

Folsom Lake College, Rancho Cordova Center

Rancho Cordova, CA

The opening of the new Folsom Lake College, Rancho Cordova Center has transformed a once-blighted neighborhood into the beginnings of a redevelopment hub for the City of Rancho Cordova. This 26,981 sq. ft. education center is phase one of a three-phased, 80,000 sq. ft., master-planned campus, bringing higher education opportunities to the community. The Center is comprised of eight classrooms, a learning resource center, a bookstore, student lounge and administration offices.

The 5.7 acre site faces the heavily traveled Folsom Blvd. and is in proximity to residential neighborhoods and retail centers. Located across from a light

rail transit station and bus stops, the Center serves as the ideal anchor for a transit-oriented development—one of the city's redevelopment goals. The Center promotes an urban environment along Folsom Blvd. The building's massing gives prominence to the campus



New Construction/Addition

Entire school/campus building

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OWNER/CLIENT

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: Post-Secondary

Capacity: 2,500 enrolled students per semester; 700
 capacity

Size of Site: 5.7 acres

Building Area: 26,981 sq. ft.

Space per Student: 38.5 sq. ft.

Cost per Student: \$21,428

Square Foot Cost: \$556

Project Cost: \$14,999,896

Completion Date: October 2015

Sustainability Rating Status: Designed to LEED Silver
 Standards

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as a community landmark, with architectural elements that acknowledge the pedestrian and engages the surrounding community and businesses. The fenestration on the southern side of the building protects the interior from the afternoon sun. Motorized shade cloth window covers also aid in minimizing heat. The northern side of the building was designed with larger windows to allow indirect natural light to flood

into the spaces and provide views of the outdoors. This transparent northern side embraces an outdoor social gathering space.

The group study rooms in the learning resource center, the student lounge and several other social gathering spaces located inside and outside invite students to stay at the Center to study between classes, meet with classmates

for group projects or to develop social bonds. These spaces are unique for college centers typically serving a commuter population and help foster a sense of college community.

