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## **Citrus College Hosts Ribbon Cutting for Renovated Hayden Hall Building**

Glendora, Calif. (Oct. 12, 2017) – The renovation of Hayden Hall, Citrus College’s oldest and most historic structure, was recently celebrated with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony.

On Tuesday, Oct. 3, dignitaries, civic leaders and members of the Citrus College community attended the grand re-opening of Hayden Hall, which was built in 1935. Officials from the city of Glendora and the Glendora Chamber of Commerce joined representatives from the offices of U.S. Rep. Judy Chu, U.S. Rep. Grace Napolitano, California State Senator Anthony Portantino and California State Assemblymember Blanca E. Rubio in giving the college proclamations to commemorate the special occasion.

Superintendent/President Dr. Geraldine M. Perri thanked those individuals who have made important contributions to the restoration project. She also praised the vision, dedication and leadership of the college’s board of trustees and members of the community, including education partners and local, state and federal representatives.

“Ribbon cuttings, along with commencement, our academic achievement awards and our scholarship reception, provide us all with the opportunity to come together to celebrate institutional growth and student achievement,” Dr. Perri said. “As it has in decades past, this warm and welcoming building will continue to serve as a gathering place for academic discourse for many decades to come. We anticipate it will become a hub for creativity and innovation by all college constituencies.”

The \$2.3 million modernization project began in August 2016 and was partially funded by Measure G, a general obligation bond approved by voters in 2004.

“The newly refurbished Hayden Hall is one more example of Measure G dollars at work, and I express my sincere appreciation to our communities for supporting this important initiative,” said Dr. Barbara R. Dickerson, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. “It is difficult to imagine what the Citrus College campus would look like today without the funding provided by this bond. Aside from aesthetics, Measure G has allowed the college to keep pace with the changing needs of our students.”

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Originally serving as a lecture hall and employee offices, Hayden Hall has fulfilled a variety of purposes over the past eight decades, including time spent as the college Health Center, as a Veterans Center and as classrooms.

In its new role, the 4,615-square-foot building will serve as an “athenaeum,” a place of collaborative inquiry, discussion and learning. The building also includes office space for both the Academic Senate and the Citrus College Faculty Association.

“Like it did when it was first dedicated in 1935, Hayden Hall will continue to represent academic opportunity and a high-quality education,” said Claudette E. Dain, vice president of finance and administrative services. “It also serves as a reminder that Citrus College – much like the building itself – is both steadfast and constantly evolving.”

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