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## **El Camino College Schedules Grand Opening Celebration for New Humanities Mall Project**

The community is invited to celebrate the grand opening of El Camino College's brand new Humanities Mall project. The festivities are scheduled for 3:30 p.m. April 19 at the newly landscaped area, which is located in the area bounded by the MCS Building on the north, the Library Building on the south, the Humanities Building on the east, and the main north/south walkway on the west.

The grand opening event will introduce the \$2.424 million project to the community, which provides hardscape, landscaping, and a food service venue to the El Camino College campus. The Humanities Mall project and numerous other facilities improvements on campus were made possible with funds from Measure E, the college's facilities bond, which voters approved in 2002.

The Humanities Mall completes the Humanities Building project, which opened for classes in Spring 2008 as the first completely new instructional building on the El Camino College campus in nearly 40 years. The Humanities Building replaced the college's last original "barracks-type" structure, trucked up more than 60 years ago from the old Santa Ana Army Air Base in Orange County. The three-story building is constructed of brick, concrete and glass, featuring state-of-the-art services such as WiFi, computer labs, and energy-efficient infrastructure.

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

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

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