

# Bond Program Biweekly Report

ending May 8, 2026

## City-side Colleges

### The Nursing, Allied Health and Public Service Building Reaches New Heights



On May 1, 2026, the new four-story **Nursing, Allied Health, and Public Service Building** project at East Los Angeles College reached an important construction milestone with the placement of

the last steel beam. Over 50 people gathered to watch the crews, represented by the Operating Engineers Local 12, Ironworkers Local 416 and Ironworkers Local 433, hoist and place the final beam on the four-story structure.

Over the last six weeks, **Swinerton Builders**, the General Contractor, erected roughly 1,000 tons of steel - approximately one tenth the weight of the Eiffel Tower!

Designed by the **DLR Group**, the 53,543 square feet facility will provide top-of-the-line amenities, highly-specialized labs, nine classrooms and a technologically advanced library tailored for the three programs. Its main entrance plaza will face the Science & Mathematics Complex quad and support East Los Angeles College's core mission as a leading STEAM institution.

When completed 55 kW of roof-mounted photovoltaic panels, along with 1022 kW of carport-mounted panels in the Stadium Parking Lot, will generate approximately 826,000 kWh annually, offsetting the building's average electric use. Other sustainable outdoor features include on-site stormwater management with bio-swales, capable of infiltration, capture and runoff water treatment for up to 90% of the average annual rainfall. In addition, the landscape design includes tree clusters to soften the expanse of hardscape and offer shade to reduce the heat island effect. The building is aiming for LEED Silver Certification.

Funded by Measure CC, the building is expected to achieve substantial completion in the first quarter of 2027. **Cordoba Corporation** is the College Project Leadership Team, led by College Project Director **Abdul Kunbargi**, Design Manager **Juan Silva**, Project Manager **Aielo Jimenez**, Project Engineers **Elaine Yee** and **Giovanna Romero**, Relocation Project Manager **Lada Phyakul**, and Regional Program Director **Rod Hamilton**.

See our social media post about this event [here!](#)

## Valley-side Colleges

### Valley Academic and Cultural Center takes Center Stage



On a picture perfect afternoon at Los Angeles Valley College, hundreds gathered on April 29, 2026 to celebrate the official opening of the **Valley Academic & Cultural Center**! This 118,000 square foot crown offers a premiere performing arts and teaching facility in the heart of the entertainment capital of the world.

The celebration was emceed by **Carmen Dominguez**, Dean of Art, Media, and Design, who acknowledged several of the professionals and instructors who will teach their craft in the new Center. Board of Trustees President **Sara Hernandez** recalled her early teaching career at LAVC and the importance of hands-on training facilities for successful careers. Board 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President **Andra Hoffman** also reminisced about her time as a Monarch and how her student experience at LAVC shaped her path as a community college educator who champions for

equitable pathways to opportunities. Board 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President **Steve Veres** was also in attendance. District Chancellor **Alberto Román** credited the voters for their continued investment in supporting students. Emphasizing the direct impact on her student journey, **Kaia Mann**, a journalism student at LAVC, expressed that this media arts center will alleviate the current logistical challenges by providing an abundance of practical resources in one single hub. In closing, LAVC President **Barry Gribbons** thanked the Facilities and Planning Teams.

Following the program, the building tour included a behind the scenes peek into the:

- 430-seat Main Theatre
- 221-seat Screening Theatre
- 143-seat Horseshoe Theatre
- Radio & Podcast Room
- Foley Studio

In addition to these spaces, the tour showcased how the VACC functions as a fully integrated creative hub, with rehearsal and studio rooms, audio-visual and editing labs, production and control rooms, smart classrooms, green rooms, and scene-shop support spaces that collectively mirror professional media and performing arts environments. The facility also includes collaborative learning areas and public gathering spaces that encourage cross-disciplinary work among theater, media, journalism, and audio production students. Together, these spaces demonstrate how the VACC supports the entire creative process—from concept and rehearsal to production, performance, and broadcast—while preparing students for real-world careers in the arts and media industries.

The three-story building was designed by **Ehrlich YRC Architects** and **QDG Architecture**. The general contractors, **Pinner Construction** and **S.J. Amoroso Construction Co.**, worked with the building trades to expend over 780,000 hours delivering the facility.

