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## Ozuna Library at Palo Alto College reopens after 18-month renovation

Palo Alto College will have a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly renovated Ozuna Library and Learning Center on Wednesday, Aug. 28, at 10:30 a.m. Reception and building tours will follow.

The 76,000-square-foot energy efficient complex boasts seven "smart" classrooms with advanced technology seating up to 30 students, a large computer lab with 180 computer stations, and second-story library housing six group study rooms, six individual study rooms, a 49-seat conference room, a leisure room, over 89,000 books and videos, and many comfortable seating options for studying.

Further renovations will continue throughout the Fall and are expected to be complete in January 2014. Additions to the building will include a café, event space for up to 200 guests, a Family Resource room, and an additional 60-seat classroom that can be split into two learning areas.

The building will also serve as home to Palo Alto College's Gateway to College program, the Information and Communication Technology department, and an enhanced Instructional Innovation Center.

The original building opened in 1997 and was dedicated as the George Ozuna Jr. Learning Resources and Academic Computing Center. George Ozuna Jr. served on the Alamo Community College District Board of Trustees from 1974 to 1986. As chairman from 1980 to 1984, he led the board to create Palo Alto College as the first college in the South side of San Antonio. In 1995, the Alamo Community College District Board of Trustees unanimously voted to name the building after Ozuna for his dedication to education in the South side.

The Ozuna Library will open for service on Aug. 26. Community users who are interested in borrowing items can do so through the TexShare Card program. More information about the TexShare Card can be found at alamo.edu/pac/library.

Palo Alto College, one of the Alamo Colleges, is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate degrees. With nearly 9,000 students, the College also offers short-term certificates and non-credit continuing education classes. The campus is located on the Southside of San Antonio at 1400 W. Villaret Blvd. at I-410 and Texas Hwy. 16 and online at alamo.edu/pac.