



OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

TO: LACCD Board of Trustees

FROM: Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D.

DATE: July 7, 2021

SUBJECT: Chancellor's Monthly Report July 2021

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The LACCD Chancellor's Monthly Report for July 2021 includes brief updates on the following:

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I. Graduation Celebrations Recap Class of 2021

Special graduation videos for the Los Angeles Community College District's Class of 2021 have now been viewed more than 70,000 times in celebration of the hard work and academic achievements of thousands of our students. All nine colleges aired online graduation ceremonies on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, in addition to the Black Graduation and Lavender Graduation ceremonies in May. More than 30,000 degrees and certificates were awarded.

Thanks go to the members of the District's Virtual Graduation Task Force who worked with each of the colleges' commencement committees to help produce these memorable events, including: Amir Law; Armineh Dereghishian; Barry Gribbons; Dawn Reid; Deena Ayesh; Dimitrios Synodinos; Edna Chavarry; Howard Irvin; Jen Shetland; Kamyar Khashayar; Liz Negrete; Ludivina Villegas; Luis Dorado; Michelle Long-Coffee; Nmandi Oji; Rosa Mendoza; Seher Awan; Sonia Lopez; Spirituality Productions Team; Takeshi Fujii; Tanya Sirkin and William Marmolejo. In case you missed any or want to watch again, use the links below.

College Ceremony	URLS
Black Graduation	YouTube: https://youtu.be/Y352mReAW1o
Lavender Graduation	https://laccd.zoom.us/rec/share/ahjjKPF9p-t_eT_fjCMnAgwbOCAh9w5vEvxHXWbdGqqG0mooG0kxClFsI3Oh0VT3.at4h86v_G7IGVESM
City	YouTube: https://youtu.be/KWk6Bc-5sV4 Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/LosAngelesCityCollege/videos
East	YouTube: https://youtu.be/1m_1jc5ps-8 Facebook – Part 1: https://www.facebook.com/1377432079219340/videos/1132737833892014 Facebook – Part 2: https://www.facebook.com/1377432079219340/videos/1426453554384261

Harbor	YouTube: https://youtu.be/jGBOh4fNz1A Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/lahcedu/videos/293988601626968/
Mission	YouTube: https://youtu.be/FLVFuHPN_e8 Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/439111326197879/videos/193694199329371
Pierce	YouTube: https://youtu.be/WrsFys4Awes Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/PierceCollege/videos/1108660109623761
Southwest	YouTube: https://youtu.be/3i-WqgjucsQ Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/LASouthwestCollege/videos/1969478376553000
Trade-Tech	YouTube: https://youtu.be/sTpB06NZldw Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/LATTC/videos/178544614198370
Valley	YouTube: https://youtu.be/ILz-EErZbjY Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/11298746454/videos/533127444732023
West	YouTube: https://youtu.be/L0D6et1Osl4 Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/44331435068/videos/601548087475762

II. District Status on COVID-19 Public Health Emergency & Recovery



Vaccination Clinics

LACCD’s colleges hosted more than 60 COVID-19 vaccination clinics for students, employees and the surrounding communities during June and more clinics are planned for July in cooperation with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH). Each of the nine colleges hosted one or more event, providing space, staffing and other resources to assist vaccine providers.

Many of the colleges are providing students with incentives to get vaccinated such as food debit cards and credits to the college bookstores. In addition, the Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges has received a grant from Kaiser Permanente to give LACCD students up to \$150, while funding lasts, to get vaccinated. Details [online](#).

Anyone age 12 or older is eligible to be vaccinated and the clinics at the colleges are open to all, with no appointment needed. The District’s recent [news release announcement](#) that Los Angeles Valley College was providing an additional \$75 bookstore credit on top of the Foundation’s “Max the Vax” incentive generated extensive news media coverage about the efforts by the District and the colleges.



Valley President Barry Gribbons seen here being interviewed by KNBC, Channel 4, on day of event last weekend. KABC, Channel 7, also covered the event. [Radio Station KFI provided coverage](#) in addition to [KTLA TV Channel 5](#) and the online [MyNews LA](#).



Demobilization Efforts

The District's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the colleges' Incident Command Centers (ICCs) have moved into the demobilization phase of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Debriefing meetings will be held throughout July and August as part of the process to prepare an After Action Report and Improvement Plan that is anticipated to be finalized in September.

