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Cutting-Edge Technology Revolutionizes Learning

Drexel University's Center for Graduate Studies in Sacramento boasts a wealth of technology.

You will still find blackboards in college classrooms; still hear the scratch of chalk across the surface. But, as in many other cases, technology has and continues to revolutionize how we learn. Drexel University's Center for Graduate Studies in Sacramento, CA, which opened in January 2009, is a story about the wisdom of careful planning and the role that technology played and will continue to play in fulfilling the Center's educational mission.

A New Model

Officials at the University originally thought they would develop a standard graduate center when they elected to

begin a program in Sacramento, and proceeded with plans in that direction. Meetings with area business leaders, however, caused them to change course. These meetings revealed a key issue facing many companies — leadership succession. Many Baby Boomers will leave senior positions within many organizations in the area in the near future, and minimal thought has been given to training the next generation of leaders.

“The information that we gained during our meetings was extremely valuable,” said Tobey Oxholm, senior vice president for Drexel University and dean and chief executive officer for the Center. “The revised plan that we developed and

