



November 2023

November is a time of reflection and for giving thanks.

The Board of Trustees and I recognize and applaud your professionalism and dedication that has resulted in awards, accolades and amazing accomplishments all across the nine colleges and District.

Here are just a few highlights:

LACCD sponsored a Community Housing Forum at LA City College on Saturday, October 28. Over 200 students, employees and interested stakeholders gathered to learn more about LACCD student and workforce housing options. The forum gave the public and interested parties a chance to provide input and hear about LACCD's potential development of student and/or workforce housing. With leadership from the Board of Trustees, we were able to unveil our roadmap of how we plan to systematically invest in housing to address student basic needs.

Our District prides itself on providing affordable and accessible education to all who seek it. At LACCD, we remain committed to fostering a diverse, inclusive, accessible and equitable learning environment for all students, and to actively engaging with our civic partners, elected officials, non-profit and community organizations, and philanthropy to serve this region, while promoting inclusivity and advancing social justice.

This month should serve as our urgent clarion call for those of us with the audacity to call ourselves educators. Let's do all we can to ensure equitable access and student success—an essential investment towards California's future stability, progress and inclusive prosperity. But we know that a lack of basic needs that many of our students face, such as affordable housing, nutritious food, and quality healthcare, is the foundation of a thriving, educated and equitable society.

As we enter the holidays and season of giving, our Foundation for the LA Community Colleges is supporting students by collecting funds for scholarships, emergency assistance, and basic needs support. Here's how to help: [click here to donate](#) if you are interested in participating.

I want to express my deep appreciation for your dedication to the success of our students and for your continued support.

With respect and admiration,



Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D.
Chancellor
Los Angeles Community College District

District Office Events & Updates



Foundation for the L.A. Community Colleges Updates



The graphic features the logo of the Foundation for the L.A. Community Colleges, which includes a circular emblem with a tree and the text 'UNIVERSITY OF LOS ANGELES DISTRICT' and 'FOUNDATION FOR THE L.A. COMMUNITY COLLEGES'. Below the logo, the words 'Season of Giving' are written in a large, elegant font. To the left of the text is a red heart, and to the right is a stylized orange and blue donation card with a hand icon. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner.

Season of Giving

Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving back to the causes we care about most. This year, we ask for your support to help our LACCD students succeed.

Your gift during this **Season of Giving** provides critical support to community college students, such as scholarships, emergency assistance, and basic needs support.

Please join us and make a gift to support our students. Give here: <https://tinyurl.com/seasonofgiving23>
Or scan QR code.



