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El Camino College to Celebrate Grand Opening of New Math Business Allied Health Building

El Camino College will celebrate the grand opening of the new Math Business Allied Health (MBA) Building on Wednesday, March 6 with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 5:30 p.m.

The MBA Building is the second completely new instructional building on the Torrance-area campus in nearly 45 years. The Mathematical Sciences and Business divisions as well as the Nursing, Respiratory Care, and Radiologic Technology programs will be housed in the new four-level, 115,000-square-foot building. The \$35.1 million MBA Building is made possible with funds from the college's 2002 Measure E facilities bond.

"We thank the communities in the El Camino Community College District for supporting Measure E this past November," said Thomas Fallo, superintendent/president. "Facilities bond funding made this outstanding new building possible, ensuring improved facilities and educational opportunities for students well into the future."

With 58 classrooms, including 11 computer labs outfitted with a total of 480 computers for educational programs, the building can serve 2,400 students and 200 faculty/staff members at one time. All classrooms have wireless access and state-of-the-art "smart" classroom technology. The first floor features a 3,000-square-foot computer lab and tutoring center, in addition to a spacious student lobby with study areas.

Students in the Nursing Program have access to a skills lab and a simulation lab featuring high fidelity mannequins that mimic the human body. The Radiologic Technology and the Respiratory Care programs also have new lab areas. These four labs are all located on the fourth floor, adjacent to each other, to replicate a hospital environment.

The energy savings of the building are significant – it exceeds California energy standards (also known as Title 24) by a remarkable 25 percent. The building is connected to the campus' Energy Management System, allowing the heating and air conditioning to be remotely controlled by computer. This system was designed to provide heating and cooling on each floor, allowing for controllability in the case of partial occupancy. In addition, an energy-efficient lighting system includes day lighting and motion sensors.

Sustainable features of the building include: natural light and views to the outside in every classroom and office within the building; heat reduction through an insulated reflective cool roof; and the use of recycled building materials where possible.

Outside, nearly 5 acres of new landscaping and hardscape include a mixture of drought-tolerant plants and lawn areas that provide casual student gathering spaces. Wireless access and shaded seating areas are available in both the north and south courtyards.

Located on Crenshaw Boulevard, the new MBA Building serves as a visual cornerstone for the college.

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