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Construction of award-winning classroom building designs underway at San Diego Miramar College

*New academic facilities to house Arts, Humanities, Business and Mathematics;
buildings will meet coveted Silver LEED certification*



L-R: Mike Charles, *Miramar College Math Department Chair*; Bob Fritsch, *Miramar College Arts & Humanities Department Chair*; Dr. Constance M. Carroll, *Chancellor, San Diego Community College District (SDCCD)*; Rich Grosch, *President, SDCCD Board of Trustees*; Dr. Patricia Hsieh, *President, Miramar College*; Bethany Morgan, *President, Miramar College Arts Club*; Dave Umstot, *Vice Chancellor, SDCCD Facilities Management*

MIRA MESA— With a hulking backdrop made of construction graders, scrapers and bulldozers, San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) officials gathered with faculty, staff and students last week to celebrate the official groundbreaking for two new classroom buildings at San Diego Miramar College. A

Fall 2010 completion is expected.

The \$22.47 million *Arts & Humanities Building* and \$22.49 million *Business and Mathematics Building* are the latest projects to be built as part of the SDCCD's \$1.55 billion Propositions S and N construction bond program, providing for new instructional facilities, major renovations, and campuswide infrastructure projects at City, Mesa, and Miramar Colleges, and six Continuing Education campuses.

"Today's Groundbreaking ceremony was a wonderful event because it was another historic moment for the College. The construction of an additional 80,000 square feet of classrooms clearly demonstrates the College's commitment to student access and to meeting community needs," stated Dr. Patricia Hsieh, President of Miramar College.

In reflecting back to 1993 when she first joined the district, Chancellor Constance M. Carroll remembered Miramar College as an "established, well-respected college with faculty and staff who had incredible heart, intelligence, creativity and vision, but very little" in terms of physical facilities.

"Now, the bond measures and building program are keeping pace, and matching facilities to the extraordinary people who have created Miramar College," she added. "This is a wonderful accomplishment."

Rich Grosch, President of the Board of Trustees for the district, credited taxpayers for providing a "dual investment in San Diego."

"San Diego taxpayers are making a solid investment the future of education with these new classroom buildings, and, at the same time, an investment in our local economy, with the new buildings providing at least 200 prevailing-wage construction-related jobs."

Designed by NTD Architecture, both buildings were recognized as *2008 Projects of Distinction* in the Education Showcase, recognizing exemplary design and energy efficiency. Bids for the subcontractor work, estimated at \$30.5 million, came in nearly a third under budget at \$20,628,870, representing a savings of nearly \$10 million to San Diego taxpayers.

The classroom buildings are expected to obtain Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). Sun studies determined the

optimal, most energy efficient orientation of the building is one with north-facing clerestory windows to maximize and draw in natural light, and sloped roofs with south-facing photovoltaic panels. High performance and recycled-content materials will be used throughout the project, and include energy efficient lightening and mechanical systems, and glazing to help glass windows resist heat flow.

The designs were created using Building Information Modeling (BIM), a three-dimension, real-time building modeling program that can increase productivity in building design and efficiency.

The Arts and Humanities Building will house liberal arts; behavior and social sciences; English, communication, and world languages; music; and the Learning Communities classroom, offering support for all students in Speech, English, ESOL, Spanish, and Tagalog courses. A flexible tiered classroom will be used for lectures and recitals.



The Business and Mathematics Building classrooms include computers built into the desks and hook-ups for laptops at each working station, as well as lecture classrooms with smart technology, a mathematics center, offices, community space, a computer-assisted lab, tutoring area and support spaces.



Project partners for the new classroom buildings include NTD Architecture, Sundt Construction, Wiseman + Rohy Structural Engineers, Michael Wall Engineering, Gafcon, Inc. and 22 multi-prime delivery contractors.

Student enrollment at Miramar College is currently 12,000 per semester, but is expected to swell to 25,000 after completion of the campus facilities master plan, around 2020.

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