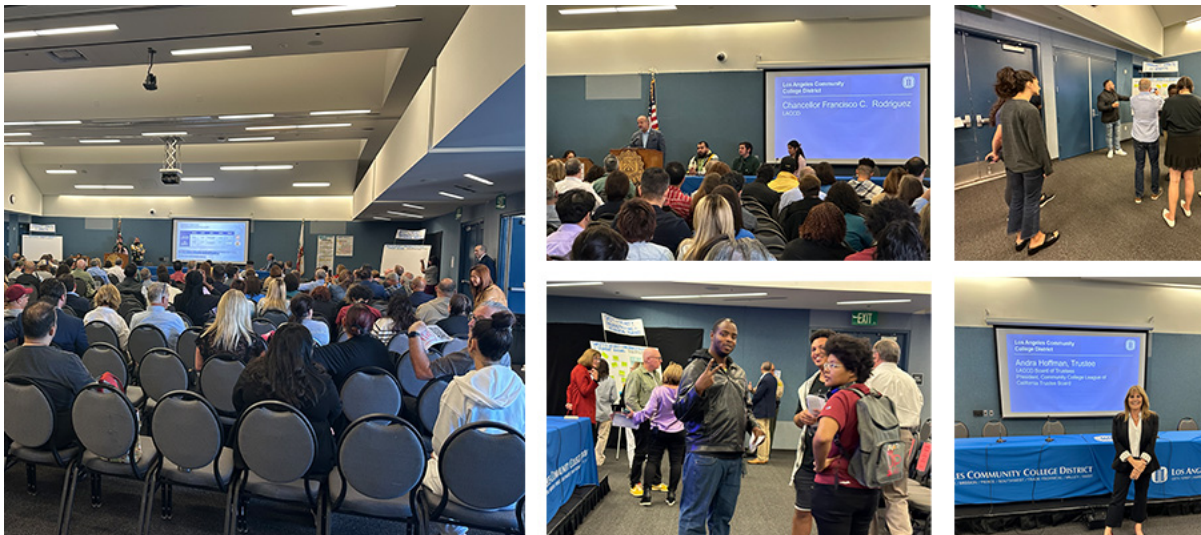
Office of Communications & Marketing



Left to right: Trustee Nichelle Henderson, Marissa Bowman, Director of Community Engagement – Office of Mayor Karen Bass, LAVC President Dr. Barry Gribbons, Fallon Nelms, Dr. Krishna Smith, Dr. Regina Smith, Johnathan Franklin and Kimberly Wright LAUSD Director of the Black Student Achievement Plan – Region North.

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Housing Ideas for LACCD: Community College Edition

Speakers included LA Deputy Mayor for Housing Jenna Hornstock, LACCD Board President David Vela, LACCD Trustees Steve Veres and Andra Hoffman, Sara Hernandez, LACCD Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez and LACCD Vice Chancellor/Chief Facilities Executive Rueben Smith. Trustees Vice President Nichelle Henderson, Second Vice President Kelsey Iino and Gabriel Buelna were also in attendance.



LACCD closed the 2023 Legislative Session with two major events at East Los Angeles College (ELAC). On Monday, October 16, the Assembly Higher Education Committee chaired by Assemblymember Mike Fong held an Assembly Higher Education Oversight Field Hearing to discuss topics including Community College Enrollment, California's Community College (CCC) Vision 2030 plan, and Community College Workforce Development and BA Programs. LACCD Vice Chancellors Nicole Albo Lopez and Jim Lancaster testified at the Hearing. They were also joined by ELAC Vice President Miguel Duenas, who gave welcome remarks on behalf of the District and the college.



On Thursday, October 19, Assemblymember Mike Fong and LACCD hosted a press conference to thank the Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom for the signing of AB 1096 (Mike Fong). The new law, which takes effect on January 1, 2024, will enable community college students to take courses in their native language without requiring them to concurrently enroll in English as a Second Language (ESL) courses. Board Vice President Nichelle Henderson and Trustee Gabriel Buelna represented the Board at the press event.

LACCD is gathering legislative and budgetary ideas to build its 2024 advocacy priorities. For more information join the LACCD Legislative and Public Affairs Committee on November 15, 2023.



Check out what's new in the VRC!

The Vision Resource Center is an online learning and communication platform that offers all California community college employees access to a variety of professional development opportunities and trainings. Topics include tips and advice on improving writing or communication skills, personal health



and wellness, diversity equity and inclusion, leadership, and many more. Log in through the link on the front page Employee SharePoint site or use the QR code.





LACCD Enrollment Update

Fall 2023 TO Fall 2022 COMPARISONS

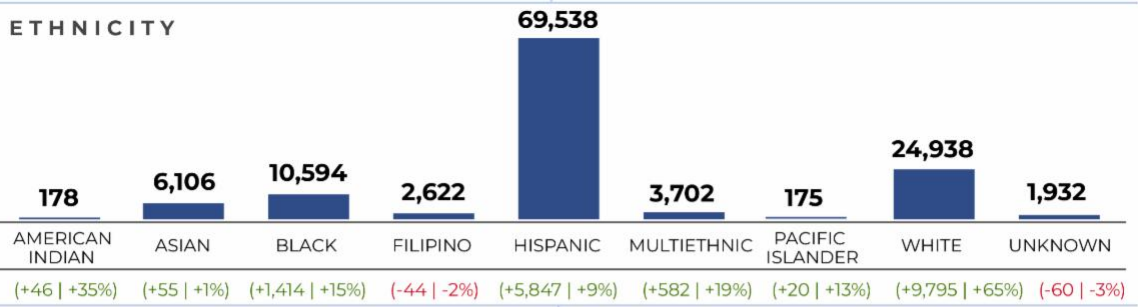
DAY 63 - RELATIVE TO THE BEGINNING OF INSTRUCTION

Relative Day Comparisons for Day 63, comparing Fall 2023 (Monday, October 31, 2023) to Fall 2022 (Monday, October 30, 2022).
Data source: LACCD PS Student Information System.