California Re-opening Began June 15

The District and the colleges have closely followed California's economic re-opening and the changes in health orders and other protocols for Institutes of Higher Education. All of the health protocols by the LACDPH specific to colleges and universities have been retired, however, general [health orders](#) (most recently updated June 28, 2021) for all remain in place and there have been no announcements yet by California or Los Angeles County officials on exactly when emergency declarations will be rescinded.

With the re-opening and the lifting of many health protocols, LACCD is now allowed to increase more in-person, on-campus classes, student activities and business services at the colleges for the Fall 2021 Semester.

Safety Remains Our Priority

In keeping with changes by the LACDPH, the California's Department of Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Cal OSHA, an updated message to all employees was distributed June 29 regarding the District's processes and adherence for self-screening, masks, social distancing and cleaning, including:

Self-Screening

[Online self-screening](#) for COVID-19 symptoms/precautions remains in force until further notice for all employees, students and visitors. Everybody who visits the colleges or District facilities must continue to self-screen until further notice using the SAFE app for the colleges or the forms found [online](#). The District is still [required to report](#) any confirmed cases or outbreaks of COVID-19 to the state and county, as well as to persons possibly exposed, and your cooperation is needed to ensure compliance.

Masks/Facial Coverings Indoors

On June 28, 2021, the [LACDPH issued new recommendations](#) that everyone, *regardless of vaccination status*, should wear masks indoors in public places as a precautionary measure to protect against the rapidly spreading "Delta" variant of COVID-19. Public Health strongly recommends people wear masks indoors, including in the workplace.

All employees, students and visitors must continue to wear mask/facial coverings indoors until further notice, regardless of vaccination status. LACCD is now reviewing self-attestation processes, which may allow vaccinated persons to not wear masks, but until a new process is implemented, you must continue to wear masks indoors, [except](#) for:

- Persons sitting alone in a private office or workspace where a door can be closed
- Persons eating/drinking in a common area and sitting more than six (6) feet apart
- Persons with a medical condition, including mental health or disability, that prevents wearing a mask, and persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication

Current LACDPH [Health Orders](#) specifically state that all persons, regardless of vaccination status, must wear masks indoors for all healthcare/health center operations; childcare settings and any business or government office serving the public that requires everyone to wear a mask.

Masks/Facial Coverings Outdoors

Both the State Department of Public Health and LACDPH have changed outdoor mask requirements to match the Centers for Disease Control and, in general, [people do not need to wear masks when outdoors](#). However, people who are [not fully vaccinated](#) are encouraged to wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings or during activities that involve sustained close contact with other people who are not fully vaccinated, including athletic competition.

Social Distancing

Effective immediately, there are no longer any mandatory social/physical distancing requirements, however, all persons are allowed to social distance as a personal choice for added protection. In addition, there are:

- No capacity restrictions on classrooms, conference/meeting rooms or offices, including counseling offices, labs and libraries
- No requirements or recommendations for barriers such as acrylic sheeting—although what has been installed may remain in place and any future work is subject to local decisions

Cleaning

Effective immediately, there are no longer any special cleaning/disinfection of physical workspaces required—exceptions for verified cases of persons testing positive for COVID-19 who were at a LACCD worksite while contagious. In those cases, areas will be cleaned and sanitized in addition to the enhanced cleaning operations already developed by the District.

Mandatory Training for Post-Pandemic



And additional all-District notice was sent out July 1 regarding the District’s state-mandated COVID-19 safety training. This training must be completed by August 1, 2021, however, LACCD faculty (only) have until September 30, 2021 to complete it. The training is done [online](#) ([Start the COVID-19 Safety Training](#)) and takes about 60 minutes to complete.

III. Updates on LACCD Enrollment & Marketing

Enrollment

A. Summer Enrollment

Comparing Summer 2021 (7/1/21) to Summer 2020 (7/2/20) as of Day 17 of the semester, for the District as a whole:

- Headcount is at 84%,
- Duplicated Enrollment is at 82%,
- Credit Section Count is at 104%, and
- Enrollment per Section is at 79%

B. Fall Enrollment

1. Comparing Fall 2021 (7/1/21) to Fall 2020 (7/2/20) as of Day -60 of the semester, for the District as a whole:

- Headcount is at 101%,
- Duplicated Enrollment is at 97%,
- Credit Section Count is at 103%, and
- Enrollment per Section is at 94%

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, registration timelines for both Fall 2020 and Fall 2021 were delayed and compressed compared to the regular registration timeline for Fall term and that the Fall 2021/Fall 2020 comparison is overstated at this point in time.

