

## Mesa College tops out on new \$32M classroom building with faculty, staff

### Daily Transcript Staff Report

San Diego Mesa College held a toppling-out ceremony Thursday for the \$32 million Center for Business & Technology, one of Mesa's final classroom building projects funded through Propositions S and N. Iron workers installed the uppermost steel beam of the two-story, 57,800-square-foot facility, which is being built by Balfour Beatty Construction. The final beam was signed by faculty and staff during the event, which was attended by several San Diego Community College District officials including Chancellor Constance M. Carroll.

Located on Mesa College Circle in Clairemont Mesa, the building will house computer laboratory classrooms, fashion design space, case study classrooms, faculty offices and associated support space. Also included in the project are a video display wall, and extensive

hardscape and landscape improvements.

Designed by multinational architecture firm Genster, the center will feature sustainable elements such as natural daylighting, drought-tolerant landscaping and an active/hybrid passive ventilation system that uses variable air volume units in each room.

The project is expected to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver certification, according to a news release.

Michael Wall Engineering, Burkett & Wong and SWS Engineering provided engineering services on the project, and McCullough Landscape Architecture Inc., an East Village-based firm, designed the hardscape and landscape improvements.

The projects were funded through Proposition S, a \$685 million construction bond passed by voters in 2002, and Proposition N, an \$870 million bond passed in 2006.

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## National Lacrosse League awards franchise to San Diego as sport grows

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San Diego ponders life without the NFL's Chargers and weighs a plan to get a Major League Soccer franchise, the city has another sport it can focus on: lacrosse.

The National Lacrosse League announced Thursday that San Diego has been awarded a franchise.

The San Diego team will begin play in the 31-year-old indoor lacrosse league in November 2018 at the Valley View Casino Center sports arena.

The team's name, logo and brand will be unveiled at a special event on a later date.

"Today is a truly monumental day for the National Lacrosse League and the city of San Diego," NLL commissioner Nick Sakiewicz said in a statement. "This announcement is the culmination of months of work, and part of the five-year strategic plan to grow the sport

of lacrosse through the thoughtful expansion of the NLL."

Founded in 1986, the NLL is comprised of nine franchises across the United States and Canada. The league's average attendance was nearly 9,500 fans per game last year.

"We're thrilled to bring professional lacrosse to San Diego and welcome the National Lacrosse League to its new home in Southern California," Mayor Kevin Faulconer said. "San Diegans are among the most passionate sports fans you can find and they are going to love the action and excitement this new franchise is going to bring."

The team is owned by Joe Tsai, a 53-year-old businessman who played college lacrosse. Sports executives Steve Govett and Josh Gross will assume the roles of president and vice president of business operations, respectively, for the San Diego franchise.

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firm Legacy Partners defaulted on its note. Legacy owed \$74.06 million at the time of the foreclosure. Nomura Capital then took over the property before selling it to Lincoln Property and Angelo Gordon in December 2012.

The new ownership managed to more than backfill the space that had been emptied by the previous events.

The surrounding submarket had a vacancy of about 12.1 percent in its last report according to CoStar.

The largest arrival has been the co-working space firm WeWork, which took 88,000 square feet in a 13-year lease on the property late last year. WeWork's San Diego location is its largest in California.

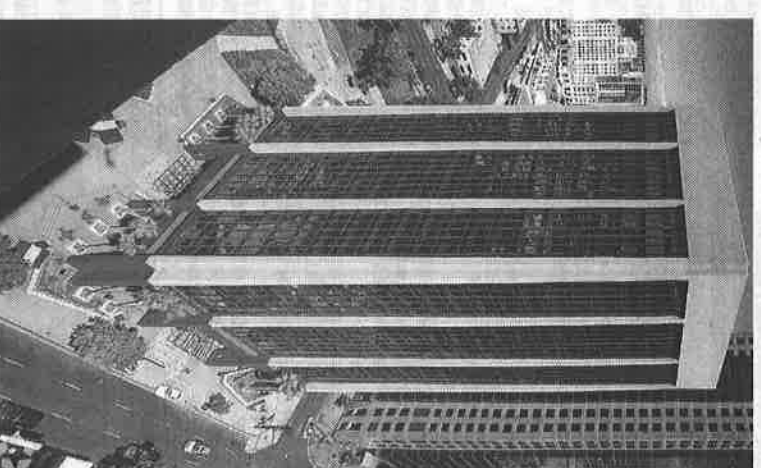
Another notable lease came earlier when the San Diego Union-Tribune took down 59,164 square feet in November 2015. The newspaper, which had been in Mission Valley for several decades, moved in mid-2016.

The Mittek software solutions firm in October of last year announced plans to move from Kearny Mesa to 600 B St. Mittek occupies 29,000 square feet of ground floor space in its new office.

The 24-story building, which takes up a full 60,000-square-foot block, has 312 parking spaces of underground parking.

About a third of the property had been subject to a ground lease, but it wasn't clear at press time whether or not this is still the case.

Built in 1974, the building underwent extensive renovations in 1996 and is Energy Star-compliant.



Courtesy of The CoStar Group

The office space features floor-to-ceiling glass, high ceilings, and views of San Diego Bay and Balboa Park on the upper floors.

The 600 B St. sale follows closely on the heels of the sale of the 232,936-square-foot Union Bank Building at 530 B St., which was picked up by San Francisco-based Swift Real Estate Partners for \$57.7 million from Vancouver, British Columbia-based Bosa Development. Bosa had paid \$53.2 million for 530 B St. in February 2016.

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