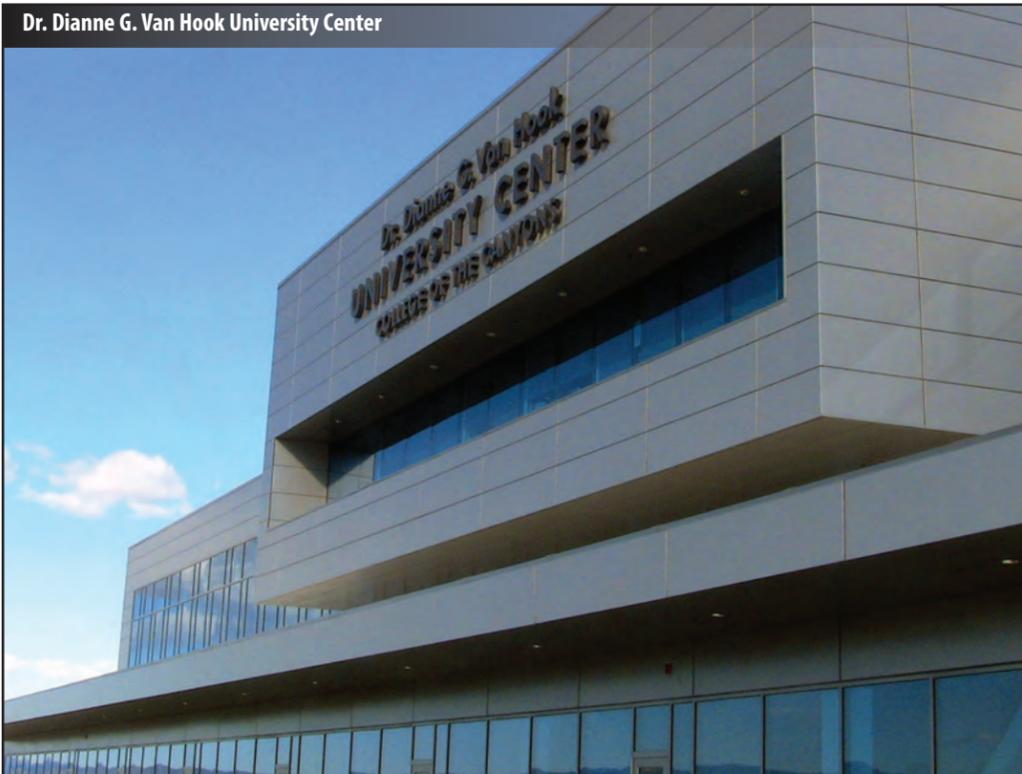


## REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



# Measure M Delivers on Promises

Much has changed at College of the Canyons since voters approved Measure M in 2006. The college has experienced an unprecedented level of progress that has been fed in large part by the \$160 million bond measure, 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 changes are the creation of an entirely new campus in Canyon Country and the opening of the Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center, which occupies a prominent perch along Interstate 5. But there have been other significant enhancements as well, such as the Applied Technology Education Center at the Canyon Country campus and the expansion of both Mentry Hall and the Library, the latter of which will open for the fall semester. Measure M bond funds will also play a key role in building a new Student Services & Administration building and a permanent Institute for Culinary Education on the Valencia campus.

Measure M has certainly provided the funding to construct a wide assortment of new facilities to accommodate an ever-increasing number of new and 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 progress, but a lesser-known factor also plays an important role. The college has maximized every bond-issued dollar by leveraging other resources. Although its original value was estimated at \$160 million, in the end, the value of Measure M will far exceed that figure via interest and the refunding of bond proceeds, not to mention the value of matching construction funds from the state.

"We have been extremely diligent about utilizing and leveraging Measure M bond funds to deliver the absolute maximum value possible for our community," Chancellor Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook said.

"This is an investment whose value will ultimately be measured in terms of how we've been able to transform people's lives and careers for the better."

Measure M has funded numerous projects, including:

**Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center**  
**Status: Completed 2009**  
**District / Measure M: \$7.3 million**  
**State / Other: \$32.5 million**  
**Total Cost: \$39.8 million**

The Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center provides 110,000 square feet of 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. This 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. The center's unique approach to providing easy access to degree programs from multiple universities 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.

**Canyon Country Campus**  
**Status: Completed 2007 (First Phase)**  
**District / Measure M: \$32 million**  
**State / Other: \$26 million**  
**Total Cost: \$58 million**

The 70-acre 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. The first permanent building opened in 2011 (see below).

**Applied Technology Education Center**  
**Status: Completed 2011**  
**District / Measure M: \$7.1 million**

**State / Other: \$0**  
**Total Cost: \$7.1 million**

The 10,000-square-foot 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**  
**Status: Completed 2010**  
**District / Measure M: \$12.4 million**  
**State / Other: \$0**  
**Total Cost: \$12.4 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. The expansion increased the overall size of Mentry Hall to 76,339 square feet.

**Library Expansion**  
**Status: Opening Fall 2012**  
**District / Measure M: \$6.5 million**  
**State / Other: \$9.5 million**  
**Total Cost: \$16 million**

The 51,000-square-foot expansion of the Library will house a larger Learning Center lab, as well as an assortment of instructional labs, classrooms, offices and enhanced library facilities to support student success. It will be open for the fall semester.

**Institute for Culinary Education**  
**Status: Construction Drawings**  
**District / Measure M: \$2.8 million**  
**State / Other: \$3.9 million**  
**Total Cost: \$6.7 million**

This 5,600-square-foot facility will be built just south of Mentry Hall in an architectural style that underlines both the simplicity of the reflective glass surfaces found on nearby structures and underlines an elegant sophis-

tication appropriate for a building that will serve both educational social functions. Individual elements include a Show Kitchen, Savory Kitchen, Sweets Kitchen, an area for Wine Studies, a Culinary Lab space and instructor office spaces. The College of the Canyons Foundation has mounted a capital campaign to raise additional funds to build it.

**Student Services & Administration Building**  
**Status: Construction Drawings**  
**District / Measure M: \$10.1 million**  
**State / Other: \$7.1 million**  
**Total Cost: \$17.2 million**

This two-story facility will replace the existing building, which the campus has outgrown.

**Canyon Country Campus Parking Lot 2**  
**Status: Completed 2010**  
**District / Measure M: \$1 million**  
**State / Other: \$0**  
**Total Cost: \$1 million**

**Technology Infrastructure Upgrades**  
**Status: Completed**  
**District / Measure M: \$1 million**  
**State / Other: \$0**  
**Total Cost: \$1 million**

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

The Measure M 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, replacement of equipment, scheduled maintenance and other secondary effects.

For up-to-date information about Measure M, upcoming Citizens Oversight Committee meetings, agendas and minutes, and other background material, visit [canyons.edu/pio](http://canyons.edu/pio) and click the "Measure M Committee" button.