San Diego, CA – Sept. 4, 2014…As part of its Centennial Founders Week, San Diego City College is opening its campus for a Community Open House Day on Thursday, September 11 from 11:30 – 4:30. The Community Open House Day is an opportunity for the community to see first-hand the $475 million transformation of the college.

The college is undergoing the largest renovation in its 100-year history, with the addition of five new buildings since 2010 and the ongoing renovation of its original buildings. On August 18, the Arts and Humanities and Business Technology buildings opened its doors for the first time for students. Three other buildings, the Career Technology Center, Math and Social Sciences, and the Science buildings opened in 2010, 2012, and 2013 respectively. The Math and Social Sciences building includes a full-service Corporate Education Center with a 120-seat lecture hall and 100-seat multipurpose room, and the Science building includes an 82-seat Planetarium.

Beginning at the Welcome Center in the Corporate Education Center, campus visitors can choose from a variety of activities that might include touring through nearly 500,000 SF of new buildings, watching students from the Sustainable Urban Agriculture program work the Seeds @ City Urban Farm, sitting in on a human anatomy lab, enjoying Cosmetology services, viewing biology, geology, and anthropology exhibits, and taking a walk through history at a special Centennial display in the Learning Resource Center/Library.

Additional special events include a 5:30 p.m. showing in the Planetarium (RSVP required); a discussion at 12:45 with speaker Cupcake Brown, a City College alumna and author of the NY Times bestselling book, "A Piece of Cake", as she talks about overcoming addiction and her journey to becoming an acclaimed author, attorney, advocate, and national speaker; an Alumni Artist’s Reception at the new City Gallery and Sculpture Garden from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., and a photography exhibit at the Luxe Gallery from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

The San Diego Bloodmobile will also be on campus from 9:00 – 4:00 p.m. and available for walk-in appointments. For the full calendar of Centennial and Open House events, visit the college website.
The Welcome Center is located in the Corporate Education Center in the Math and Social Sciences building at 1550 C Street.

Other Founders Week events include the City College Foundation Centennial Gala at the Prado on Monday, Sept. 10, a student-sponsored Spirit Day on Gorton Quad Tuesday, and the launch of the new specially “wrapped” Centennial Trolley car on Wednesday, Sept. 10. The Centennial car will launch from the MTS Imperial Station and arrive at the City College Trolley Station approximately 10:50 a.m.

One-hundred years after the first class of 34 students started the first community college in San Diego on September 8, 1914, nearly a million students, faculty and staff have been a part of City College. Additionally, the college has grown from its original 3.35 acres in the early 1950s, to 60 acres now and encompasses 1/5 of the downtown footprint of City College. The history and growth of City College is detailed in the Centennial commemorative 254-page history book, *The San Diego City College: A Centennial History.*

Dr. Anthony Beebe, President of San Diego City College shared, “As City College is the community’s college, we want to thank the community for its support and invite everyone to campus to meet our students, faculty and staff, and to learn more about our 250 degree and certificate programs.

**SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE FOUNDERS WEEK:**

**Monday, Sept. 8:**  
The Foundation Gala @ the Prado begins at 6:00 pm | [www.sdccgala.org](http://www.sdccgala.org)

**Tuesday, Sept. 9:**  
Spirit Day in Gorton Quad | 11:30 – 1:30 | Flash Mob Dance at 12:30

**Wed/, Sept. 10:**  
New City College Trolley car arrives at the City College Trolley Station at 11th & C | 10:50 am (subject to trolley schedule) | Cheer with the “welcome party” as the student designed “wrapped” trolley car is placed into service.

**Thurs, Sept. 11:**  
Community Open House Day throughout the campus | 11:30 – 4:30 | 5:30 – Planetarium Showing (RSVP:vortega@sdccd.edu)  
Welcome Center @ the Corporate Ed Center | 1550 C Street

For the full calendar of Centennial and Open House events, visit the college website [www.sdcity.edu/centennial](http://www.sdcity.edu/centennial).

**About San Diego City College:** Founded in 1914, San Diego City College is celebrating its 100th Anniversary throughout 2014. Serving as the educational cornerstone of downtown San Diego, City College offers more than 200 degrees and certificates, and 1,500 day, evening, weekend and online courses. City College is part of the San Diego Community College District, comprised of City College, Mesa College, Miramar College, and Continuing Education. For more information, visit: [www.sdcity.edu](http://www.sdcity.edu).