HEADCOUNT 119,785 117% 102,103	ENROLLMENT 247,557 114% 217,456	SECTION COUNT 10,446 105% 9,959	ENROLLMENT DIVIDED BY SECTION 23.7 109% 21.8
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GENDER

	Fall 2023	Change from 2022
FEMALE	64,356	↑ +6,691 +12%
MALE	52,851	↑ +10,251 +24%
NON-BINARY	938	↑ +281 N/A
UNKNOWN	1,640	↑ +459 N/A



ENROLLMENT STATUS

	Fall 2023	Change from 2022
FIRST-TIME	22,555	↑ +5,972 +36%
TRANSFER	10,605	↑ +3,088 +41%
RETURNING	9,333	↑ +1,465 +19%
CONTINUING	59,934	↑ +4,561 +8%
CONCURRENT HIGH SCHOOL	17,074	↑ +2,957 +21%
CONCURRENT ADULT SCHOOL	246	↑ +35 +17%

CLASS MODALITY & FILL RATE

CLASS MODALITY:	49% Remote	7% Hybrid	44% In-Person
FILL RATE:	77%	71%	70%

SOURCE: LACCD Office of Institutional Effectiveness

The LACCD continue to experience a strong enrollment recovery in Fall 2023. Comparing Fall 2023 to Fall 2022, student headcount and enrollments are up 17% and 14%, respectively. Double-digit increases in headcount and enrollment are being seen at nearly all colleges. Even though class offerings increased by 5% in Fall 2023, instructional productivity is showing a 21% increase due the large enrollment increase, which is reversing the trend in declining average class. Districtwide, comparing Fall 2023 to Fall 2022, there have been large increases in first-time students (+5,972; +36%), continuing students (+4,561; 8%), and concurrent high school students (+2,957; +21%). We are also observing increases across all age and gender groups and most ethnic groups, with large increases in the Under 20 (+4,426; +12%), 25-34 (+3,601; +16%), and 35-54 (+6,085; +47%) age groups, in male students (+10,251; +24%), and in Hispanic (+5,847; +9%), Black students (+1,414; 15%), and White students (+9,795; 65%). Slightly under half (49%) of classes are being taught in-person. As seen in previous

semesters, remote classes continue to have the highest fill rate (77%) followed by hybrid (71%) and in-person (70%) classes.

Priority enrollment for the Winter 2024 and Spring 2024 semesters started on Oct. 23, 2023 and open enrollment will begin on Nov. 13, 2023.

[View the LACCD Enrollment Update PDF version](#)

Campus Events & Updates

LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE
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King Sejong the Great statue

On October 5, LACC hosted an unveiling ceremony of a new King Sejong the Great statue. LACC received local, national, and international press coverage, including KABC-TV, KTLA-TV, KoreaTown Daily, Korea Daily, KBS News, The Chosun USA News, The Freedom Times, Asian American News, Daehan Shinbo, Yonhap News, Character Media, San Gabriel Valley Tribune and other media outlets. Media coverage can be viewed at <https://www.lacitycollege.edu/offices/pr/press/in-the-news>.

LACC was featured in the October 16 LA Times featuring the LACC Extension Sewing Made Easy course. Link to coverage at <https://www.latimes.com/lifestyle/list/best-los-angeles-sewing-studios>.



California Community Colleges' Undocumented Student Week of Action

LACC hosted a variety of events during the California Community Colleges' Undocumented Student Week of Action from October 16 through October 19. A total of 10 virtual and in-person events included workshops, meetings, DACA presentations, and information on tuition and financial aid assistance.

2023 International Latino Book Awards Ceremony

On October 21, LACC hosted the 2023 International Latino Book Awards Ceremony. The event celebrates and recognizes authors and their books by, for, and about Latino citizens and culture. Presenters included legends from prominent organizations, universities, and publishing houses within the Latino community. Media coverage included an article in the Mexico Daily Post, <https://mexicodailypost.com/2023/10/12/international-latino-book-awards-celebrates-25-years-of-honoring-books-by-latinos/>.

