

Already boasting a library, bookstore, physical education room, outdoor amphitheater, early childhood education facility, science labs, computer labs and 24 classrooms, the College of the Canyons Canyon Country Campus will only continue to grow and evolve in the years to come.

Having opened in August 2007 with a collection of 28 modular buildings, the Canyon Country Campus offered nearly 700 classes while serving a combined 7,000 students during the 2007-08 academic year.

However, at build-out the campus is expected to feature seven permanent buildings and an assortment of accompanying support facilities — which will allow for the accommodation of up to 10,000 students.

“Over the last year we have been putting the finishing touches on the interim campus here in Canyon Country,” said Dr. Dena Maloney, founding dean, COC Canyon Country Campus. “It’s been a great start, but this is only the beginning. Our vision is to create a beautiful, permanent campus that will support the educational goals for generations of students to come.”

Thanks to Measure M, the \$160 million general obligation bond that voters approved in 2006, the college has already begun installing infrastructure needed for future permanent facilities — thus avoiding the impact that inflation will have on the buying power of those dollars in the years to come.

The next major step for the college will be construction of the campus’ first permanent building, which will house a mix of academic classroom and student services functions. Though the state of California has already approved a \$11 million allocation in capital outlay funds to COC in order to design and build the roughly 40,000-square-foot building, the disbursement of those funds is dependant on the passing of a state bond. State bonds for capital improvement projects are placed on the ballot every two years. The next opportunity for a state bond will most likely be 2010.

The eventual opening of the first building will allow the college to move classes and other campus offices out of the current



modular buildings, which will be re-purposed as additional temporary classrooms and office space.

“The campus’ first building will set the standard for building design and serve as the cornerstone of the future permanent campus,” said Jim Schrage, COC vice president, facilities planning, operations and construction.

Located in what will eventually become the campus’ main plaza, the first building will feature a single multi-story design, which, when combined with the campus’ second permanent building (planned to be built directly behind the first building), will create a staggered, multi-story design that will maximize space area and minimize the visual impact of the buildings.

The accompanying main plaza will serve as the primary pedestrian entry point and the designated center of campus. From the main plaza students will be able to make use of an expansive grand stairway, divided by terraces of landscaped gathering areas, that will connect to the campus’ upper plaza and eventual second permanent building.

Another area of focus for the Canyon Country Campus will be the construction of the college’s Career Technology Education Center, currently projected to open during the 2009-10 academic year. Expected to include 5,000-6,000 square feet of modular classroom buildings and an additional 10,000 square feet of laboratory space, the center will provide students with hands-on learning and training opportunities in a vari-

ety of different subject areas, each with an emphasis on using “green” technology.

Because the center will provide an ideal location to house programs requiring a great deal of space, college officials are currently considering the introduction of new career technology programs at the Canyon Country Campus in subject areas including: construction technology, construction management, building inspection, landscape maintenance, plumbing technology, electrical engineering, heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC), carpentry and alternative energy management, consisting of solar panel installation and maintenance training.

Additional highlights of the center will include a permanent facility for the college’s automotive technology program comprised of eight automotive bays, a transmission lab, engines lab, tool crib and equipment storage space.

Though COC has already secured partial funding for many of these construction projections — thanks to Measure M — the campus’ construction timeline will again be heavily dependant on the state’s ability to provide matching funds. Nevertheless, the college is committed to the continued development of the Canyon Country Campus into the topnotch educational site it will ultimately become.

*For more information about the COC Canyon Country Campus Educational and Facilities Master Plan, please visit <http://www.canyons.edu/Offices/PIO/Accreditation>.*

