

## FACT SHEET | Portland Community College Sylvania Campus

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*Left: The renovations to College Center's lower mall have dramatically improved ADA accessibility, lighting, acoustics and signage. Right: The Answer Center is a one-stop shop where students can register for classes, complete their financial aid documents, pay their bills, and obtain official transcripts.*

### OVERVIEW

With the passage of the 2008 voter-approved capital construction program, PCC is able to invest \$64.6 million in improvements and upgrades at its Sylvania Campus. Open since 1968, Sylvania is the college's oldest and largest campus at 122 acres and one million square feet of building space.

Substantial renovations are planned for most of the buildings on the Sylvania Campus. These include seismic and technology upgrades, improved lighting and acoustics, and replacement of outdated or worn equipment, furniture, carpeting and other finishes. Significant energy upgrades, such as replacing the campus' central boiler system to increase efficiency and reduce the college's carbon footprint, will advance PCC's 2013 Climate Action Plan.

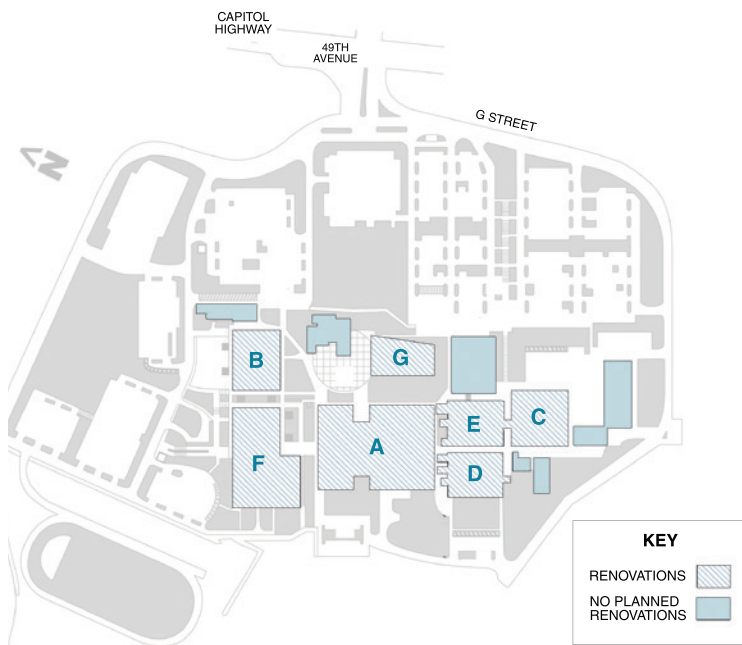
Overall, crews will renovate about 170,000 square feet of classroom, laboratory and office space, as well as build a 1,500-square-foot storage facility for the automotive building. The largest project is a modernization of nearly 75 percent of College Center. The ring road which encircles the campus was completed to enhance accessibility in case of emergencies.

### CONSTRUCTION

**Architect** | GBD Architects

**Construction Manager and General Contractor** | Howard S. Wright

Howard S. Wright's employment of state-certified minority- and women-owned firms and emerging small businesses (MWESB) as subcontractors is a result of the college's goal to reinvest bond dollars into the local economy, mentor smaller construction companies, and spread work and opportunity to MWESB businesses. To date, the bond program entered into contracts with more than 500 MWESB firms.



## CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION GUIDE

### **A Amo DeBernardis College Center** | renovations ongoing

The Amo DeBernardis College Center's (CC) bond improvements will cover about 120,000 square feet and will take place in four phases.

Phase I, completed in April 2014, renovated and created new offices and remodeled the lower CC Mall. Student services, including a welcome desk and Answer Center were added. The lower mall saw dramatic improvements to ADA accessibility, including the installation of a glass elevator at the north entrance, providing access to all levels of CC and direct access to the HT/CC plaza. Better lighting, acoustics and signage have given the lower mall a more inviting, open feel.

Phase II, beginning in spring 2015, will entail a complete remodeling of the Teaching Learning Center, testing centers, and the advising, counseling, career counseling and co-op/jobs offices.

Phase III, to begin in spring 2016, will renovate the northeast corner of CC for student government offices, a multipurpose room and the college's data and telephone services. The upper mall also will be renovated in this phase.

Phase IV will include renovations to the Women's Resource Center and Multicultural Center as well as other offices.

### **B Communications and Technology Building** | winter 2015 completion

Improvements include seismic upgrades, remodeling of existing first floor classrooms, and renovations to second floor faculty offices, work rooms and conference areas. A digital photography lab has been added and a portion of the former art classroom was redesigned as a gallery to exhibit student art.

### **C Automotive Metals Building** | completed summer 2013

Significant remodeling included better lighting, improved acoustics, new traffic coating in the shops, and replaced exhaust hoses and reels. As part of a grant donation, a new Dynometer for automotive diagnostics was also installed. In addition to the remodeling efforts, a new 1,500-square-foot storage building was constructed.

### **D Social Science Building** | completed fall 2014

The entire ground floor of this building was renovated for labs, offices and two general purpose classrooms. The second floor was renovated for faculty offices, work rooms and conference areas.

### **E Science and Technology Building** | winter 2015 completion

Third floor chemistry labs and offices were upgraded and remodeled in 2012. The remaining renovations, including a relocated math department with new computer lab and remodeled general purpose classrooms, will be completed by winter 2015.

### **F Health and Technology Building** | TBD completion

In 2012 and 2013 significant renovations were made to the pool's mechanical and electrical systems, which will save nearly 30 percent in annual energy costs. In addition to mechanical updates, the interior and deck surfaces of the pool were refinished and new family changing rooms were built. Upcoming work includes seismic upgrades and remodeled classrooms, staff, and faculty spaces throughout the building. A new Child Development Center will also be built.

### **G Library** | completed fall 2012

The Library was remodeled and transformed into a learning commons environment and now incorporates the Student Success Center and Computing Center. The stacks, study/lounge areas, conference rooms and library staff offices were also expanded and renovated.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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