, visit <http://www.sdccdprops-n.com/Continuing-Education/Projects/1431.aspx>. For more information about Propositions S and N projects, visit www.sdccdprops-n.com. To learn more about programs and classes offered by San Diego Continuing Education, visit <http://www.sdce.edu/> or contact Ranessa Ashton at rashton@sdccd.edu or (619) 388-4833.