The project was made possible through funding from **Proposition A**, and **Measures J & CC**. **Arcadis** is the College Project Leadership Team, led by College Project Director **Gabriel**

**Murillo**, Design Manager **Fang Sui**, Project Managers **David Sorlie** and **David Martinez**, Project Engineer **David Morales**, and PMO Regional Project Director **Dora Lorente**.

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## Program-wide

### Safety First at BuildLACCD



BuildLACCD was proud to once again participate in Construction Safety Week. “*All In Together*,” the 2026 theme, builds on the focus and progress we’ve made to keep safety at the forefront of everything we do. Throughout the week, BuildLACCD’s Toolbox Talks emphasized **Recognize, Respond, and Respect** as a shared call to action for project teams to prevent injuries and fatalities:

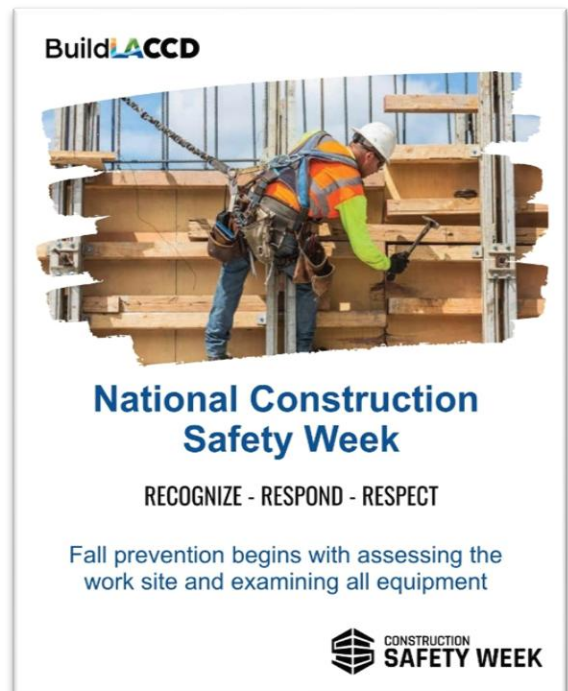
- **Recognize** the dangers and other hazards
- **Respond** by putting direct controls in place
- **Respect** every hazard, every person, every life, and every role in safety

Project teams across the district led site-specific safety meetings highlighting individual roles and responsibilities to ensure everyone's safety. Activities included job hazard analyses tailored to current work phases, increased field safety walks, hands-on demonstrations of proper personal protective equipment, discussions on near-miss reporting, and reviews of emergency response procedures. Several campuses also paused work to conduct all-hands safety stand-downs, reinforcing the importance of open communication and looking out for one another.