Pulitzer Prize winning LA Times investigative reporter Harriet Ryan

On November 8, the Los Angeles City College Foundation will welcome Pulitzer Prize winning LA Times investigative reporter Harriet Ryan as part of their Nick Beck Endowment. Since joining the LA Times in 2008, Ryan has written about high-profile people, including Phil Spector, Michael Jackson and Tom Girardi, and institutions, including USC, the State Bar of California, the Catholic Church, the Kabbalah Centre and Purdue Pharma, the manufacturer of OxyContin. Ryan will share her experiences as a journalist and there will be a Q & A session.



ELAC Recognized as the #1 Community College in the US for Hispanic Student Enrollment

East Los Angeles College (ELAC) Ranked 1st in the nation with 31,099 total enrollment of Hispanic/Latinx students at a Community College for the 2021-2022 academic year according to the annual [Top 100 issue of Hispanic Outlook on Education magazine](#).



ELAC was also 9th in the nation with 2,878 total associate degrees granted to Hispanic/Latinx students. ELAC also finished as a top ten school in the nation for degrees granted in three separate majors. This is especially impressive because this ranking is against both two-year and four-year institutions.

- Top 100 (2021-2022 Total Enrollment 2-year Schools) - #1
- Top 100 (2021-2022 Total Associate Degrees Granted) - #9
- Top 10 Schools By Major (2021-2022):
- Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences - #2
- Homeland Security Law Enforcement Firefighting and Related Protective Services - #6
- Social Sciences Degrees - #1

ELAC to Host Startup World Cup Southern California Regional Competition

ELAC is partnering with HUMANBULB to host the 2023 Startup World Cup Southern California Regional on the ELAC campus on November 16 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.! Join us for this inspiring, fast-paced event where 10 Southern California Startups will be selected to compete for the title of Startup World Cup Southern California Regional Winner! Each startup will pitch for 2-minutes followed by a LIVE 4-minute rapid-fire Q&A by our Investor panel.



The winner of the Southern California Regional will go on to compete at the Global Grand Finale in San Francisco from 11/29-12/1/23 for a \$1 million USD investment prize. The Startup World Cup is a prestigious international competition and prior years' Global Grand Finale speakers have included:

- Spencer Rascoff, Co-Founder of Zillow
- Thuan Phan, CTO of Coupan and former CTO of Uber
- Marianna Tessel, CTO, Intuit
- Nikesh Arora, Chairman & CEO of Palo Alto Networks and former COO of Softbank
- Steve Wozniak, Co-Founder of Apple
- Reid Hoffman, Founding CEO of LinkedIn
- Vinod Khosla, Founder of Khosla Ventures and Co-Founder of Sun Microsystems
- Adam Cheyer, Co-Founder of Siri
- John Chambers, Former CEO of Cisco
- Marcelo Claure, Chief Operating Officer, Softbank
- Marc Randolph, Co-Founder of Netflix
- Tim Westergren, Founder and Former CEO, Pandora
- Jay Vijayan, Former CIO of Tesla
- Ray Lane, Former President & COO, Oracle
- Terry Jones, Founding Chairman, Kayak





Conclusion of Hispanic Heritage Month with Noche de Familia

Puente Project held a beautiful event concluding our Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating “Familia.” Music, inspirational speakers and more than anything, “Familia” shared the evening celebrating their student. Thank you to Grupo Folklorico Nadino from San Pedro who provided Entertainment.

08 National First-Gen Day
Nov

Come pick up a First-Gen shirt and stay for the BBQ hangout!

11:00 am - 1:00 pm
In between SSA & LLRC

*T-shirts are available on a first-come, first-served basis

National First-Gen Day – November 8, 2023

Calling all First Gen and First-Gen Supporters. We celebrate those paving the way for generations to come. Students will hear inspiring stories from administrators, faculty and/or staff that have blazed the trail before them.



[South East Hall Construction](#)

The [South East Hall](#), construction is moving along well. It will house our Allied Health and Student Services Village. The Beam Signing Ceremony will be December 12, 2023 at 11:00 am. More details to come.



[Future Seahawks!](#)

Middle schools leading the way in Dual Enrollment. Harbor had the pleasure of hosting 120 middle schoolers who have community college plans in their future! A group of students were so excited to become college students that they hit the submit button together! Once A Seahawk, Always a Seahawk.





Los Angeles Mission College to Offer Bachelor's Degree in Biomanufacturing

Los Angeles Mission College is excited to announce that the California State Chancellor's Office has granted [approval for the college to offer a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomanufacturing](#). This marks the fourth Bachelor's Degree for the District and the first for the college.

