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OF MOUNTAIN VIEW COLLEGE**



MVC unveils bond projects

Sneak preview highlights new athletic complex, student services and allied health buildings

On April 26, Mountain View invited the public for the unveiling of plans for three new state-of-the-art construction projects – an athletic complex, a student center, and a science and allied health building.

The projects were made possible as a result of a bond proposal approved by Dallas County voters in 2004. The first phase of construction will begin with the athletic complex this summer, and will be soon followed by the beginning stages of construction on the other two facilities.

MVC President **Felix A. Zamora**, and MVC Vice President of Business Services, **Sharon Davis**, each gave presentations. Following the presentations, the general public reviewed the architectural renderings of the new buildings and participated in a Q-and-A discussion.

The architect for the Student Center and Services building will be PSA-Dewberry. The cost of construction will be \$12.6 million. The 68,000 square-foot building will be located between the west parking lot and the existing west entry.

The new Student Center and Student Services building is anticipated to provide a visually pleasing gateway to the college and will provide a



MVC President Felix A. Zamora announced details of three new bond projects soon to get underway on April 26. The public was invited to the “sneak preview” to review architectural renderings and participate in a question-and-answer session with MVC administrators and architects.

new home for the student services areas which include admissions, recruitment, counseling, career services, testing, cashier, business operations, academic advising, financial aid, retention center, international students resource center, health and disability services. The student center component will include the Student Programs and Resources, food services, a bookstore and a new physical

fitness center. Construction is anticipated to start in November 2007 and to be completed in March 2009.

The new Science and Allied Health building will be constructed by the Gensler architectural firm. The \$10.7 million, 38,000 square-foot complex will be located at the south end of the west campus. The building will connect to the existing science wing, and will provide a new home for

MVC’s growing science programs.

The building will host the following programs: nursing labs, biology labs, chemistry labs, biology non-majors labs, computer classroom, associated prep areas, storage and faculty offices. The project also includes limited renovation of existing labs in the science wing to accommodate physics, geology and biotechnology.

Construction is anticipated to start in November 2007 and to be completed in December 2008. The new Sports Complex will be constructed by PBK Architects at a cost of \$7.7 million.

Located at south entrance of the college, the new sports complex will include a new football/soccer stadium with two 1,000-seat stands (home and visitors), a ticket booth, press box and support spaces.

The new sports complex will be located at the southwest corner of campus and will include a new football/soccer stadium with two 1,000-seat stands (home and visitors), a ticket booth, press box and support spaces. The complex will also include a baseball field, two practice soccer fields, a jogging trail and parking. Construction is anticipated to start in June 2007 and to be completed in June 2008.

MVC commencement to be held May 10

Dallas City Council member Dr. Elba Garcia to serve as keynote speaker

The Mountain View College 2007 graduation ceremony will be held Thursday, May 10, at 7 p.m., at the Jesse Owens Memorial Complex. Approximately 225 MVC graduates are expected to participate.

Dr. Elba Garcia, Dallas City Council member for District 1, will serve as keynote speaker for the ceremony. Dr. Garcia is not only a community leader,

but is also a mother and homemaker, a dentist with her own private practice, and a role model for Hispanic women from all walks.

Outside City Hall, Dr. Garcia has a myriad of other public service responsibilities. She has served as a school trustee for St. Cecilia's School, spokesperson for the American Cancer Society for Latin

Women, and board member with the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

MVC faculty, professional support staff, administrators and platform party members will meet at 6 p.m. in Room E-137 (on the lower level of the Ellis Davis Field House).

Students will meet at 6 p.m. in section 112 (visitor team

entrance) on the lower level of the complex. Graduation committee members and platform participants will conduct a rehearsal on May 10 at 4:30 p.m.

A student reception is schedule to immediately follow the ceremony on the upper concourse.

For additional information, contact the MVC Admissions office at ext. 8600.

