De Anza’s commitment to sustainability in its daily operations and building program continued in 2009-2010. The college submitted its draft of the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment Action Plan and continued to participate in the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating (STARS) program. The College Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAG) focused its efforts on social justice in the cultivation, preparation and acquisition of food products used in the Dining Services operation.

On March 15, 2010, the U.S. Green Building Council awarded the Visual and Performing Arts Center a LEED® Silver rating. The building achieved 33 documented and approved points under the LEED® For New Construction rating system.

In May 2010, De Anza College’s Mediated Learning Center (MLC), designed as a LEED® Platinum building, won the 2010 Best Practice Award for the Energy Efficiency Partnership Program’s Overall Sustainable Design. This program:

- Highlights the achievements that the University of California, California State University and California Community Colleges campuses have made through innovative and effective energy efficiency projects and sustainable operations.
- Showcases specific projects and retrofits as models to be used by other campuses to achieve energy efficiency and sustainability goals.
- Provides campus staff with a valuable resource of Best Practice projects that they can transfer to their own campus.

The MLC, due to open in fall 2012, was designed to provide flexible general classrooms as well as lab space for Anthropology. The MLC will also house offices for Distance Learning, a training classroom and offices for Staff and Organizational Development, and the Broadcast Media/Film/TV studio with offices for the Technology Resources Group (TRG). The goal is to make the MLC an energy efficient facility that fully integrates technology in the classrooms. Green building features include:

- Rooftop photovoltaic panels for electrical generation
- Rooftop solar hot water panels for building use
- Buoyancy-driven ventilation
- Raised floor for gentle air distribution and flexibility
- High-performance skylight glazing
- Clerestory windows
- Use of natural daylight
- Orientation and layout for energy efficiency and passive solar benefits
- Water conservation and water runoff control
- Radiant heating in the lobby/atrium floor
- Native- and low-water-usage species landscaping design

Other projects completed this year include renovation of the Automotive Technology building and installation of photovoltaic arrays in Parking Lot C. Work continues on the renovations of the historic Baldwin Winery Building and the East Cottage located in the college’s historic corridor that includes Le Petit Trianon (California History Center) and the Sunken Garden.

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