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Ribbon Cutting: Cañada Building 9

On Monday, August 20th, Cañada College had its Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Library and Student Resource Center. The building is the largest building constructed in the nearly 40-year history of the College. The Ceremony took place in the plaza in front of the new Library and Student Resource Center.

The 71, 000 square foot Library and Learning Resource Center

houses a state-of-the-art library open to the public, a student learning center, and an all essential student services under one roof. The renovated exterior quad area features a water fountain, a horse sculpture from acclaimed artist Deborah Butterfield, and a new amphitheater for campus activities.



Behind the scenes, Cañada Facilities Staff had a major part in preparing the site for the momentous event. The Engineering

crew assisted in placement of the horse sculpture one and a half weeks before the ceremony. The



Engineering crew also worked closely with electrical and mechanical contractors to make sure all systems were working in the building. The Custodial crew installed all garbage and recycling bins inside the building and stocked all the restrooms. The Grounds crew made sure the exterior area and landscaping around the building was pristine for the event.

Written by Danny Glass & Tatiana Degai



District Wide Systems Engineer

Facilities management has become increasingly more technological in our District. We monitor and schedule our HVAC equipment and lighting through a web-based program. Our fire and life safety equipment is monitored by computers. With all of this new technology it became apparent that it would be beneficial to have an individual who was well versed and

trained in the various technical programs that we use to run and protect our campuses.



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**Skyline Facilities
Swing Move to Loma Chica**

On July 9 – 11, 2007, the Skyline Facilities Team moved their entire office and ware-



house operations to Loma Chica, an abandoned San Mateo County school building on the north

side of campus. Swinerton also moved to Loma Chica.

Weeks of preparation went into getting ready for the move and getting Loma Chica built for a maintenance facil-



ity. This relocation of a main-tenance facility was a ‘first’ for

the SMCCCD and no easy task.



It took two moving companies with a total crew of 20 personnel to make the move. Facilities staff moved the contents of Bldg 14 (office building) entirely by themselves in one day. 550 Crown moving boxes were used to pack and make the move. 306 cubic yards of debris were hauled away in support of the move or approximately 125 tons of “stuff” was discarded and/or recycled



Site improvements are continuously ongoing at Loma Chica as the Skyline Facilities Team gets settled and resumes ‘Facilities Excellence’ in their maintenance operations and support to the campus.



Written by Richard Inokuchi



Spotlight On . . . Mike McGrew



- 1) **Before you came to SMCCCD, what was your experience with Facilities?** I have 25 years of Facilities experience. First, I was a Stationary Engineer at Mills Peninsula Hospital and then a Chief Engineer and Engineer Manager at Equity Office Properties.
- 2) **Where did you go to school?** California Maritime Academy
- 3) **How long have you worked for SMCCCD Facilities?** 1 month
- 4) **What is your favorite thing about working here so far?** The people. This is a really great group of people.
- 5) **What are your hobbies outside of work?** Hiking, athletics, softball and music. I play on a co-ed softball team in San Carlos. I play short stop and 3rd base. We won the Championship last year. I also play bass guitar in a rock band for fun. The name of our band is Double Take.
- 6) **What is the last movie that you saw?** We just recently started getting Netflix and the last movie I saw was Magnolia.
- 7) **Who is your hero?** Hmm – that is a strange question. Someone asked me that in an interview once. I'm not sure.
- 8) **If you could go anywhere in the world right now, where would you go and why?** Africa because I have never been there. It is exotic and different – intimidating actually.
- 9) **What is your astrological sign?** Aries

- 10) **If you knew your next meal would be your last, what would it be?** Indian food. I really like Tandoori Chicken. There are a lot of good Indian food restaurants in San Jose.
- 11) **What CD is in your CD player right now?** iPod has really changed my way of listening to music. Right now I am listening to Bright Eyes. I have an obscure taste in music.
- 12) **Can you tell us about your family?** I have been married for 22 years. My wife is a 6th grade Science teacher at Ralston Middle School. My daughter is a Sophomore at Carlmont.

Welcome to the Team Mike!

Written by Carina Hass



District Wide Systems Engineer (continued...)

Devitt Hartney was just recently hired as the District Systems Engineer.

Devitt was discovered in 1998 by Linda Da Silva while taking a class in Facilities Management that she taught at Cañada College and received his certificate from the program. He started as temporary Maintenance Engineer that year and worked within the District until 2003. From there he went to work for the San Jose Opera when he found a position with Swinerton Management and Consulting who assigned him to work, of all places, back in our District! Devitt worked for SMC for nearly 3 years primarily on access controls related projects and, as a result, became our resident expert with the new AMAG access controls system.

After the District formed the Construction and Planning Department, Devitt was hired as one of their Project Engineers. Devitt's many years with our District and his formal training and experience made him the ideal candidate for the Systems Engineer position. We welcome Devitt to the team and look forward to working with him in his new role!

Written by Diane Martinez

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The Facilities team's mantra of "*Facilities Excellence*" is centered on team work and providing first rate quality, professional and responsive engineering, custodial, grounds, facilities planning & construction management services to the college community as well as the visitors to the District.

The *Mission* of the Facilities Planning & Operations Department is to ensure a safe, effective, and inspiring physical environment that supports and enhances the instructional mission of the San Mateo County Community College District.

Our *Vision* is to enhance the existing ethos thereby strengthening a quality & professional facilities team that will continue to provide first rate custodial, grounds, engineering maintenance, facility planning, and construction management services to the college community.

The Facilities team *Goals* are:

- To be the facilities service provider of choice for Cañada College, College of San Mateo and Skyline College
- To be a team of inspired professionals that has attained internal and external distinction
- To earn a facilities achievement award by 2008

New Feature: Welcome New Employees!



Joseph Puckett
Cañada College
Swing Custodian



Jesus Ceja
Cañada College
Groundskeeper



Ke Tao Liu
Skyline College
Swing Custodian



Milly Fields
Skyline College
Swing Custodian



Qing "Linda" Liu
Skyline College
Swing Custodian

Welcome to the Team!

Customer Service
Professionalism
Team Work
Communication

"Facilities Excellence"

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