

Topping Off: San Diego City College Career Technology Center

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WHAT: The Career Technology Center is a \$72.5 million project that includes a five-story, 88,900-square-foot classroom building to house the expanded nursing (to nearly double), cosmetology, and photography and digital arts programs along with new headquarters for the City College campus police. The project at the Park Boulevard campus includes an 11-story, 700-car parking structure with spaces for 30 high-fuel-efficiency vehicles and bicycles.

INTERESTING FACETS: A topping off ceremony to commemorate the highest structural element, a 36-foot beam weighing more than 1,200 pounds, was held May 1.



The Career Technology Center at San Diego City College includes a five-story classroom building, 11-story parking structure and new campus police headquarters. | Rendering courtesy of Carrier Johnson

The project is also seeking LEED Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. Photovoltaic solar panels are installed on the roof and parking structure's south façade; overall, the solar energy generated from this strategy will provide more than 7 percent of the building's total energy needs, contributing to overall energy efficiency, which is 25 percent higher than required. Features include drought-tolerant landscaping and plumbing fixtures that reduce water consumption and sewage by more than 50 percent over a standard building and extensive use of recycled materials such as terrazzo flooring that contains 100 percent post-consumer glass and scrap material use in building lobbies.

- **DEVELOPER:** N/A.
- **FINANCING:** Proposition S.
- **DESIGNER:** Carrier Johnson + Culture.
- **GENERAL CONTRACTOR:** Multiple prime contractors involved in project.
- **MAJOR SUBCONTRACTORS:**
- Architect — Carrier Johnson.
- Program Manager — Gafcon.
- Construction Manager — Rudolph and Sletten.
- Landscape Architect — McCullough Landscape Architecture.
- **START DATE:** May 2008.
- **COMPLETION DATE:** Spring 2010.
- **BUILDING COST:** \$60 million.
- **PROJECT COST:** \$72.5 million.
- **SQUARE FOOTAGE:** Classroom building will include 88,900 square feet.

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