Priority registration and open enrollment for Fall 2021 started about two (2) weeks earlier compared to Fall 2020, but compared to Fall 2019 (the regular registration timeline), Fall 2021 priority registration and open enrollment started about three to four weeks later. Therefore, the Fall 2021/Fall 2020 headcount and enrollment comparisons are overstated while the Fall 2021/Fall 2019 headcount and enrollment (developed as an alternative indicator) is understated. It is expected that the Fall 2021/Fall 2020 comparison will normalize and become a more meaningful indicator of relative day enrollment at the beginning of August 2021.

2. Districtwide, an average of 24% of Fall 2021 classes are being offered in-person and both hybrid and remote classes are filling at a higher rate than in-person classes.

3. The District is preparing the 2020-21 annual FTES report (due to the state Chancellor's Office on July 15, 2021) and is estimating that this will be approximately 85,000 FTES. This represents a 13.9% decline from 2019-20.

C. District-wide Enrollment Marketing & Advertising Campaign

The districtwide Summer Campaign concluded at the end of June and is now transitioning into the Fall Campaign that will run through about September 7. Statistics on the Summer Campaign should be available in August. Many of the colleges also continue to do specific niche enrollment campaigns.

Two special online enrollment and information sessions for the [Los Angeles College Promise](#) program have been planned and promoted by the District, on June 24 and July 15. [News releases](#) and social media messages have been distributed for the sessions.



Banner headers on District Facebook and Twitter platforms used in addition to postings in news feeds and online.

FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Free Information Sessions
June 24 & July 15 • 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
 Register at bit.ly/LACInfoSummer

L.A. College Promise Offers
 Free Tuition • Free Chromebook
 Dedicated Academic Counseling & Success Coaching
 LACPWorks Employment Program

LACP Drop-in Zoom Room
 General Assistance Available Mondays and Wednesdays, 4 - 7 p.m.
 Drop in at bit.ly/LACPdropin

Get your L.A. College Promise Welcome Kit
 English: bit.ly/LACP-WelcomeKit-2021-En Español: bit.ly/LACP-WelcomeKit-2021-Sp

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LOS ANGELES COLLEGE PROMISE

IV. Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges

Michael Fuller, Director of Institutional Advancement, announced that the Foundation or the Los Angeles Community Colleges received in June \$125,000 of a \$250,000 grant from Kaiser Permanente for its “Max the Vax” program to provide incentives for LACCD students to get vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus. To date, about 90 previously unvaccinated students have already benefited from the ongoing incentive program.

The Leonetti/O’Connell Foundation continues its generous support with a recent check of \$150,000 for the first half of a \$300,000 grant to be used for emergency grants for [Los Angeles College Promise](#) students.

The Foundation was recently featured in *Currents magazine*, a publication of CASE, the premier global non-profit association for educational advancement and fundraising. <https://www.case.org/resources/issues/july-august-2021/food-families>

Congratulations are due to Foundation Board member Abigail Marquez upon confirmation of her appointment by Mayor Eric Garcetti as the first General Manager, Community Investment for Families Department for the City of Los Angeles. Garcetti made the announcement June 30. Marquez will work closely with the Mayor and City Council to establish poverty-reduction goals for the City; play an active role in implementing homelessness prevention programs; oversee the implementation of L.A.’s Guaranteed Basic Income pilot, the largest in the nation; and implement the Children’s Savings Account program, OpportunityLA, which will support 35,000 first-graders annually across the region, according to the announcement.

Applications are due August 1, 2021 for student scholarships via the Los Angeles Southwest College Foundation. [Details online.](#)

V. Special Notes and Updates



Last month, we shared about the amazing brother-sister duo who graduated this year with academic honors from West Los Angeles College. Nobody at West can recall a pair quite as unique as siblings Rohit (left), 12, and Pooja Dahir (right), 14. These tweens graduated with four Associate degrees each and Summa Cum Laude.

