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LA Valley College kicks off construction on a new \$90 Million Academic Complex building

LOS ANGELES, CA – Los Angeles Valley College and the Los Angeles Community College District officials held a groundbreaking for its brand-new \$90 million academic complex classroom building. Students, faculty, staff and the community gathered on the former site of the college's original 1950s post-war bungalows to celebrate the start of construction.

“On behalf of the LACCD Board of Trustees, we are thrilled with how this new academic complex will support and enhance student learning,” said Board of Trustees President David Vela. “This new building will not only provide essential services but will enable students to achieve their educational goals and dreams.”

The Academic Complex 1 will be a three-story 84,000 square foot academic building that will feature smart classrooms, computer labs, lecture hall, and a skills demonstration and test room. The new building will also house the academic offices for the Business Administration, Computer Science Information Systems, Emergency Services, Mathematics, Psychology/Statistics and Sociology/Ethnic Studies departments.

“The Los Angeles Community College District is committed to providing affordable, quality educational programs that will help students gain the skills for new careers,” said Dr. Francisco Rodriguez, chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District. “I look forward to our next generation of entrepreneurs, computer programmers, firefighters, sociologists, and transfer students learning in this new state-of-the-art facility.”

“Situated along the one of the main thoroughfares of the Valley, this beautiful new instructional building will serve as beacon of opportunity,” said Dr. Barry Gribbons, president of LA Valley College. “The new campus entry and historic quad will further enhance the college's engagement with our community.”

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The project's site improvements will include a redesigned historic quad that will share information on the native tribes in the region and the early history of our college, a 11,000 square-foot buried stormwater retention system, as well as new hardscape and drought tolerant landscaping.

The project is expected to be completed in 2025.

For more information, visit the Revitalizing Valley College webpage at

<https://www.lavc.edu/about/revitalizing-valley>.

About Los Angeles Valley College

Los Angeles Valley College, is a public two-year community college located in the heart of Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley. Established in 1949, it is the third largest campuses in the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) and serves more than 24,000 students. LAVC offers 96 associate degree programs, 73 credit certificates and 10 skills certificates in high-demand career fields, and 19 non-credit certificates. Follow us on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/lavalleycollege>, and @lavalleycollege on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/lavalleycollege>) and Instagram (<https://instagram.com/lavalleycollege>). For more information, visit www.lavc.edu.

About the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD)

The Los Angeles Community College District 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. For more information, visit www.laccd.edu.

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