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Hourglass Park Field House Open at Miramar College

57,000 square foot facility is seventh project helping to transform campus;

Water- and energy-efficient design expected to receive LEED certification

SAN DIEGO – With this spring’s opening of the new Hourglass Park Field House, the highly anticipated third phase to a 32-acre joint use athletics complex with the City of San Diego, Miramar College now has a home for its intercollegiate sports programs.

More than 300 guests to the grand opening toured the new \$26 million Field House project, which adds a 41,000 square foot gymnasium, fitness center, classrooms, dance rooms, lecture rooms, faculty and staff areas, and a concession stand to the complex.

Miramar College President Patricia Hsieh credited the partnerships between the City, District and College for helping a “dream come true.”

“We at Miramar pride ourselves on successful partnerships, and today, we celebrate our partnership with community,” said Hsieh. “I’d like to thank the City of San Diego for giving the college the opportunity to enhance our ability to serve area residents in addition to the excellent instruction we provide our students.”



Elated members of the Miramar Jets Men’s Basketball Team celebrate the new Hourglass Park Field House, a \$26 million joint-use project with the City of San Diego.



Assisting with the official ribbon cutting are (L-R) Joe Frichtel, Chairperson, Mira Mesa Recreation Council; Rod Porter, Department Chair, Health, Exercise Science and Nutrition, Miramar College; Peter Zschiesche, Executive Vice President, SDCCD Board of Trustees; Nicholas Gehler, Athletics Director, Miramar College; Constance M. Carroll, SDCCD Chancellor; Patricia Hsieh, President, Mesa College; Kevin Krumdieck, Carrier Johnson; Carl DeMaio, San Diego City Councilmember, 5th District; Brittany Forester, Associated Student President; Joe Grosshart, Vice President, CW Driver; Lianna Rios, SDG&E; and Stacy LoMedico, Director, SD Park and Recreation.

San Diego Community College District Chancellor Constance Carroll characterized the multi-agency collaboration as a ‘win-win’ for the students and the community. “When public agencies collaborate and join forces, the public wins,” she said.

San Diego City Councilmember Carl DeMaio praised the project as a “brilliant facility” that maintains the city’s commitment to clean and safe neighborhoods. “Our park and recreational facilities provide our community and our children ‘safe zones’ and an opportunity for learning.”

Describing the project as one that puts “students first,” Miramar Associated Students President Brittany Forester expressed thanks on behalf of the entire student body at Miramar.

“I want to give a special thanks to our taxpayers for supporting us. You’re not just investing in a shiny new building, you are investing in the students of Miramar College and also your future community leaders,” said Forester. “Go Jets!”

As she introduced members of Miramar’s Jets men’s basketball team, President Hsieh applauded the opportunity to now have a true home court advantage. “While the team has achieved outstanding and dazzling accomplishments, they had to go off campus to practice. Even for their home games, we had to use an off-campus facility,” said Hsieh. “Starting today our basketball team will be able to stay home and enjoy everything this facility has to provide. “

Rod Porter, head of the college’s Health, Exercise Science and Nutrition Department, characterized the long-awaited facility as an “absolutely amazing fitness center is going to rival not only every community college in the state but every four year school.”

Saluting the project’s sustainable features as another slam-dunk for the project, Peter Zschiesche, Executive Vice President of the SDCCD Board of Trustees, stressed the importance of being good stewards of global resources. “Good governance requires that we look at how to sustain ourselves on the gift of the earth that we’ve been given.”

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. Sustainable features of the Hourglass Park Field House include:

- Using reclaimed water to irrigate water-efficient landscaping
- Non-heat absorbing roofing materials to mitigate “heat islands”



- Water-conserving plumbing fixtures, including waterless urinals, reducing water consumption by 30% compared to typically-constructed building
- High energy performance by adding additional insulation at roofs and walls, adding lighting occupancy sensors, and air handlers for HVAC units that utilize cool morning/evening outside air.
- Extensive (20%) use of recycled materials, including high content of post-consumer materials in steel elements, and recycled tires in rubber gym flooring.
- Over 50% of wood used is certified by the Forestry Steward Council as responsibly harvested.
- Indoor air quality maximized by the use of materials with low chemical content, and increased outside air ventilation.

The Hourglass Park Field House is one of about 80 new projects or complete renovations being funded as part of the \$1.55 billion Propositions S and N construction bond program.

The Field House project team includes:

Architect: Carrier Johnson + Culture

General Contractor: CW Driver

Construction Manager: Swinerton Management & Consulting

Program Manager: Gafcon, Inc.

Structural Engineer: Schneider + Associates

Civil Engineer: Burkett & Wong

Electrical Engineer: Michael Wall Associates

Mechanical Engineer: James Mann Associates

Landscape Architect: Howard Associates

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