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El Camino College Schedules Open House Celebration for New Humanities Building

The community is invited to celebrate the grand opening of El Camino College's brand new Humanities Building. The festivities are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 30 outside the Humanities Building, which faces Crenshaw Boulevard. The building will be open to students just in time for the start of the spring semester, Feb. 9.

The community open house event will introduce the \$29 million project to the community – the first completely new instructional building on the El Camino College campus in nearly 40 years. Tours are scheduled every half hour.

"We encourage our community to visit us during the open house of our beautiful new Humanities Building," said Thomas M. Fallo, president of El Camino College. "We are grateful for all those who supported us as we moved ahead with this project and many other campus improvements."

The Humanities Building replaces the last original "barracks-type" structures on campus, trucked up more than 60 years ago from the old Santa Ana Army Air Base in Orange County. The Humanities Building and numerous other facilities improvements on campus are made possible with funds from Measure E, which voters supported in 2002.

The three-story building is constructed of brick, concrete and glass, featuring state-of-the-art services such as WiFi and computer labs. It was also built to be energy efficient – using recycled and eco-friendly materials wherever possible. All classrooms have podiums and projectors and are designed to let in plenty of natural light. An energy-saving computerized heating system will eventually be controlled by the campus' Central Plant.

In addition, hallway floors are covered in a thick vinyl, eliminating noise from passing students.

Surrounded by the Natural Sciences Complex, the Schauerman Library and the Administration Building, the Humanities Building is designed to serve as the "front door" to the campus from Crenshaw Boulevard.

Visitors to the Humanities Open House are encouraged to park in Lots J and K. For more information, call 310-660-3406