DISTRICT, LATTC OFFICIALS CELEBRATE GROUNDBREAKING OF LARGEST BUILDING PROJECT IN BOND PROGRAM

LOS ANGELES—Members of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees, Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D., and officials from the Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC) joined with students, faculty and construction trades representatives for the groundbreaking of the largest building to be completed under the District’s taxpayer-approved bond program.

Board Vice President Steve Veres and Trustees Mike Fong and David Vela joined the groundbreaking along with newly installed LATTC President Dr. Katrina A. VanderWoude and Chancellor Rodriguez. About 200 LATTC students, faculty and staff also joined in the festivities Feb. 25, 2020, at the construction site near 23rd Street and Grand Avenue. See event photos below.

The new LATTC Construction Technology Building will be a four-story, 178,555-square-foot building with a strong “green” component thanks to a 54kw rooftop photovoltaic (solar electric) power system and will be certified as a LEED Gold structure. The facility will include 23 classrooms, 22 laboratories, a fully usable roof-top laboratory, office space for more than 45 faculty members, conference rooms, extra storage rooms and an adjacent instructional construction yard. Once completed, it will be the largest single building built by the BuildLACCD program using voter-approved capital improvement construction bonds.

The $108 million Construction Technology Building will house the largest pathway program for LATTC—the Construction, Maintenance, and Utilities (CMU) Pathway. In addition to a myriad of apprenticeship preparation programs, the CMU pathway includes programs in carpentry, electrical, construction and maintenance, heating ventilation and air conditioning, plumbing and refrigeration, supply water and wastewater. Other existing programs will also be integrated, including architectural drafting, power line mechanic and solar installation. This building will replace the aging, 47-year-old Sequoia Hall with state-of-the-art educational resources for the construction trades.

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We are the Colleges of Los Angeles! LACCD (www.laccd.edu) is the nation’s largest community college district, educating about 250,000 students annually at its nine colleges that serve the residents of more than 36 cities and communities from 900 square miles of Los Angeles County. Since 1969, the District has been providing an important learning pathway for students seeking transfer to four-year colleges or universities while also offering two-year degrees and certificated training programs to Southern California’s diverse workforce in many specialized trades and professions. Follow us on Facebook, https://www.facebook.com/LACCD, @LACCD, and on Twitter, https://twitter.com/laccd @laccd and Instagram, https://www.instagram.com/laccd_edu/ @laccd_edu.

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Construction Technology Building

The Construction Technology Building will be a new 4-story, 178,555 square foot building. The project consists of a Cast-in-Place structure with spread footings, a 54kw rooftop Photovoltaic System and all-level forklift access, including to the roof. The facility includes 23 classrooms, 22 laboratories, a fully occupiable roof laboratory, offices for 46+ faculty members, a rooftop conference room, storage space, and instructional construction yard. Once completed, it will be the largest single building built by BuildLACCD.

The Construction Technology Building will house the largest pathway at LATTC; the Construction, Maintenance, and Utilities (CMU) Pathway. In addition to a myriad of apprenticeship preparation programs, the CMU pathway includes programs in carpentry, electrical, construction and maintenance, heating ventilation and air conditioning, plumbing and refrigeration, supply water and wastewater. The new facility will permit integration of other existing programs in the pathway such as architectural drafting, programmable logic control, power line mechanic and solar installation that are currently located in other buildings on campus. This facility will replace the program currently housed in the outdated Sequoia Hall with state-of-the-art, efficient and cutting-edge resources to revolutionize training for the construction trades.

LATTC is the oldest of LACCD’s nine community college campuses, offering more career education programs on a single campus than any other college west of the Mississippi River.