

Remarks by Steve Kirsch at the dedication of the Kirsch Center for
Environmental Studies, DeAnza College, Cupertino, California
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This building is the culmination of a lot of work of a lot of very smart people.

Michele and I are very proud to have played a role in helping to have make it happen.

We have long been supporters of the environment, education, high technology, and our local community. This project ties together all of these elements.

That's why, When Martha approach us nearly 6 years ago to ask for our support, it didn't take long for us to say yes. The Kirsch Center is the largest single charitable contribution we have made in our lives.

As the 1st green building on a community college campus, The Kirsch Center will provide a tremendous opportunity to teach a new generation about green buildings, about sustainability, and ways to make a positive impact on our planet.

We know that it will serve as a role model for others to follow for a very long time.

We are grateful to the Trustees for their support and tenacity in the face of economic hardship to make this project a reality. We are also extremely grateful to Becky and Jim Morgan for their funding of an endowed Professorship in environmental studies which complements the facility and will truly make the Center a place for learning.

Lastly, we would like to thank everyone else who involved in making this building a reality.

Creating this building was no easy task. It was an incredible multi-year team effort...the architects, construction workers, staff, students, faculty.

We stand in awe of what you have done. It is truly a magnificent accomplishment that I know you will be proud of for the rest of your lives.

We thank you.