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San Diego Mesa College kicks off Fine Arts Building project

Transformation of former I-300 Building will provide state-of-the-art home for Mesa College Art Gallery and Fine Arts Department programs for drawing, painting, sculpting and ceramics



What: San Diego Mesa College will host a start-of-construction event for the future Fine Arts Building. The four-story, 26,500 assignable square foot [Fine Arts Building](#), the final classroom project for Mesa under the District's [Propositions S and N bond program](#), will be constructed within an existing building on campus, the former I-300 Building, and will serve as a highly visible and thriving hub for Fine Arts students, providing modernized facilities and equipment for programs in drawing, painting, photography, sculpting and ceramics. The building will also provide a new space for the highly-acclaimed Mesa Art Gallery.

Floor plans of the new design will be enlarged and printed on white plywood. Staff, students, faculty and others are invited to come sign the floor plans or draw a picture to symbolize their connection to the new facility. The floor plan mementos will be put on short-term display in the building once opened.

When: Thursday, October 19, 2017

- 8 – 10 a.m. – Floor plans available for all to come draw on or sign
- 10 a.m. – Brief remarks by President Pamela T. Luster, Ed.D.

Where: San Diego Mesa College, 7250 Mesa College Dr., San Diego, CA 92111. The event will take place at the entrance to the construction zone for the project, located adjacent to the I-400 (Student Services Center) at the northern edge of the campus. ([View map](#))

Visuals/Media Availability:

- Large floor plan schematics; students, staff and others signing on them or drawing on them; interviews with SDCCD and Mesa College campus officials and students can be arranged in advance upon request.

Fine Arts Building Project Team:

- Design-Build Team: ARCHITECTS Hanna Gabriel Wells and C.W. Driver
- Civil Engineer: Snipes-Dye Associates
- Electrical Engineer: Michael Wall Engineering
- Mechanical/Plumbing Engineer: MA Engineers
- Structural Engineer: DCI Engineers
- Landscape Architect: Wimmer Yamada and Caughey
- LEED Consultant: Green Fields Consulting
- Energy Modeling: Brummitt Energy Associates
- Acoustical Consultant: McKay Conant Hoover
- Interior Design: ARCHITECTS Hanna Gabriel
- Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (FF&E) Consultant: F. Atelier
- Campus/Project Manager: Jim Bray, Gafcon, Inc.

About the new Fine Arts Building

The four story, 26,500 assignable square feet [Fine Arts Building](#), funded through the District's [Propositions S and N bond program](#), will be constructed within an existing building on campus, the former I-300 Building, and will serve as a highly visible and thriving hub for Fine Arts students, providing modernized facilities and equipment for programs in drawing, painting, photography, sculpting and ceramics.

The first floor will serve as the main entrance and public face of the Fine Arts department and will house the Mesa College Art Gallery and an Art History lecture classroom. The second and third floors will include large, open studio classrooms for drawing, digital graphics, and sculpture. The fourth floor will house the ceramics and painting studios. Shop spaces will be adjacent to corresponding studios and classrooms to allow for ease of access, and to support the shared used of art equipment, material, and supply resources.

The project is designed to obtain a [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design](#) (LEED) Silver certification from the US Green Building Council – one of 42 LEED certifications across the District.

The \$1.555 billion Propositions S and N construction bond program provides new state-of-the-art instructional and career training facilities, major renovations, and campuswide infrastructure projects at City, Mesa and Miramar colleges and six Continuing Education campuses throughout San Diego. For more information, please visit <http://props-n.sdccd.edu/Pages/Home.aspx>. For high-resolution images, contact Ursula Kroemer at ukroemer@sdccd.edu.

