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### **RANCHO SANTIAGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AND SCS BREAKS GROUND ON THE NEW THE NEW 60,000 SQ FT SCIENCE CENTER AT SANTIAGO CANYON COLLEGE.**

ORANGE, California (March 25, 2008) – Rancho Santiago Community College District and SCS breaks ground on the new 60,000 sq. ft. science center at Santiago Canyon College in Orange.

The new science building at Santiago Canyon College is funded through a combination of state and Measure E funds, which was approved by voters in Rancho Santiago Community College District in November 2002. The bond measure provided \$337 million for renovation and construction at both Santiago Canyon College and Santa Ana College.

When completed, the science building will feature a unique design of two separate, two-story buildings connected by a walkway. The total square footage will be approximately 60,000, and include 12 science labs, six classrooms, and a large, tiered lecture hall that will seat nearly 200 students.

“We’re excited about this project,” said Interim Dean of Business, Math and Science Larry Mercadante. “The facilities will enable the college to offer two new courses, microbiology and organic chemistry, in specially designed labs. The building will be the site of future Community Science Nights, an annual event that’s collaboration between the college and the Orange Unified School District.”

“SCS is proud to be a partner with the Rancho Santiago Community College District’s Measure E, facilities program” said Jeffrey Flores, SCS President and CEO. “We’re currently performing services at both Santiago Canyon College and Santa Ana College, and it’s exciting to see the changes taking place at both campuses”

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