"The demand for skilled professionals in biotechnology continues to rise, and this program will transform lives by providing students with the skills and expertise needed to compete for high-paying jobs in a growing industry," said LAMC President Armida Ornelas.

[A recent LAist interview](#) with STEM Dean Farisa Morales and Biotechnology Program Director Chander Arora shed light on the process that led to state approval.

LAMC Receives \$3M Grant to Address Basic Needs Insecurities

LAMC was one of only 16 Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) to earn a \$3 Million grant from the Department of Education to increase student access and success for those experiencing the stress and trauma of basic need insecurity. This grant will allow the college to establish a GANAS (Gaining Access to Needs to Accelerate Success) Program and bring much-needed funding to their Basic Needs Center and Dual Enrollment Program.



Workshop Series Aims to Reduce Mental Health Stigma

LAMC's Basic Needs Center has partnered with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health to [host a series of Mental Health Workshops](#). Presented entirely in Spanish, these sessions are designed to reduce the stigma attached to Mental Health by removing language barriers.

[The workshop series was recently covered by LAist](#), and will continue through November 13th.



Día de los Muertos @LAMC

LAMC hosted several events to celebrate Día de los Muertos. Our MEChA students kicked things off by making [Altars and a Tepete](#) in the Instructional Building on October 26th, while our MSW Interns hosted a [Collage for the Soul](#) workshop on October 30th. Our Multicultural Club invited students and faculty & staff to share [Legends and Folklore](#) from their respective cultures on October 31st, and MEChA closed things out by hosting [Tianguis in the Quad](#) with local vendors, food, face painting, and altars on November 1st.





New Community Health Workers Complete Program through LAPC

The Adult Education Program held its Recognition Ceremony for 29 students who completed the Community Health Worker Careers for a Cause (C4C) Program on October 27, 2023. Partnering with the Department of Economic Opportunity of Los Angeles, the 8-week program trains students with lived life experiences such as homelessness, justice system involvement, and other marginalization to hands-on paid training and job placements in the social services sector. Congrats graduates!



LAPC Pi Chapter hosts Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS) Regional Conference

With over 150 attendees, the AGS Regional Conference at LAPC on October 28 was a smashing success. Students had the opportunity to join in activities, presentations, and workshops. AGS is the California Community College Scholastic Honor Society. Their purpose is to foster, promote, maintain and recognize scholarship. Thank you to Chapter Advisor Professor Dr. Kaycea Campbell and everyone who assisted in hosting this event.

LAPC's Bachelor of Science in Biomanufacturing Receives Provisional Approval

Pierce College received provisional approval from the State Chancellor's Office to advance in the Intersegmental Consultation phase of developing a new 4-year degree in Biomanufacturing. The Bachelor of Science in Biomanufacturing will develop the skills, abilities, and knowledge students need to work in the unique environment of biological manufacturing. The program is designed to meet a critical demand in the biotechnology industry for employees who have received baccalaureate level preparation for technical and quality-related positions. Students will also benefit from LA Pierce College's longstanding expertise in the agricultural industry with unique specialization opportunities in plant engineering, algae biotechnology, synthetic biology, and mammalian cell culture.



#filipinoamericanhistorymonth

LAPC Department of Communication Studies hosted Filipino-American, Emmy winning producer and creative Augie Max Vargas for a "kuwentuhan" or chat session with students on how to position themselves into careers in the entertainment industry. The presentation and Q/A session were a hit with students. Adding to the Filipino-American celebration, small desserts and popular Filipino foods were also available for students and participants to enjoy. Thank you to Chair Yeprem Davoodian and the Communication Studies team for celebrating Filipino-American History Month at Pierce.

Other Notable Events:

Adult Education Rising Scholars Program Expungement Clinic on October 31 assisted 14 students. The event was sponsored by the Law Offices of Los Angeles County Public Defender Office (LACPD). This is the 3rd Expungement event at Pierce held by the Public Defender's Office.



Registered Nursing Program

On October 10, 2023, Indiana McClellan, Director of the LASC Nursing Program, shared that the LASC Registered Nursing program had a 100% pass rate for the testing quarter. Every student who took the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) passed! This is remarkable considering in April 2023 the Board of Registered Nursing increased the difficulty and format of the exam. For Fall 2023, the nursing program paid for additional NCLEX review for its students, which contributed to the increase in the pass rate.