You can hear their own amazing and inspiration story in their own words [online](#) or read the [news release](#) details.

And now you can watch coverage of them on Spectrum News 1 –which also thought they were pretty amazing too.

https://spectrumnews1.com/ca/la-west/education/2021/07/05/moreno-valley-teen-and-tween-become-youngest-west-la-college-graduates-ever?cid=id-app15_m-share_s-web_cmp-app_launch_august2020_c-producer_posts_po-organic#



[Moreno Valley teen and tween become youngest West LA College graduates ever](#)

They both have four associates degrees
spectrumnews1.com

Go West. Go Far!!!

Harbor’s Women’s Soccer Scholar Athletes Highlighted

Members of Harbor College’s women’s soccer team were featured in a nice online feature by the California Community College Athletic Association for not only their on-filed athletic achievements—but the academic goals they scored in the classroom as well. Congrats to Coach Arturo Caballero for helping to make sure the women were successful on and off the field.

https://www.cccaasports.org/sports/wsoc/2020-21/releases/LA_Harbor_soccer_academics

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LA Harbor women's soccer puts accent on academics

Posted: Jun 23, 2021 Like 0 Tweet

WILMINGTON - The Los Angeles Harbor College women's soccer program, coached by Arturo Caballero and a member of the South Coast Conference, won't have any its 2021 graduating class playing at the next level. But the Seahawks have a remarkable 13 student-athletes who have earned numerous academic honors and will continue their academic careers at the 4-year university level.

Caballero said: "My program is dedicated to coaching you to be a better person, student, athlete and help prepare you to transfer in two years or less. With an emphasis on developing you emotionally, psychologically, socially, and physically, I am confident that the habits and behaviors you develop will help you become someone successful on and off the soccer field."

The 2021 graduating class earned an impressive 41 Associate of Arts degrees combined and eight were named CCCSCA Scholar-Athletes awards winners. The team itself earned its first-ever United Soccer Coaches team academic award for earning a 3.0 or higher combined GPA.

"During a difficult year due to COVID-19 and a cancelled soccer season, my players excelled at their educational goals despite all the difficulties," Caballero said.

LA Harbor College women's soccer head coach Arturo Caballero stands with eight of his 13 players graduating with AA degrees and dean honors this year.

Southwest Daze Returns

All are welcome to Los Angeles Southwest College's annual Fall Semester registration event "[Southwest Daze](#)" from noon to 4 p.m. August 11. College administrators, faculty, and staff will be present to share about academic offerings and support services; help students register for classes and take care of financial aid. The event will take place on campus across from the Student Services Building.

Chancellor Rodriguez Named to LA500 List of Influential People in Los Angeles
[Chancellor Rodriguez](#) was recently named by the Los Angeles Business Journal to its sixth annual list of “LA500” most influential people in the greater Los Angeles area. The Chancellor was only one of 20 education leaders named to this year’s list of 500 influencers.

VI. Communications

News Releases & Statements

LACCD Students Can Earn \$150 for Getting Vaccinated

<http://laccd.edu/Documents/NewsDocuments/2021/LACCD%20Students%20Can%20Get%20Cash%20%20When%20Vaccinated.pdf>

Celebrate Fourth of July By Enrolling at LACCD and Get Tuition-Free Education

<http://laccd.edu/Documents/NewsDocuments/2021/Celebrate%20Fourth%20of%20July%20By%20Enrolling%20in%20the%20Colleges%20of%20Los%20Angeles.pdf>

Chancellor Rodriguez Names to “LA500” List by L.A. Business Journal

<http://laccd.edu/Documents/NewsDocuments/2021/LACCD%20Chancellor%20Named%20to%20LA500%20Influential%20People%20List%20LA%20Business%20Journal%202021%20FINAL.pdf>

LACCD Ready for Fall 2021 with Free Tuition

<http://laccd.edu/Documents/NewsDocuments/2021/LACCD%20is%20Ready%20for%20Fall%202021%20Semester%20with%20Free%20Tuition.pdf>

Chancellor Announcement on Board Resolutions

<http://laccd.edu/Documents/NewsDocuments/2021/20210621%20Chancellors%20Communication%20-%20Stand%20in%20Solidarity%20and%20Allyship%20v1.pdf>

