

Mt. SAC will break ground on \$46 million computer classroom Thursday

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Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut will continue a building spree when it breaks ground on a \$46 million building for business and computer technology students, the college announced this week.

The community college will hold a ground-breaking ceremony for its Business and Computer Technology Complex at 3 p.m. Thursday at the site of new facility just south of the tennis courts and west of the Language Center (Building 66).

“This is going to be a state-of-the-art complex that will consolidate our business and computer programs in one central area,” said Mt. SAC Business Dean Jennifer Galbraith.

The \$46-million complex, about 87,000 square feet in size, will house Mt. SAC’s accounting, business management, computer information systems, consumer studies, culinary arts, economics, fashion design and merchandising, hospitality management, interior design, paralegal studies, nutrition and foods, and real estate programs.

Part of the newest building to be erected on campus will include a student-run restaurant and a computer security lab.

In addition, a new lobby on the west side of the existing Language Center will connect the new complex to the rest of the campus via a pedestrian pathway.

Construction is scheduled to start in December. The project will be completed sometime in the spring of 2018, said college officials.

The college recently launched a three-year, \$62 million [renovation of Hilmer Lodge Stadium](#), located on the southeast side of the 420-acre campus. The college completed building an \$18-million [child development center](#) in September 2014. A new, \$24.5-million [Design Technology Center](#) opened in April 2013. The college’s attempts to build a \$48-million, five-level parking garage was halted by a court order as a result of a lawsuits brought by Walnut residents and the city of Walnut. The Board of Trustees recently approved a [new solar-power project](#) for a hillside across the street near Temple Avenue/Amar Road and Grand Avenue.

Half of the computer/business classroom building is funded through Measure RR, Mt. SAC’s \$353-million facilities bond approved by voters in 2008.