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El Camino College Celebrates Grand Opening of Murdock Stadium *Facilities bond funds support new Murdock Stadium / Athletic Education and Fitness Complex*

El Camino College celebrated the grand opening of a new Athletic Education and Fitness Complex / Murdock Stadium with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 1. The brand new, state-of-the-art facility opened just in time for the first football game of the 2016 season.

The campus community joined numerous South Bay leaders to celebrate this historic occasion with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, tours, and testimonials from student-athletes. Also attending were several members of the Murdock Family, descendants of El Camino College founding President Forrest G. Murdock.

Carol Murdock, daughter-in-law of the late president, was pleased to return to the El Camino College campus for the celebration. She is an alumna and former employee – and she also attended the ceremony in 1958 when the stadium was named in honor of President Murdock.

The \$48 million facility was funded by the 2002 Measure E facilities bond. It supports the college's outstanding men's and women's athletic programs and kinesiology classes. The modern stadium replaces the original structure, which was built in 1949. The complex includes a 7,869-seat stadium; synthetic turf fields for both football and soccer; a collegiate nine-lane running track with pole vault, high jump, long jump, and steeple chase; and an athletic training facility, modern locker rooms, and a new equipment room.

Drought-tolerant plants and reclaimed water are used throughout the site. There are also elevated viewing areas, a roof-top filming deck, and a press box for both the home team and visitors. Communication and technology features include: sitewide Wi-Fi; wireless communication; and audio/visual systems. Another feature is a community walking track for residents and college employees.

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