

Facilities Delivered. Educational Possibilities Expanded.

Hasley Hall, the 58,348-square-foot high-tech classroom building, houses instructional space for computer information technology, business, economics, computer science, cinema and journalism, as well as faculty offices, a board room and other support spaces for Distance Learning and PACE.

motive technology, construction management, building inspection, landscape management and water systems technology.

The **Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center** provides 110,000 square feet of instructional and support space for numer-

The **Mentry Hall expansion**, a design-build project that was completed in less than a year, added more than 32,000 square feet of instructional space, including two computer labs, a large lecture room, 11 classrooms, a 2-D drawing

labs, classrooms, offices and enhanced library facilities to support student success.

Plans are under way to build a permanent home on the Valencia campus for the **Institute for Culinary Education (iCuE)**,

Pico Canyon Hall, the 19,762-square-foot music-dance building, houses the music and dance programs, and features a choir room, instrumental room, faculty offices, dance studio, electronic music room and music library.

Aliso Hall and Aliso Lab provide a combined 32,000 square feet of lecture halls and instructional space for biology, physics, astronomy, allied health, chemistry, engineering and MESA (Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement).

The **East Physical Education Center** provides an additional 21,543 square feet of space, including basketball and volleyball courts, as well as six outdoor tennis courts.

The 70-acre **Canyon Country campus**, featuring 24,000 square feet of instructional space spread across 28 modular buildings, has made a huge contribution toward meeting the educational and training demands of the eastern Santa Clarita Valley. Since opening in 2007, the campus has benefited from a number of improvements including the opening of the Carl A. Rasmussen Amphitheater, a free-standing coffee concession and extensive landscaping.

The **Applied Technology Education Center**, the first permanent building on the Canyon Country campus, is now being built and expected to open in the spring of 2011. The 10,000-square-foot facility will allow the campus to offer a variety of new educational and training programs, including alternative energy management, auto-

ous degree programs offered by partner universities such as The American College, Brandman University, California State University Bakersfield, Cal State L.A., Cal State Northridge, the University of La Verne, National University and UCLA Extension. The expansive facility also houses the TEACH program, the William S. Hart Union High School District's Academy of the Canyons, the City of Santa Clarita's WorkSource Center and a number of key college departments.

classroom, a life/drawing classroom, two conference rooms and 12 offices. The \$10.7 million Measure M-funded expansion increased the overall size of Mentry Hall to 76,339 square feet.

Work on a 51,000-square-foot **expansion of the Library** will commence later this year or early 2011. A groundbreaking ceremony was held Nov. 16. The project will house a larger Learning Center lab, as well as an assortment of instructional

which now operates inside a former restaurant in Castaic. Funded via a combination of Measure M proceeds and a planned capital campaign, the new facility will feature an expansive teaching kitchen and sit-down dining area. It will be built immediately south of Mentry Hall.

The planned **Student Services and Administration Building** will likely be the next major project on the horizon.

Stay tuned. There's more to come...



The Valencia campus in late 2009, looking northeast. The Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center is in the foreground at right; Interstate 5 is on the left.

Bonds Measure Up and then some

BOND MEASURES C AND M DELIVER PROGRESS AND INNOVATION AS PROMISED

When future historians look back at this time, they will likely conclude that College of the Canyons truly came of age in the first decade of the 21st century, a period marked by steadfast community support that fed an unprecedented level of progress.

The community's confidence in its local college during this time was reflected at the ballot box, where not one, but two, general-obligation bond measures succeeded with overwhelming support. Voters approved the \$82 million Measure C proposal in 2001, then backed up their resolve with the \$160 million Measure M five years later.

What followed were extraordinary levels of expansion and innovation. Combined, Measures C and M packed quite a punch, providing the funding to construct a wide assortment of new facilities to accommodate an ever-increasing number of educational and training programs, including a novel approach to providing local access to advanced degrees and the establishment of an entirely new campus in Canyon Country.

"We certainly could not have evolved to this point without the optimism and support of our community," College of the Canyons Chancellor Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook said. "The community's belief in College of the Canyons, which was reinforced by the passage of these bond measures, has allowed us to convert a promise into some very tangible results that will provide significant benefits for a very long time."

Indeed, the Valencia campus has been significantly transformed with the addition of seven new or radically expanded buildings, among them Hasley Hall, Aliso Hall, Aliso Lab, Pico Canyon Hall, the

East Physical Education Building, Mentry Hall and, of course, the Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center, whose unique approach to providing local access to multiple university degree programs was lauded by U.S. Department of Education Under Secretary Dr. Martha Kanter as a model of higher education access that should be emulated nationwide.