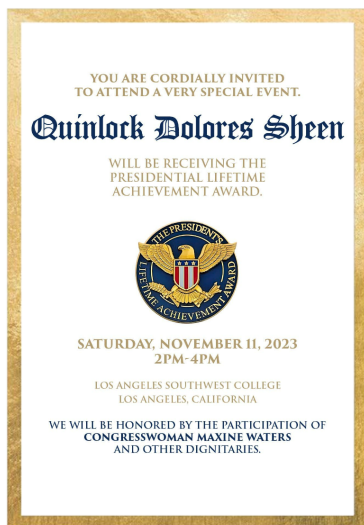


Transfer Fair and Career Expo

On October 26, 2023, LASC hosted the Transfer Fair and Career Expo, organized by the Transfer Center and Workforce Development. This joint event included over 60 college and career representatives as well as employers on campus who met with students and answered questions about transferring to a four-year university or learning about different career options. Students had the opportunity to meet hiring managers and receive same-day interviews.

Blood Drive

On November 1, 2023, the LASC Child Development Department and The American Red Cross hosted a Blood Drive. All students and employees were invited to donate. They hoped to exceed their goal of 40 units.



Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award

On November 11, 2023, Quinlock Dolores Sheen will receive the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award in a ceremony at LASC. She is affectionately addressed as “Aunt Delores” and has been involved with LASC for decades. Some of her accomplishments at LASC include: wrote the “Alma Mater” that has been adopted by the college, founded the ASO Club Village People and guest speaker of ASO, active in the Theater Arts program, and mentored LASC students. The Lifetime Achievement Award honors those who contribute more than 4,000 hours of service in their lifetime. Recipients receive a personalized certificate, official pin, medallion, or coin and a congratulatory letter from the President of the United States. Congresswoman Maxine Water and other dignitaries will be in attendance.





Left: LATTC President McQuarters welcomes attendees to the campus; Right: LA Mission President Ornelas greets attendees. Dr. Ornelas served in facilitating the day's discussion.

LATTC Welcomes Justice-Involved Community for Afternoon of Dialogue

On October 17, LATTC hosted a work group session for Los Angeles County Juvenile and Youth Justice Services dialogue. It was a productive time of discussion and conversation with members of the juvenile court system, public defender's office, youth development office, and representatives from LACCD, as representatives discussed the Rising Scholars program and ways to strengthen support for our justice-involved community.



LATTC DRC Raises Nearly \$10k During First Annual Dream Resource Center Scholarship Luncheon

On October 19, LATTC's Dream Resource Center hosted the first annual Dream Resource Center Scholarship Luncheon. Held during [Undocumented Student Action Week](#), the funds raised for the luncheon will go toward essential scholarships and financial assistance for the college's dreamer students. During the luncheon, the Dream Resource Center (DRC) shared that they had met their fundraising goal of \$6,000 a week prior to the day's luncheon. The DRC upped their fundraising goal to \$10,000, which they were close to reaching at the time of the luncheon's conclusion.

The afternoon luncheon began in the Culinary Arts Building with a greeting from LATTC President Alfred McQuarters, followed by welcome remarks from Dean of Pathways and Student Affairs, Maggie Cordero and LATTC Dreamer Liaison, Arcelia Alvarez. Guests also heard uplifting words and encouragement from LACCD Board of Trustee Gabriel Buelna and sharing from LATTC RiSE (Respect Immigrant Student Education) Club Secretary Daniela Rosales, followed by a special keynote address from Sharett Garcia, Co-Founder of UndocuProfessionals, which provides support for professionals and aspiring professionals, regardless of immigration status.



Left: LACCD Trustee Dr. Gabriel Buelna, who generously committed \$1,000 to the day's funds raised, with LATTC President Dr. Alfred McQuarters; Right: The scholarship luncheon also received generous support from the LACCD Foundation; LATTC's Arcelia Alvarez pictured with Kelly King, Executive Director of the LACCD Foundation and LATTC's Michelle Segura.

This was the first annual DRC Scholarship Luncheon, and following its success, the Center looks forward to continuing the event again in the future.



