



FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear alumni and friends of Caltech,

At Caltech, we are always building the future.

You'll see our culture of innovation and invention throughout the pages of this issue of *E&S*, as you read about how new faculty build their emerging research programs, how seismologists build new models of Earth's core, how materials scientists are building at the nanoscale, and how biologists determine the ways genes regulate the building of a sea urchin from a fertilized egg.

But, as anyone walking around campus can see, Caltech is also building the future in a very literal, physical sense.

In January, we officially opened the doors of the Linde + Robinson Laboratory, which will house the Ronald and Maxine Linde Center for Global Environmental Science and the Terrestrial Hazard Observation and Reporting Center. Work continues on the Jorgensen Laboratory renovation; this revamped building will be the future home of two of Caltech's energy and sustainability research efforts—the Resnick Institute and the Joint Center for Artificial Photosynthesis.

When we build at Caltech, we build well—and we build “green.”

That's why the Los Angeles chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council named our Annenberg Center for Information Science and Technology as the new-construction Project of the Year during their 2011 Sustainable Innovation Awards ceremony. The Annenberg Center also garnered the award for Indoor Environmental Quality, with our Warren and Katharine Schlinger Laboratory for Chemistry and Chemical Engineering grabbing an honorable mention as well. We are proud of these accomplishments, and equally grateful for our partnerships with the Annenberg Foundation and Warren and Katharine Schlinger, who have been long-time supporters of Caltech.

The generosity of our individual and institutional partners has enabled Caltech to accelerate scientific research and discovery and empower the next generation of scientific leaders. I look forward to continuing to build the future together.

Yours in discovery,

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