

College athletics complex benefits community & students

Folsom Lake College President Rachel Rosenthal invites the community to attend the Sept. 3 grand opening of the college's athletics complex, including new track and field, baseball, softball and soccer fields. "We are so happy that the community will have the opportunity to share these premier facilities with our students," she says.

"The sharing of these fields will not only promote health and wellness of our residents and partnerships with community organizations, but will be an economic driver for the City of Folsom," says Rosenthal. "We expect to host regional and national competitions at this site that will provide an economic boost to local businesses. Participants and attendees will enjoy the local amenities Folsom offers such as lodging, shopping, dining and entertainment at the Harris Center."

The ribbon cutting for the athletics complex begins at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, followed immediately by a groundbreaking ceremony for the gymnasium. The inaugural home athletic event – a women's soccer team game against West Hills Community College – follows the groundbreaking. Admission is free to all grand opening events.

The second phase of the project – a cross country course, interpretive trail and a nine-court tennis complex – is slated to open in January, completing the athletics complex. A new gymnasium is projected to open in spring 2015.

Funding for the physical education and athletic fields construction is provided by the Los Rios Community College District Bond Measure M, passed by taxpayers in 2008.

A campus map can be found at www.flc.losrios.edu – just click on "Maps" at the top of the home page and then "Main Folsom Campus."

