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Phoenix College Breaks Ground on Hannelly Center Expansion and Remodel

January 24, 2011, Phoenix, AZ – The RNL-designed **Hannelly Center Expansion and Remodel at Phoenix College**, the flagship college of the Maricopa County Community College District, will break ground on Thursday, January 27th at 1:30 pm.

The 58,000-square-foot project includes an addition to the existing Hannelly Student Center, a complete remodel of the existing Hannelly Center and the remodel of the current Learning Center Building to create the new Student Union for Phoenix College. The Hannelly Center addition and remodel will provide a welcoming, low stress and streamlined registration process at Phoenix College by consolidating all student support services into one building and creating an enrollment process that is efficient, personal and accommodating. Within the Hannelly Center, the “One Stop” concept for student registration will be implemented, improving customer service for students.

Developed by the Maricopa Community College District/Phoenix College and being built by D.L. Withers Construction, the Hannelly Center renovation and addition will establish a much needed gateway to the Phoenix College Campus and a “front door” to the Hannelly Student Center.

“We are thrilled about the progress being made on the actualization of our One Stop Enrollment Center in the remodeled and expanded Hannelly Center and the remodel of the LC Building into a Student Union,” said Phoenix College president Dr. Anna Solley. *“These two world-class facilities will serve to further enhance the outstanding learning and gathering spaces that characterize the historic Phoenix College Campus, while providing a state-of-the-art customer service environment for our students.”*

The Hannelly Center expansion and remodel will improve efficiency, eliminate long lines, and provide a warm, inviting environment for students and staff. The facility will establish areas for social interaction, multi-purpose space, study areas, and club and meeting spaces for students, staff, and community members. The dining area will offer space for students to enjoy their food as well as study and collaborate with one another. This area will also be opened up and physically connected with the outside plaza and campus malls.

All phases of the Hannelly Center renovation and addition will be complete in December 2012.

Phoenix College is a premier institution of higher education that has been serving the community since 1920. As the flagship college of the Maricopa Community Colleges—the largest community college system in America—**Phoenix College** offers programs for university transfer, career training, and personal development. The 50-acre campus includes state-of-the-art instructional classrooms, a modern library and computer lab, the Eric Fischl Art Gallery, a performing arts theater, a culinary café, a gymnasium and fitness center, and premium athletic fields. **Phoenix College** students speak more than 50 languages and represent more than 100 countries, reflecting the diverse, multicultural central city that **Phoenix College** serves.

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