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## San Diego Mesa College dedicates new state-of-the-art Center for Business & Technology

*Modeled after iconic business headquarters like Google and Microsoft, new facility provides contemporary home for Mesa's School of Business and Technology*



**What:** Dedication of new Center for Business & Technology (BT Building) at San Diego Mesa College, providing a contemporary new home for Mesa's business, computer information, digital technology, fashion, hospitality and web development programs. Inspired in part by iconic business headquarters of firms such as Google and Microsoft, the Center for Business & Technology includes state-of-the-art technology, an expansive case study room, and several collaboration spaces intended to inspire students towards entrepreneurial endeavors, business start-ups, product creation and to dream their future.

*(View time lapse video of construction to completion [here](#).)*

**When:** Thursday, February 28, 2019, 10 a.m.

**Program:**

- Speakers include:
  - 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
  - Danene Brown, Ph.D., Dean, School of Business and Technology
- Ribbon Cutting
- Refreshments
- Tours

**Where:** [San Diego Mesa College, 7250 Mesa College Dr., San Diego, CA 92111](#)

**About the Center for Business & Technology**

The new \$32.4 million, 57,800-square-foot Center for Business & Technology (BT) is unlike any other building at Mesa College, intentionally designed to feel like a business complex seamlessly transformed into classrooms.

The new facility houses business, computer information science, digital technology, fashion, hospitality, and web development classes that had previously been dispersed throughout the campus.

The building design features a case-study room, a large video wall, multiple Visix screens; the entry to the building will include a large video display wall.



In keeping with the district's [Green Building Policy](#) for all Propositions S and N-funded projects, the Center for Business & Technology is expected to be awarded a [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design](#) (LEED) Silver certification for green building and design – one of 42 LEED certifications across the District. It includes a number of sustainable features:

- The building will have an active/hybrid passive ventilation on the second-floor classrooms and faculty offices. The ventilation system uses a series of efficient rooftop air handling units with individual Variable Air Volume (VAV) systems in each room; each room has an operable opening of at least 5% of the floor area. Once a window is opened, the system is signaled to turn off heating/cooling and actively assist with pulling air through the space with the VAVs.
- The building design maximizes the use of natural daylighting; commissioning collaboration from an early stage will continue to ensure optimal building efficiencies.
- Drought tolerant landscaping and [bio-retention](#) features design to filter and treat stormwater runoff.



**Center for Business and Technology Project Team:**

- Design/Build Team: Balfour Beatty Construction and Gensler
- Electrical Engineer: Michael Wall Engineering
- Mechanical/Plumbing: Southland Industries
- Structural Engineer: Burkett & Wong
- Landscape Architect: McCullough Landscape
- Civil Engineer: SWS Engineering
- Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FF&E): F. Atelier
- Campus Project Manager: Jim Bray, Gafcon, Inc.

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://public.sdccdprops-n.com/Pages/Home.aspx>.

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