West Los Angeles College Hosts Community Open House to Celebrate New $48 Million, Green Buildings

WHAT: More than 800 people are expected to attend an Open House at West Los Angeles College this Saturday to celebrate the grand opening of its newest facilities— the Student Services Building and General Classroom Building. The buildings have a combined cost of $48-million and are part of West’s $414 million budget to transform the campus into a state-of-the-art college through the LACCD Bond Construction Program.

The day begins with a ceremonial ribbon cutting followed by a ceremony honoring scholarship and honors students on the expansive lawn of the Student Services Building. The college is then open from 11:00am - 2:00pm for all to explore the new buildings and malls. Visitors can learn about the college and its programs at the information fair and workshops. The West jazz band will provide entertainment and a large inflatable obstacle course will be open for children. All activities are free.

Prior to this new wave of construction, many West students and faculty occupied “temporary” buildings for more than 40 years (since 1969). Through the LACCD Bond Construction Program, the campus now has three major academic and service facilities, its first café, a multi-level parking structure with a roof-top solar panel farm, and a new entry road (off Jefferson), among other projects.

West serves nearly 11,000 diverse students on campus and online. The college has a variety of career-technical programs and a thriving university transfer unit.

WHEN: Saturday, May 19, 2012
Ribbon Cutting 9:00 a.m.; Open House 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Refreshments will be provided

WHERE: West Los Angeles College
9000 Overland Avenue - Culver City, CA 90230
Ribbon Cutting – Courtyard of Student Services & General Classrooms Buildings
(Park in Lot 5 on Freshman Drive)

VISUALS: ► Ribbon cutting across large courtyard framed by modern 4-story glass and steel buildings
► 800 students and guests hold first ceremony on expansive lawn facing new building
► Crowds exploring transformed campus and information fair
► WLAC Jazz Band performing American jazz classics

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