

# **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 financial aid documents, pay bills, and obtain transcripts.

### **OVERVIEW**

With the passage of the 2008 capital construction bond, PCC is able to invest \$64.6 million in improvements and upgrades at the Sylvania Campus. Sylvania opened in 1968, making it the college's oldest campus. At 122 acres and 1 million square feet of building space, it's also the largest.

Substantial renovations are planned for most of Sylvania's buildings. These include seismic and technology upgrades, improved lighting and acoustics, and replacement of outdated or worn equipment, furniture, carpeting and other finishes.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 installing a more efficient central boiler system, is reducing the college's carbon footprint and advancing PCC's 2013 Climate Action Plan.

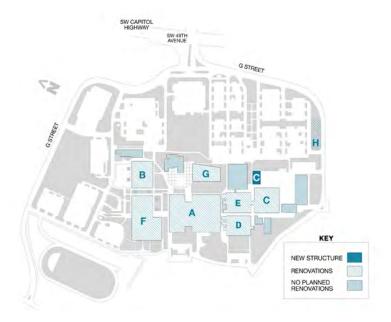
Overall, the bond program is renovating about 170,000 square feet of classroom, laboratory and office space. The largest project is the modernization of nearly 75 percent of College Center. A 1,500-square-foot storage facility was also added for the automotive building. G Street, Sylvania's ring road, was completed to enhance accessibility in case of emergencies. A detention pond was also built to manage stormwater runoff in the adjacent neighborhood.

### CONSTRUCTION

Architect | GBD Architects

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

Howard S. Wright's employment of state-certified minority-owned, women-owned or emerging small businesses (MWESB) as subcontractors is a direct 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 has entered into more than 500 contracts with MWESB firms.



#### **CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION GUIDE**

### A Amo DeBernardis College Center |

renovations ongoing

Improvements to Amo DeBernardis College Center (CC) are being done in four phases and ultimately will cover about 120,000 square feet.

Phase I, completed in spring 2014, included an overhaul of the lower mall for a more open floor plan with additional seating, improved lighting, acoustics and signage. A new skylight also helped make the lower mall a more inviting space. In the upper mall, a one-stop Answer Center was created to give students a central location for registration, financial aid, billing and other services. The building's ADA accessibility was dramatically improved thanks in part to a new elevator at the north entrance that provides access to all levels of CC and the HT/CC plaza.

Phase II, completed in winter 2016, saw a complete remodel of the Teaching Learning Center, and the offices for testing, advising, counseling, career counseling and co-op/jobs. In addition, a large skylight was constructed in the upper mall.

Phase III is underway and renovating areas for student government, a multipurpose room and the college's data and telephone services. Additional improvements to the upper mall will also be made.

Phase IV begins summer 2016 and will include renovations to the various student resource centers, completion of seismic and heating ventilation and cooling work, and the creation of new student and staff lounges and a staff technology space.

# **B** Communication Technology Building I

completed winter 2015

Improvements included seismic upgrades, remodeling of existing first-floor classrooms, and renovations to second-floor faculty offices, work rooms and conference areas. A digital photography lab was 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 improved lighting and acoustics, new traffic coating in the shops, and new exhaust hoses and reels. As part of a grant donation, a new Dynometer for diagnostics was also installed. In addition, a 1,500-square-foot storage building was constructed.

**D** Social Science Building I 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 Technology Building |

completed winter 2015

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, were completed in winter 2015.

F Health Technology Building I 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, the pool's interior and deck surfaces were refinished and new family changing rooms built. Upcoming work includes seismic upgrades and remodeled classrooms, staff, and faculty spaces. A new Child Development Center will also be built.

### G Library I 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.

H Detention pond I completed fall 2015
A new detention pond designed to manage stormwater runoff was built at the south edge of campus along G Street, an improvement long desired by Sylvania Campus neighbors.