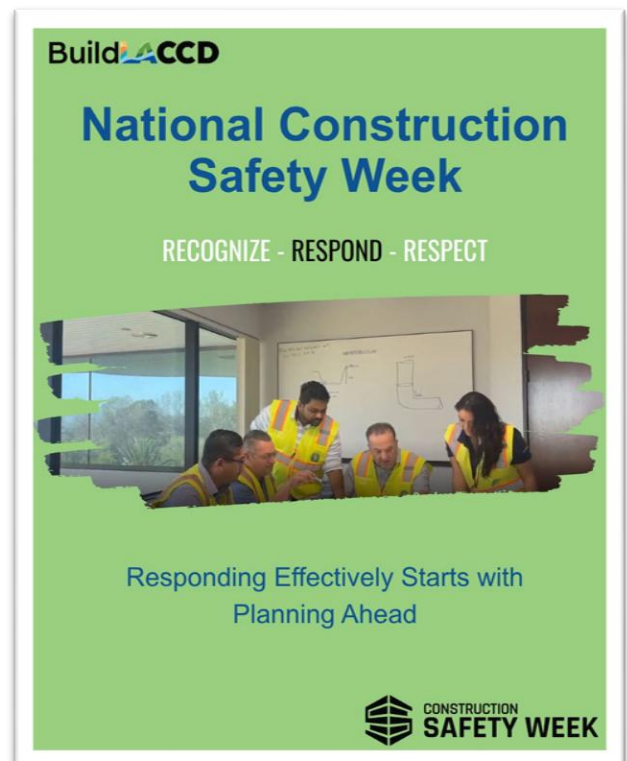
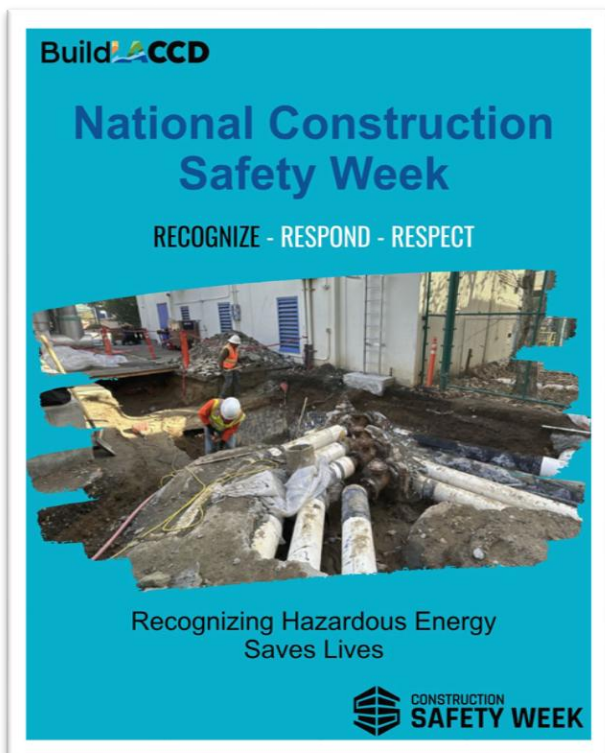
BuildLACCD joined more than 900 organizations nationwide in a united effort to celebrate the skilled professionals across our industry who make safety the foundation of everything they do. Construction Safety Week is an annual, week-long event held each May to demonstrate the industry's continued commitment to building a stronger, safer construction environment. Owners, contractors, designers, and trade partners take this opportunity to recommit to the shared goal of sending every worker home safely at the end of each day.

In the first quarter of 2026, BuildLACCD saw a **73% increase in labor hours** while recording **only four Recordable Incidents**. A *Recordable Incident* is an OSHA-defined workplace injury or illness that results in medical treatment beyond first aid, restricted work activity, or lost time. This performance reflects the effectiveness of proactive safety planning, consistent field oversight, and strong collaboration among project teams.

BuildLACCD currently has **41 active construction projects** across all nine LACCD colleges, representing more than **\$1 billion in construction value**. Supporting this work is BuildLACCD's dedicated Safety Team, led by **Program Safety Manager Steve Fraser** and **Regional Safety Managers Flint Smith, Patrick McCarthy, Jared Hart, Jon Clanton, Phil Fascetti, and Brent**



**Penner.** Together, they continue to champion a culture where safety is not just a priority, but a shared responsibility.



## BuildLACCD Celebrates Earth Day



This Earth Day, BuildLACCD showcased how sustainability is woven into campus planning, design, and daily operations across all nine Los Angeles Community College District campuses. Sustainability is a guiding pillar to deliver accessible, premiere, student-focused learning environments.

**Los Angeles City College** leverages its central location to promote multimodal transit options and capitalizes its open space. The recently completed Central Quad project incorporated four bioretention basins capture and reuse stormwater.

**Los Angeles Mission College** advances the District's clean energy goals with the District's first net-positive building! Now in construction, the Plant Facilities project will generate renewable power through photovoltaic systems and battery storage, paired with drought-tolerant native landscaping.

**East Los Angeles College** demonstrates energy efficiency and material reuse, with solar installations generating renewable power and high recycling rates achieved during construction of the Performing and Fine Arts Complex.

The Herb Garden adjacent to the Culinary Arts building at **Los Angeles Trade–Technical College** offers students farm-to-table curriculum – based learning. Mastering sustainable industry skills boosts biodiversity, improves nutrition, and lowers the carbon footprint.

Together, these and many more efforts reflect BuildLACCD's commitment to Earth Day!

**See our social media post commemorating Earth Day 2026 [here!](#)**

For more information on all **BuildLACCD active projects**, please see the following:

- [Active Design Projects Status Report \(as of March 31, 2026\)](#)
- [Active Construction Projects Status Report \(as of March 31, 2026\)](#)