WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE
OPENS MULTI-STORY MODERN CLASSROOMS BUILDING

The students and faculty at West Los Angeles College are happily settling in to their brand new, four-story location for social science, liberal arts and other classes.

"As a professor, I am thrilled to see these deserving students in first-class facilities. In my classes, I can see a difference in students' attitudes and personal pride now that they are out of aging bungalows and in modern, permanent classrooms," said Fran Leonard, vice-chair of West's Language Arts Division.

The $19 million, 47,989 square foot structure provides modern “smart classrooms” which allow instructors to better integrate technology with teaching and learning.

The building is certified “Gold” under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standard. LEED is an internationally recognized mark of building excellence regarding environmental responsibility and energy efficiency. Features that qualified the building for this certification include the building performing 52% better than California’s Title 24 Energy Code when renewable energy is included in the calculation. The building has effective and energy efficient lighting systems, efficient heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC), occupancy sensors, and high performance window glazing. The carpeting, steel and insulation are made from recycled content. Additionally, many of the building materials were extracted and manufactured within 500 miles of the building.

West President Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh noted, “This new bond-funded building, along with the others that have opened in the last 3 years, give the campus an even more university-like feel. The transformation fosters a mind-set of achievement.” The president continued that he looks forward to welcoming the community to a college open house later this spring, tentatively scheduled for May 19. Details on the event will be posted soon at www.WLAC.edu/BusinessCommunity.

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OPENS ANOTHER NEW FACILITY
Admissions, Bookstore, Food Court & Other Services

West Los Angeles College’s Office of Admissions, Financial Aid, Counseling, and other student services and the college’s first food court have a consolidated new home in the new Student Services Building. The attractive four-story structure faces the college’s new General Classrooms building which opened in February. The co-location of services facilitates better coordination between departments and provides more convenient access for students. Additionally, the new location is much closer to a parking lot which is helpful to prospective students and other visitors.

“We have a dedicated, knowledgeable, very professional staff who assist students in planning and providing resources to help them succeed. Now, we will be housed in a building where the outside matches what happens on the inside,” explained Betsy Regalado, Vice President of Student Services. The building also provides expanded capacity for several key offices.

This 47,877 square foot structure is expected to achieve Silver Certification under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standard. LEED is an internationally recognized mark of building excellence regarding environmental responsibility and energy efficiency. Features that qualified the building for this certification include use of recycled materials, high energy efficiency, and reduction of the “heat-island” effect generally caused by horizontal surfaces of a dark color.

“We are thankful to the community who made this building and our other recently opened facilities possible through their passage of the construction bond initiatives,” said college president Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh. He continued that he looks forward to welcoming the community to a college open house later this spring, tentatively scheduled for May 19. Details on the event will be posted soon at www.WLAC.edu/BusinessCommunity.

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