

**SUA DEDICATES PAULING HALL
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The Linus and Ava Helen Pauling Hall, built on the new Soka University of America, Aliso Viejo campus, was officially dedicated in a beautiful ceremony on May 2. Coinciding with the dedication was the opening of the “Linus Pauling and the Twentieth Century” exhibition, which will be on view at SUA, AV through June 10.

Linus Pauling is the only person to ever receive two unshared Nobel prizes, one for his groundbreaking work in chemistry and another recognizing his efforts for peace. Of his wife, Ava Helen, Dr. Pauling would often say that it was her dedication to human rights that propelled him to activism.

Dr. Pauling first met SGI President Ikeda in 1987 at SUA’s Calabasas campus, initiating a warm, ongoing dialogue until Dr. Pauling’s death in 1994. In an effort to educate the public about the work of his great friend, President Ikeda proposed to create the Pauling exhibition shortly before Pauling’s death.

Pauling Hall will be the primary teaching facility for the creative arts and sciences when classes begin this fall. It includes many rooms suited specifically to those curricula: a 150-seat, multi-media lecture hall; science laboratories; ceramics, sculpture, painting and drawing studios; a photography classroom, a darkroom and digital center; and a musical ensemble room, practice rooms and studios.

“Linus Pauling and Daisaku Ikeda are as broad as the universe itself,” said Dr. Alfred Balitzer, dean of faculty at SUA, AV. “They have both taken the cosmos and related it to an individual human life, tying the two together in a most creative and masterful way. That I can go to work every day in Pauling Hall at the university Dr. Ikeda founded is a source of tremendous motivation and pride for me. Right now, I am on cloud nine.”

“The mission of SUA is in perfect accord with the way my parents lived their lives,” said Dr. Linus Pauling Jr., on hand for the dedication. “I am sure my father would see this as a wonderful confirmation of his endeavors throughout his lifetime.”