Pierce College
S. Mark Taper Foundation Botanic Garden

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Ground Breaking for Phase 2: December 8, 2006
Completion: September 2007

- The new S. Mark Taper Botanical Garden at Pierce College will include an array of Mediterranean plants, including Australian and South African-native shrubs.

- The College's garden will also include many Southern Californian native plants, making it a sustainable garden that is drought-resistant.

- The new Botanical Garden will offer many benefits to the Pierce College campus:

    o Provide an outdoor botanical laboratory for biology students

    o Demonstrate how incorporating plants from all over the world can help to decrease our use of water

    o Exhibit the beauty and viability of drought resistant plants in our region's climate

- The project construction for the botanical garden includes:

    o Landscaping and irrigation

    o Hardscape (patios, retaining walls, and walkways), two new seat walls along the southeast side

    o Three new shade structures, benches throughout, a new "dry creek bed"

    o Botanical plant signage

    o Winding concrete walkway called the "Evolution Walk," showing the major evolutionary time periods with representative fossil images stamped into the surface

    o Native Australian plants, including a rare Wollemi pine, once thought to be extinct, but recently rediscovered

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- The College unveiled the first phase of the Botanical Garden three years ago. Current construction completed the second and final phase of the garden. The entire Botanical Garden area is approximately 80,300 sq. ft.

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