BuildLACCD

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Valley-side Colleges

Academic West Achieves Substantial Completion at Los Angeles Pierce College



BuildLACD delivered a **major project milestone** with the **substantial completion of the new Academic West Building at Los Angeles Pierce College** on **October 30, 2026**. The approximately 34,900-square-foot facility will provide **modern instructional space that** supports student success and academic excellence for the **Art & Architecture, Media Arts, Philosophy, and Sociology** programs.

Located along the campus Mall, the two-story building serves as a **new academic destination and gathering place for students, faculty, and the college community**. The facility features state-of-the-art classrooms, specialized learning environments, faculty offices, flexible



collaboration spaces, and a gallery designed to showcase student artwork and exhibitions. The project also enhances the surrounding campus through **new plazas, outdoor gathering spaces, landscaping improvements, and expanded accessibility connections**.

Aiming for **LEED Silver certification**, Academic West incorporates **solar power generation, natural daylighting, stormwater management systems, and drought-tolerant landscaping** in support of the District's sustainability goals.

With substantial completion achieved, the project now enters final commissioning and occupancy activities ahead of opening to students and faculty. Academic West reflects LACCD's ongoing commitment to delivering innovative, sustainable learning environments that strengthen academic programs, enrich campus life, and support the long-term success of LACCD students.

Academic West will officially open to the Pierce College community for the Spring 2027 semester.

The project is funded by Measure CC. **SafeworkCM** is the College Project Leadership Team, led by the College Project Director **Soufiane Boudiaf**, Project Managers **Gene Directo and Juan Santana**, Project Engineers **Gisselle Gonzalez and Karina Garcia**, Move Project Manager **Kelly McCann-Miller**, and Regional Program Manager **Dora Lorente.**







A Major Construction Milestone for Pierce College: Academic East Attains Substantial Completion



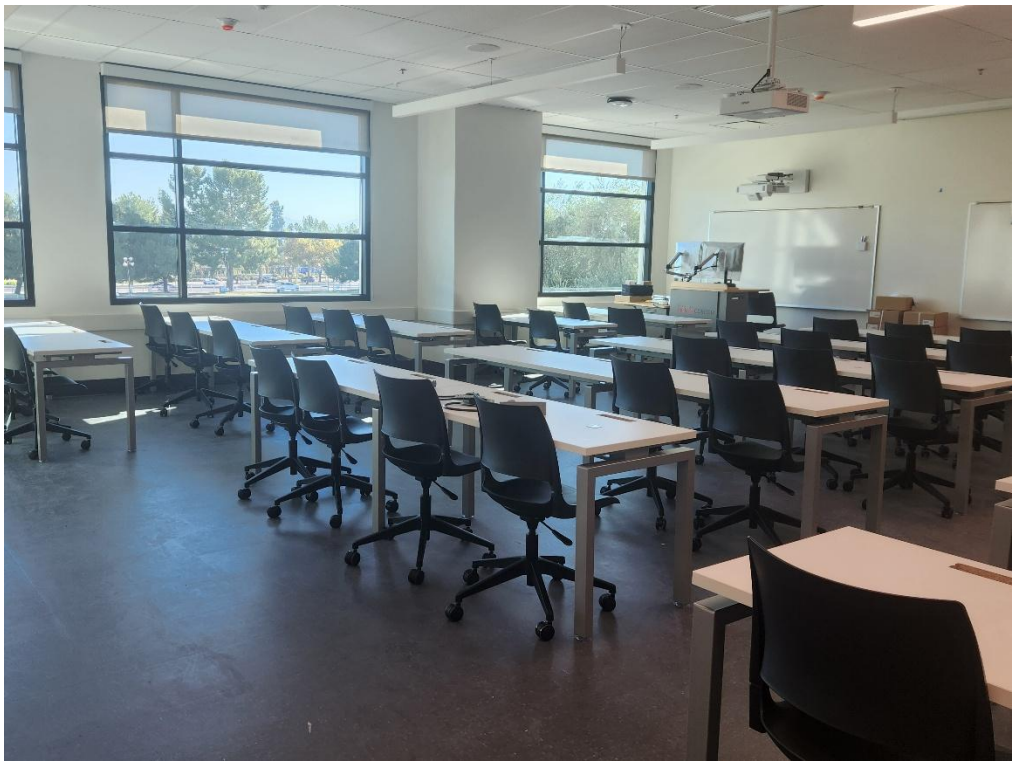
Pierce College reached a major milestone on October 30, 2026, with the substantial completion of the new Academic East building. This new **two-story facility** sits at the north end of the Avenue of Champions and adopts the campus' signature mission-style architecture. Engineered for **inclusive, multidisciplinary scholarship**, Academic East will house the **Computer Science and Information Technology, Mathematics, and Psychology departments** in **high-performance, flexible learning spaces**. Studying in diverse learning environments prepares students to be analytical thinkers and strengthens their collaborative mindset, essential skills for their future careers.

