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The Story: Ohlone College Redwood



Ohlone College is the only community college in the United States named after an Indian Tribe. The name "Ohlone" was recommended by Felipe Galvan. A descendant of the Ohlone tribe, Mr. Galvan was well respected and admired for his work in preserving the memory, heritage, and dignity of his ancestral people. He thought the name "Ohlone" would provide a proud foundation in heritage and tradition that could guide the college through the years to come.

The Ohlone tribe inhabited the central and northern California coast. They were hunters, gatherers, and distinguished for their profound reverence for the earth. When Spanish missionaries settled in the area in the late 18th century, most of the Ohlone people were converted to Christianity. Unfortunately, the Spanish missionaries introduced diseases to the Ohlone people for which they had no immunity. After a series of epidemics, only a few tribesmen remained.

In honor of the Ohlone tribe, the college tries to emulate the same appreciation for the environment and intention to help people through education.

When it was time for Ohlone College to remodel their Academic Core buildings 1, 2 and 8, they hired Mission Bell to handle the deconstruction and preservation of the Redwood molding, hand rails, trim and beams. Some of the material will be integrated into the new design of the Academic Core buildings on the Ohlone campus, and some of the material is now available for new projects whose aim is to give another life to this beautiful Reclaimed Redwood.



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Material #: OH-RW – Ohlone College, California Redwood (*Sequoia Sempervirens*)