MVC honors outstanding students on April 27

Mountain View held its annual Outstanding Student Awards Banquet on April 27.

Pablo De Santiago was named Mountain View's Outstanding Student of the Year, followed by second and third-place recipients **Danny Castillo** and **Seth Sawin**.

Other student nominees included **Terri Price**, **Francisco Vargas**, **Itzel Castillo**, **Estella Gallegos**, **Justin Deans**, **Mary Sheerer** and **Kevin Kluck**.

Additionally, MVC honored Student Ambassadors and presented student **Jason Rhodes** with the Amidon/Beauchamp and Guy Gooding Student Leader of the Year Award.

A job well done!



MVC recently held a reception to honor several administrators and faculty. Those honored included: (from left) Human Resources Director Willie Neal, for his outstanding leadership as SECC campaign chairman; Vice President of Business Services, Sharon Davis, for her recent selection as one of the Influential African American Leaders in Texas by the *Minority Business News* magazine; faculty member Dr. Paul Benson, for receiving the National Endowment for the Humanities Award at the Community College Humanities Association regional conference; and faculty member Dr. Geoff Grimes, for recently being honored with the Miles Production Award for Full-Time Excellence in Teaching. New MVC administrators Dr. Leonard Garrett (VP Student Services and Enrollment Management) and Julia Fletcher (Executive Dean CATE Division) were also recognized at the event.

Department of the Month



The Professional Support Staff Association recognized Dual Credit as the Department of the Month for April 2007. Pictured above are Department Assistant Elizabeth Cruz (left), and Denise Veracruz, Director of School Alliance and Institutional Outreach. Mountain View's PSSA recognizes one department each month for service excellence to the campus community.

Employee of the Month



Health Center nurse Mildred Freeby was named the MVC's Professional Support Staff Association's Employee of the Month for April 2007.

Boston Excursion exposes students to history, literature

The Boston American Studies Excursion was a tremendous success again this year, as 13 MVC students spent five days in the Boston, Mass., area from April 18-22.

MVC students who made the trip included: **Krystle Boykin, Rosalinda Davila, Dennis Juarez, Pablo Desantiago, Olga Zamora, Victoria Kinerd, Brenda Allen, Michael Hirabayashi, JaCorre Smith, Rosalva Alfaro, Yolanda Potter, Blanca Esparza** and **Ester Glasgow**.

Faculty and staff trainees, instructor **Liz Nichols** and **Izera Warrior** of SPAR, attended under the facilitation

of **Dr. Ken Alfery, Dr. Geoff Grimes** and **Cathy Edwards**. Enveloped in multimedia support created by Dr. Grimes, the Boston Excursion uses site visits and educational technology to bridge the gap between the students' experience of the historical and literary artifacts with the texts they are asked to read and understand in the classroom.

This year the students enjoyed stops at The Historic Old Manse and Rebecca Nurse Home, Walden Pond and the reconstructed cabin of Henry David Thoreau, Plymouth Plantation and the Mayflower; The African American Freedom Trail and the JFK Library and Museum.

MVC students plan to study in Alcala, Spain

Mountain View and Eastfield students will be participating in a studies abroad venture to Alcala, Spain, from May 12-31. The trip is unique in that it will be the first of its kind at MVC to offer credit in Intermediate Spanish.

This course is designed to further develop students' overall language proficiency and cultural knowledge through more advanced reading, listening, speaking and writing exercises. The course will be taught at the University of Alcala.

This milestone program was celebrated in a farewell ceremony at MVC on May 5. MVC President **Felix A. Zamora**, Vice President of Instruction **Dr. Matilda Saenz**, and Associate Dean of Instructional Support **Kizuwanda Grant**, each offered words of support and encouragement to participating students.

A total of 18 students will participate in the study abroad program. MVC instructors **Laura Gonzalez**— who will travel as a student— and **Ulises Rodriguez** will also be accompanying the students on the trip.