Inside the **56,000-square-foot building**, **24 spacious classrooms and 5 hands-on laboratories** are fitted with **state-of-the-art equipment**. Computers with **high-performance processors** are installed in software labs, while **server racks and switches** are stationed in the hardware labs. Academic East also provides **42 offices**, along with additional break rooms and workspaces for department faculty and staff. The departments will also benefit from **4 meeting rooms, 82 lockers, and a Psychology Resource Library**.

With the aim of achieving **LEED Silver certification**, the **100% electric building** features a **high-efficiency utility network** and a **60-kW rooftop photovoltaic (PV) system**, expected to generate **23% of its daily power needs**. Academic East's landscaping integrates **drip irrigation** and a **3,800-square-foot biofiltration planter**, enhancing the project's environmental sustainability.

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The project is funded by Measure CC. **SafeworkCM** is the College Project Leadership Team, led by the College Project Director **Soufiane Boudiaf**, Design Manager **Pavan Bhatia**, Project Manager **Mavis Webster**, Project Engineer **Janet Mullens**, Move Project Manager **Kelly McCann-Miller**, and Regional Program Manager **Dora Lorente**.







City-side Colleges

LATTC Advanced Transportation and Manufacturing Facility Earns 2026 CCFC Professional Design Award



Los Angeles Trade-Technical College's (LATTC) new Advanced Transportation and Manufacturing Facility has been honored with the **2026 Professional Design Award from the Community College Facility Coalition (CCFC)**. The project, still in Design, was recognized for the project's excellence in innovation, sustainability and the incorporation of the unique spaces required to support Automotive Technician Pathway.



The award-winning facility represents a significant investment in the future of career and technical education, supporting programs in **automotive technology, advanced manufacturing, heavy truck and diesel technology, rail vehicle maintenance, electronics, and hybrid and electric vehicle technologies**. These programs prepare students for high-demand careers in industries that are essential to the region's economic growth and technological advancement.

At approximately **155,000 square feet**, the facility will bring together state-of-the-art classrooms, specialized laboratories, collaborative learning environments, and high-bay technical training spaces within a single modern complex. The design intentionally integrates hands-on instruction with academic learning, allowing students to develop the skills and experience needed to succeed in today's rapidly evolving transportation and manufacturing sectors. Open, welcoming spaces, abundant natural light, and flexible instructional environments create an inspiring setting that supports both learning and collaboration.

The CCFC Professional Design Award recognizes more than architectural excellence. It acknowledges the District's vision for creating transformative educational environments that expand opportunity, strengthen workforce pathways, and prepare students for the careers of tomorrow. The Advanced Transportation and Manufacturing Facility stands as

a powerful example of how thoughtful design can support student achievement, industry partnerships, and community impact for generations to come.



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

- **Active Design Projects Status Report (as of September 30, 2026)**
- **Active Construction Projects Status report (as of September 30, 2026)**