Five LACCD Colleges Hosting Vaccination Clinics June 18-20

<http://laccd.edu/Documents/NewsDocuments/2021/Five%20LACCD%20Colleges%20hosting%20vaccination%20clinics%20June%2018-20.pdf>

LACCD College Promise Workshops Available

<http://laccd.edu/Documents/NewsDocuments/2021/LACP%20Summer%20Session%20Info%20Flyer%20-%20Screen.pdf>

Colleges Host Vaccination Clinics in June

<http://laccd.edu/Documents/NewsDocuments/2021/LACCD%20Colleges%20Host%20COVID%20Vaccination%20Clinics%20in%20June%20-%20Screen.pdf>

LACCD Welcomes Ambitious State Budget

<http://laccd.edu/Documents/NewsDocuments/2021/LACCD%20Applauds%20State%20Budget%20Priorities%20-%20Screen.pdf>

Philanthropist, Civic Leader, and East Los Angeles College Alumnus Dr. Richard Zapanta Legacy Remembered

<https://www.elac.edu/Explore/News/2021/Spring/Philanthropist.-Civic-Leader.-and-East-Los-Angeles>

Selected Media Coverage Highlights

Positive three-part series of articles and ads in the *Los Angeles Blade* (online and print) regarding LACCD; our LBGTQIA+ students, the Bills of Rights and other related work—themed as Next Generation of Pride. Appeared on the newspaper’s home page and print edition.

<https://www.losangelesblade.com/category/news/local-news/>



<https://www.losangelesblade.com/2021/06/23/laccds-next-generation-of-pride-looking-to-the-future/>

This article highlights three of our students; and a brief interview with Michael Fuller

<https://www.losangelesblade.com/2021/06/23/next-generation-pride-laccd-enacts-lgbtq-bill-of-rights/>

Article highlights Trustee Vela; the District's LGBTQIA+ Bill of Rights and Felipe Agredano-Lozano, the LGBTQIA Faculty Liaison for LACCD. Agredano-Lozano teaches Chicana/o Studies LGBTQ courses and Political Science at East Los Angeles College.



<https://www.losangelesblade.com/2021/06/23/next-generation-pride-laccd-plays-critical-role-in-their-success/> Main article with Vela interview

**Chancellor Rodriguez Op/Ed with Daily News:
"Don't punt on California financial aid reform if recovery is the goal"**

<https://www.dailynews.com/2021/06/13/dont-punt-on-california-financial-aid-reform-if-recovery-is-the-goal/>

Spectrum News 1 coverage on LACCD Environmental Award

<https://spectrumnews1.com/ca/la-west/environment/2021/06/03/laccd-looks-to-future-of-sustainability-across-its-campuses>

KABC coverage of L.A. City College Food Drive and Vaccination Clinic

<https://www.lacitycollege.edu/LACC/media/press/video/ABC7-June11-coverage-food-giveaway.mp4>



**FREE FOOD
DRIVE-THRU GIVEAWAY**
Los Angeles City College

Friday, June 11, 2021
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
4301 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, 90029
Entrance at New Hampshire Ave.
From Melrose Ave heading west, right onto New Hampshire Ave.

No eligibility requirements, open to all.
Cars can begin to line up no earlier than 8:30 AM
Please wear a face-covering

This event will be unable to accommodate walk-ups, but visit www.covid19.lacounty.gov/food for a full list of food resources near you

**DISTRIBUCIÓN GRATUITA DE
ALIMENTOS EN SU AUTO**
Los Angeles City College

Viernes, 11 de Junio de 2021
9:00 AM a 12:00 PM
4301 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, 90029
Entrada en New Hampshire Ave
De Melrose Ave. (oeste), derecha en New Hampshire Ave (norte)

No hay requisitos de elegibilidad, todos bienvenidos.
Los autos pueden comenzar a formar una línea a partir de las 8:30 AM
Por favor use una mascarilla

Este evento no puede acomodar a personas caminando, pero visite www.covid19.lacounty.gov/food para una lista completa de recursos de alimentación cerca de ti



Former L.A. Mission College Student, now 15, Graduates from U.C. Irvine

<http://www.lamission.edu/news/newsitem.aspx?id=545>