

## The Sandhu Residence Center features many upscale amenities.

Walk down the hall toward the student rooms and you feel like you're in a hotel decorated in O.C. Craftsman-style, with muted earth tones. Outside, courtyards hold comfy seating and fireplaces — perfect for conversation and the sharing of ideas.

Clearly these amenities surpass the stereotypical image of a college residence hall.

The new \$46 million Harriet and Mohindar S. “Sandy” Sandhu Residence and Conference Center houses 305 students and boasts a new dining area and meeting space. It opened for the fall semester on the site of the former Braden Hall.

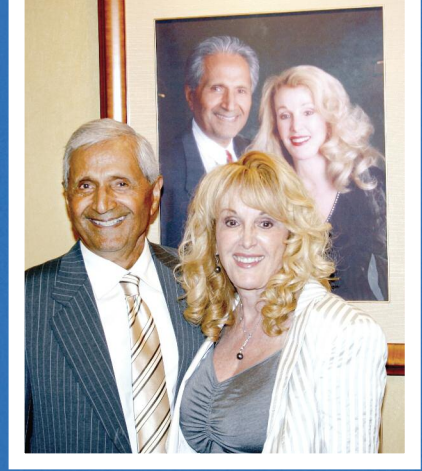
There's a huge conference center, which holds a main room of 8,550 square feet. It also has its own kitchen for catering events. Two plush VIP suites for overnight stays are also attached.

What's really a knockout, though, is the climbing wall inside the center's signature tower. At 51 feet, it's the tallest climbing

wall in Southern California. Just looking all the way up is a thrilling/chilling experience — depending on your climbing prowess or lack thereof.

Nearby is the new dining area, which is more like an upscale food court, with everything from pizza to Asian cuisine to chef-prepared made-to-order dishes. There's even something for vegans.

In September, the university dedicated the center to the Sandhus, whose support made the whole project possible. Sandy Sandhu, founder and CEO at SRS Technologies, said the new residence hall and conference center made him think about all that's changed in his life since he was educated in Canada at a school



*The support of Sandy and Harriet Sandhu made possible the new residence and conference center.*

where students had to brave the snow at night to go to an outdoor bathroom.

For him, the new center is all about providing a special place to rest and study so students come out with a solid foundation for the future.

“Education is the great equalizer,” he said, “and we are proud to be a part of it.”

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