It should also be mentioned that the long-awaited Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center at College of the Canyons arrived in 2004. Although it was not a bond-funded facility, its impact on both the college and the community has been significant. It not only provides a state-of-the-art facility for the college's performing arts programs and a series of professional, top-name acts that attract audiences from throughout the region, it also offers myriad theatrical, musical and dance programs throughout the community with a modern venue in which to perform.

Then there's the 70-acre Canyon Country campus, which welcomed more than 3,000 students when it opened in 2007 and fulfilled the community's need for convenient access to college programs in the eastern Santa Clarita Valley.

Those are just the most visible results of the college's bond measures. Less visible, but equally important, have been numerous other projects that have made their own contributions to the college's overall learning environment. Cougar Stadium benefited early on from necessary modernization, a new synthetic turf playing field and the installation of a new running track. Towsley Hall, the college's vocational/technical center, was expanded, and a new warehouse was built to augment the existing warehouse, which the college had outgrown many years prior.

The bond measures have funded numerous other improvement projects, ranging from central plant renovations to classroom modernizations.

Although funding from Measure C has wound down, Measure M is still very much alive. Construction of the Applied Technology Education Center, the first permanent building on the Canyon Country campus, is now under way. More than \$10 million in Measure M bond pro-

dollar by leveraging other resources. Take Measure C, for example. Although its original value was estimated at \$82.1 million, the college leveraged those funds via interest and the refunding of bond proceeds to extract more than \$92 million in value, plus another \$40 million in matching construction funds from the state. Total dollar value of Measure C? More than \$132 million. Actual value? Immeasurably high in terms of the

expanded access to education and training opportunities – and the number of students who will gain knowledge and new skills.

"It's always difficult to quantify value when you're talking about tens of millions of dollars, but I can tell you with sincerity and conviction that we have utilized and leveraged these bond funds to deliver the absolute maximum value possible," Dr. Van Hook said. "It's not just money well



The Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center opened in 2009.

ceeds have been committed to a major expansion of the Valencia campus library, which is expected to be completed by 2012. And the construction pipeline is filled with myriad other projects, including a permanent home on the Valencia campus for the Culinary Arts Institute, and a new Student Services and Administration Building.

Certainly, the bond measures have been the key components driving the college's recent progress, but a lesser-known factor also played an important role. The college has maximized every bond-issued

spent, it's a shrewd investment whose payout will be measured in terms of people's lives, careers and successes."

Yes, the decade was a momentous one, but the college's forward momentum is not likely to end soon.

"As one of the fastest-growing community colleges in the country, we welcome the challenge to continue adapting and innovating to meet the educational and training demands of this equally dynamic, fast-growing community," Dr. Van Hook added. "We promise to impress and inspire for many years to come."

Measure C Approved
More than 67 percent of Santa Clarita Valley voters approve this \$82.1 million general-obligation bond measure on Nov. 6, 2001.

Opening Night for the PAC
The Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center at College of the Canyons opens on Oct. 15, 2004, with a sold-out college stage production of "Big River."

Music/Dance Building Opens
The nearly \$7 million Pico Canyon Hall officially opens on Aug. 9, 2005, right next to the Performing Arts Center.

Field of Dreams
Cougar Stadium gets a field others can only dream of: Synthetic turf that mimics natural grass, without the wear, tear or maintenance. The \$1 million project is completed in May 2003.

University Center is Born
The Interim University Center opens inside a newly erected modular building on Jan. 22, 2002. Within 18 months, nearly 300 people graduate from programs here, illustrating the critical need for local access to higher education.

Canyon Country Campus Approved
The California Community Colleges Board of Governors grants approval on July 12, 2004, for the college to acquire land for a permanent, second campus that would later be called, appropriately enough, the Canyon Country campus.

Measure M Approved
Voters approve Measure M, a \$160 million bond measure to add more classrooms and repair and improve facilities, on Nov. 7, 2006. The measure receives the required 55 percent majority in 147 of 150 precincts.

Hasley Hall Opens
The ribbon is cut for Hasley Hall, the new high-tech classroom building, on Nov. 28, 2007.

Science Buildings Open
Aliso Hall and Aliso Lab open in the summer of 2007.

New Campus Opens
The Canyon Country campus opens Aug. 27, 2007.

Applied Tech Center
Construction of the Applied Technology Education Center, the first permanent building on the Canyon Country campus, begins in late 2010.

PE. Expansion Completed
The East Physical Education building and six tennis courts open in early 2009.

Mentry Hall Expansion
The expansion of Mentry Hall is completed in time to accommodate students at the start of the fall 2010 semester.

Library Expansion Begins
Ground is broken for the Valencia campus library expansion on Nov. 16, 2010. Completion is set for 2012.