

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



AN ARTIST'S RENDERING OF THE INSTITUTE FOR CULINARY EDUCATION, WHICH IS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

MEASURE M: BOND MEASURE FUELS PROGRESS

College of the Canyons has experienced an unprecedented level of progress fed in large part by Measure M, the \$160 million bond measure that local voters approved in 2006. This success would not have been possible without the optimism of an historically supportive community and the resolve of college leaders to make good on the promises of Measure M.

The most visible signs of progress can be found from one side of the Santa Clarita Valley to the other. On the east, an entirely new college campus has been created in Canyon Country. On the west, the Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center was built atop a prominent perch along Interstate 5. Other Measure M-funded projects include the Applied Technology Education Center, the first permanent facility to be built at the Canyon Country campus, and the dramatic expansions of both Mentry Hall and the Library, the latter of which provides an expansive, state-of-the-art home to the heavily utilized TLC (The Learning Center). Two more major projects are under construction now: the Institute for Culinary Education, which will provide a long-sought permanent home for the college's culinary arts program, and the new Student Services & Administration Building. These last two buildings, expected to open in late 2014, will complete the buildout of the Valencia campus. Attention will then turn to the Canyon Country campus, where additional permanent buildings have been designed and planned for construction.

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DR. DIANNE G. VAN HOOK, CHANCELLOR

Measure M has provided the funding to construct new facilities to accommodate an ever-increasing number of innovative educational and training programs. The beneficiaries are those who come to College of the Canyons for education, training and inspiration now and in the future.

The bond measure is a key component driving the college's recent progress, but a lesser-known factor has played an equally important role. The college has maximized every bond-issued dollar by leveraging other resources. The original \$160 million bond authorization's actual value is now in the neighborhood of \$232.8 million. The value has increased with the addition of more than \$5.3 million in earned interest as of June 30, 2013, as well as approximately \$67.5 million in state matching funds. Moreover, the college has capitalized on market conditions by refunding bonds to reduce the number of years of taxpayer payments. All of this has been accomplished through prudent fiscal measures undertaken by college leaders and the careful oversight provided by the Measure M Citizens Oversight Committee. In the end, the value of Measure M will far exceed its original valuation – and save taxpayers money in the process.

"College of the Canyons has been extremely diligent about making good on the promises of Measure M – and exceeding them," Chancellor Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook said. "The community has entrusted us with building the best community college ever imagined. We're making that happen by leveraging Measure M bond funds to attain the absolute maximum value possible."

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SPACIOUS CORRIDORS IN MENTRY HALL FEATURE STUDY AREAS.

STUDENT SERVICES & ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Valencia campus
Status: Under construction,
estimated completion fall 2014
Size: 46,370 square feet
Cost: \$16.4 million

The new Student Services & Administration Building, one of only three community college projects approved for construction statewide in 2011-12, will allow the college to dramatically expand a variety of key student services. It will accommodate an expanded Admissions & Records Office that will feature new computer labs and kiosks for student use, as well as a new "Welcome Center," a first stop for new students and visitors. The building will also house areas for the Financial Aid Office, Counseling Center, Transfer Center, Career Services Office, Student Services Office, Instruction Office and various administrative offices.

INSTITUTE FOR CULINARY EDUCATION
Valencia campus
Status: Under construction,
estimated completion fall 2014
Size: 12,208 square feet
Cost: \$8.5 million

The new permanent home for the college's culinary arts program is being built in an architectural style that lends an elegant sophistication appropriate for a building that will serve both educational and social functions. Approximately \$3 million of the construction costs come from bid savings on the Library project. The building will include a Show Kitchen, Savory Kitchen, Sweets Kitchen, an area for Wine Studies, a Culinary Lab space and instructor office spaces. Most importantly, the facility will showcase and expand a premier culinary arts program whose quality is comparable to those offered by private culinary arts institutions, but at considerably less expense.

LIBRARY EXPANSION
Valencia campus
Status: Completed fall 2012
Size: 51,435 square feet added
(total size now 86,606 square feet)
Cost: \$15.8 million

The Library was dramatically expanded and now provides a home for the heavily utilized TLC (The Learning Center), which occupies 41,435 square feet on a single level. The Library now occupies 45,171



THE STUDENT SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

square feet on two levels. The expanded facility offers a new Computer Commons area with 100 student workstations, group-study rooms, and a Special Collections area to accommodate rotating exhibits of student and community art.

DR. DIANNE G. VAN HOOK UNIVERSITY CENTER
Valencia campus
Status: Completed 2009
Size: 110,000 square feet
Cost: \$39.8 million

The Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center provides instructional and support space for numerous degree programs offered by partner universities such as Brandman University, California State University Bakersfield, Cal State L.A., Cal State Northridge, the University of La Verne and National University. As of June 2013, 1,839 people had graduated from its various degree programs, with master's and doctoral programs accounting for 1,206 of those graduates. Since 2002, when University Center programs were housed in an interim facility, nearly 30,000 students have been enrolled in degree, certificate and credential programs. The new 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 variety of key college departments, many of which will relocate to the Student Services & Administration Building when it's completed in late 2014. The center's unique approach to providing easy access to degree programs from multiple universities was summed up by U.S. Department of Education Under Secretary Dr. Martha Kanter, who lauded it as a model of higher education access that should be emulated nationwide.

CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS
Status: Phase 1 completed 2007
Size: 70 acres
Cost: \$58 million

The Canyon Country campus welcomed more than 3,000 students when it opened in 2007, fulfilling the community's need for convenient access to college programs in the eastern Santa Clarita Valley. The campus has made a huge contribution toward meeting the area's educational and training demands. The campus has benefited from a number of improvements, including the opening of the Carl A. Rasmussen Amphitheater, a free-standing food concession and extensive landscaping improvements.

APPLIED TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CENTER
Canyon Country campus
Status: Completed 2011
Size: 10,315 square feet
Cost: \$7.1 million

The Applied Technology Education Center, the first permanent building on the Canyon Country campus, houses a variety of new educational and training programs, including alternative energy management, automotive technology, construction management, building inspection, landscape management and water systems technology.

MENTRY HALL EXPANSION
Valencia campus
Status: Completed 2010
Size: 28,000 square feet added
(total size now 78,237 square feet)
Cost: \$12.3 million

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 classroom, a life/drawing classroom, two conference rooms and 12 offices. Spacious corridors feature lounge areas where students meet and study. The expansion increased the overall size of Mentry Hall to 78,237 square feet.

CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS PARKING LOT 2
Status: Completed 2010
Cost: \$1 million

TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES
Status: Completed
Cost: \$1 million

Other Measure M-funded improvements include secondary effects in Bonelli Hall and Mentry Hall (\$3.4 million), the Facilities Master Plan (\$253,000), and various health and safety upgrades (\$50,000) primarily on the Valencia campus.

The Measure M construction pipeline is filled with myriad projects that are planned in the future, including several permanent buildings at the Canyon Country campus, upgrades at the Del Valle firefighter training facility near Val Verde, replacement of equipment, scheduled maintenance and other secondary effects.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

SNAP THE QR CODE AT LEFT FOR A VIDEO UPDATE OF CONSTRUCTION ON THE VALENCIA CAMPUS, OR VISIT YOUTUBE.COM/COLLEGEOTHECANYONS.

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