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NEWS

Coast Community College District Receives Costa Mesa Design Award

The District is Recognized for Planning and Design of Offices

COSTA MESA – In recognition of the planning and design that went into the Coast Community College District Administration Building, Costa Mesa awarded them with the 2008 Planning Commission Design Awards on Monday. The award is given for buildings that enhance their immediate surroundings and the image of Costa Mesa.

Vice President of the Coast Community College’s Board of Trustees Dr. Lorraine Prinsky and Trustee Mary Hornbuckle were in Council Chambers to accept the award, from the Commission. The City of Costa Mesa recognized just four buildings with the award in 2008.

Trustee Dr. Prinsky thanked the community for their support, “The single-building streamlines services for our students and campus personnel. The Board is grateful to the taxpayers for their support, which enabled the district to build its first ever permanent administration buildings, replacing dilapidated temporary trailers which were in use for 40 years!”

The building was funded by Measure C, a General Obligation Bond approved by voters in 2002.

“A lot of work and consideration for the city went into planning this building and it is an honor to be recognized,” said Acting Chancellor Dr. Ding-Jo Currie. “Oftentimes new construction is scrutinized, but the Planning Award as well as the building’s LEED certification shows that buildings can be an asset to the community and be environmentally friendly.”

The Administration Building, located at 1370 Adams Ave., received certification from the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for being an environmentally responsible project. The building uses solar power and features recycled materials and native plants in the landscaping.

Costa Mesa resident Trustee Hornbuckle expressed her gratitude to the city, “Everyone at the City of Costa Mesa has been great and really helped us through the whole process from approval to opening. We are proud to have the first Silver LEED certified building in a deserving city.”

The Coast Community College District is headquartered in Costa Mesa and is home to Coastline Community College headquartered in Fountain Valley, Golden West College in Huntington Beach and Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa.



On Hand to Accept the Planning and Design Award (l-r) Tim Bundy, Ardith Richey, Dr. Ding-Jo Currie, Trustee Dr. Lorraine Prinsky, Trustee Mary Hornbuckle

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