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USD RAISES THE ROOF ON JENNY CRAIG PAVILION
Event Celebrates Milestone of Construction of More than Half of New Center

Now that the steel trusses have been installed for the roof, more than half of the \$17.5 million Jenny Craig Pavilion at the University of San Diego is complete. USD will hold a "topping-out" party on Feb. 11 to preview the 5,100-seat center that will be a venue for athletic events, concerts, and educational and cultural events, not just for USD but the entire San Diego region.

Recently, two 300-ton cranes were used to lift the 220-foot sections of steel trusses in place. The center is on track to open early this fall for campus use. The public Grand Opening and first Torero Tip-Off basketball celebration in the pavilion will be a men and women's doubleheader scheduled for Dec. 2.

Former USD trustee Jenny Craig and her husband, Sid, made a lead gift of \$7 million to start the project moving. A fundraising campaign for the balance, chaired by USD alumnus William H. Scripps, class of 1983, continues during construction.

Members of the media are invited to cover the event where the Craigs will join other USD friends and donors at the topping-out party from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the Linda Vista campus. USD athletes and coaches escort guests on tour of the pavilion, pointing out where center court and other sites will soon be in place.

Mosher Drew Watson Ferguson is the architect for the pavilion. Ninteman Construction Co. Inc. is the general contractor.

On February 19 and 26, the USD Women and Men's basketball teams will play the final intercollegiate games in the USD Sports Center. Alumni from across the decades will be present.

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