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New art classroom inaugurated



Arts Proffesor Ron Clark holds a metallic olive branch used to decorate the

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What used to be a walkway is now an area where students can create and display their art.

After four months of construction, the sculpture yard for the art department at VV is ready to give future generations of artists a place to explore their talents in a safe and comfortable environ-

During an inaugurating ceremony, students, faculty and staff gathered at the new room to thank all the people involved in the project.

EPCC President William Serrata and Interim Vice President of Instruction Steven E. Smith who attended the event to explore the new facilities and improvements, congratulated all the members of the Art department and highlighted the importance of the arts in the college as well as acknowledging the aptitudes of the art department.

"Bringing something like this takes a strong leader and a strong vision to help succeed our students in arts. [Their effort] adds a bunch a capability to our art department that we didn't have before," said Smith

"We really have esteem in this particular division, the creativity that takes to become true artist is very much aligned with the mathematical skills that we see in much science and math... I'm certainly excited of what this will bring to the student body and generations of students to come here," said Dr. Serrata.

The additional renovations included a reconditioned printmaking room and a new ventilation system to ensure the safety and comfort of the students.

The new room includes

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welding machines, drills and an open space to craft and display art pieces made of metal and ceramic.

new art room for it's inauguration ceremony.

As a symbolic inauguration, Arts Professor Ron Clark installed the first decorative metallic olive branch at the gate of the art room.

"It's a wonderful space, it will allows us to bring down new technology further the curriculum so you can experience some of the new technology sooner or later so that's a very wonderful addition," said Clark.

"I can't say enough about the ingenuity and creativity to take what was a parking lot to do something good that students will be able to move forward with and to learn from and really expand what we have to offer within art. Students this is for you. I'll look forward of what you'll create within these walls," said Dr. Serrata.

After the inaugurating ceremony, students and faculty enjoyed gourmet pizza cooked by the Culinary Arts department.



The Culinary Arts department provided gourmet pizzas to the students during the inauguration.