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San Diego Mesa College celebrates opening of remodeled Fine Arts Building

Dramatic transformation of former I-300 Building provides a state-of-the-art home for Fine Arts Department programs for drawing, painting, sculpting and ceramics; museum-quality setting for Mesa Art Gallery



What: Dedication of newly-remodeled Fine Arts Building, serving as a highly visible and thriving hub for Fine Arts students and providing a museum-quality space for the highly-acclaimed Mesa Art Gallery.

The four-story, 26,500 assignable square feet [Fine Arts Building](#), the final classroom project for Mesa under the District's [Propositions S and N bond program](#), was constructed within an existing building on campus, the former I-300 Building. As part of the approximately \$18 million renovation, the entire building interior was completed gutted, leaving only the building exterior 'shell'. Each floor was then reconfigured to meet the future needs of

the Fine Arts programs, and provide modern, spacious facilities, outfitted with state-of-the-art equipment and technology for programs in drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, and digital graphics.

Through the Fine Arts program, students are able to obtain certificates and degrees in Fine Art, Art History, Digital Art, Studio Arts, and Museum Studies.

When: Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 10 a.m., followed by self-guided tours of the facility.

Where: San Diego Mesa College, 7250 Mesa College Dr., San Diego, CA 92111. The Fine Arts Building (FA) is located on the northern side of the campus. Visitors/Media are asked to park in Lot 1 in spaces marked "Staff". Visitors/Media who park in "Student" spaces are subject to citation. ([View map](#))

Visuals/Media Availability:

- Speakers:
 - Pamela T. Luster, Ed.D., President, San Diego Mesa College
 - Maria Nieto Senour, Ph.D., President, SDCCD Board of Trustees
 - Constance M. Carroll, Ph.D., Chancellor, SDCCD
 - Chris Manis, Vice Chancellor, Facilities Management
 - Leslie Shimazaki, Dean, School of Arts and Languages
 - Alessandra Moctezuma, MFA, Art Gallery Director
- Ribbon-cutting with oversized scissors
- Tours of building
- Access to Mesa College Art Gallery, now exhibiting [Mario Torero; Artivism Loko](#)

Media are welcome to download/use photos from Mesa's Flickr galleries for the [Fine Arts Building](#) and the most recent exhibit in the new [Art Gallery](#).

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 Coover
- 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](#), was constructed within an existing building on campus, the former I-300 Building. The first floor serves as the main entrance and public face of the Fine Arts department and houses the Mesa College Art Gallery and an Art History lecture classroom. The second and third floors include large, open studio classrooms for drawing, digital graphics, and sculpture. The fourth floor houses 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.

About Mesa College

San Diego Mesa College is a fully accredited, comprehensive two-year college serving approximately 23,000 students per semester. Among the largest community colleges in California, Mesa offers nearly 200 associate degree and certificate programs. In Spring 2018, Mesa presented 16 students a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Information Management, becoming one of California's first community colleges to award this level of degree. With offerings that include fine art and music, language and humanities, math and science, and allied health fields, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), business, multimedia, hospitality, culinary arts, fashion, architecture, and interior design, Mesa ranks as San Diego's top transfer institution. Learn more at <http://www.sdmesa.edu/>.

About Propositions S and N

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.