Left: LATTC President McQuarters with California State Senator María Elena Durazo; Right: Guests attend the Reentry Fair

LATTC Joins Project Impact in Hosting the Reentry Resource and Job Fair

On Wednesday, October 25, Project Impact of the LA Mayor's Office with LATTC's Reentry and Employment and Career Success Pathways hosted the Reentry Resource and Job Fair. The all-day fair featured a breadth of resources for our justice impacted community including expungement, ticket clearing, identification cards, as well as employers looking to hire.

The morning began with welcome remarks from President McQuarters who then introduced Karren Lane, Deputy Mayor of the Office of Community Safety. After the Deputy Mayor's remarks, guests heard from California State Senator María Elena Durazo who shared about her team's part in passing SB731 which is designed to seal the criminal records of eligible individuals and allow others to petition for it. The bill will provide an unprecedented opportunity to access stable housing, employment, and more. Final remarks were then provided by Mary Weaver, Executive Director of Friends Outside, which assists children and families, prisoners, and former prisoners with the immediate and long-term effects of incarceration.

The Reentry Fair is one of the many events facilitated by LATTC's Reentry pathway, which works year-round to support our justice involved community by providing individual support, resources, connections,

and an inclusive community.



2023 LA Chef Con Hosted at LATTC Introduces New Mentorship Program for Five Culinary Arts Students

On October 30, LATTC was thrilled to open its doors to the 2023 LA Chef Conference. The annual ticketed event, now in its fourth year, welcomed hundreds of food industry experts and enthusiasts for a full day of panel conversations, cooking demos, and delicious food. Special guests in attendance included Chefs Josiah Citrin, Phil Rosenthal, Curtis Stone, and Jet Tila, food journalists Bill Addison and Jenn Harris from the LA Times, and more.

LATTC Culinary Arts students were able to participate in the full-day event; with five students selected for the first annual LA Chef Con/LATTC Mentorship program. As part of the new partnership, the selected students will win \$1,000 each and be paired with a leading industry mentor for one year to further their growth and education in the culinary arts. This includes a meal with the mentor at their restaurant, quarterly zoom calls and access to mentors.





Senator Menjivar presents the Rainbow Pride Center's Counselor Natalie Guerrero with a certificate to the Rainbow Pride Center for its support of the LGBTQ community at Valley College.

2nd Annual Pride Flag Raising for National Coming Out Day

The LAVC Rainbow Pride Center celebrated National Coming Out Day by raising the Pride Flag with State Senator Caroline Menjivar. The Senator, who is the first LGBTQ legislator to represent the San Fernando Valley, shared her personal coming out story. The LAVC College Choir also performed a moving rendition of "All You Need is Love".



LAVC President Barry Gribbons with the Associated Student Union officers at Noche de Fiesta.

LAVC Celebrates Latinx Heritage at Noche De Fiesta & the Dia de Los Muertos Celebration

LAVC Associated Student Union (ASU) celebrated Latino Heritage Month with several events. On October 5, 2023, students campus to campus to celebrate Latinx Heritage, culture and food at the ASU Noche De Fiesta. On November 1, it held a Celebracion de El Dia de Los Muertos with the In Tlanextli Tlacopan Fire Dancers performed a blessing ceremony.



Valley Star & Crown Magazine Bring Home JACC General Excellence Awards

Journalism Association of Community College (JACC) awarded The Valley Star, LAVC's student-run newspaper, and The Crown, LAVC's student-run magazine, with General Excellence awards on October 21, 2023. In addition, LAVC student journalists also won more than a dozen awards, including many first-place honors. The regional competition held at CSUN brought together 25 community colleges from across the southern region of the state, including schools coming from Bakersfield and Chula Vista. Read the article in the Valley Star <https://www.thevalleystarnews.com/post/valley-star-staff-hauls-in-awards-at-jacc>



Keynote speaker Johnathan Franklin at Welcome B(l)ack at LAVC on October 24, 2023.



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Left to right: LACCD Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez, LAMC Professor Beville Constantine, LAMC ASO Advisor Robert Crossley, LAMC Black Scholar Program Coordinator Princess Harrison, LAVC Professor Desiree Lee-Perry, LAMC Student Will Jenkins, LAVC Umoja Counselor & Coordinator Dr. Elliott Coney, LAMC Student Ronysha Hughes, and LAMC Student Janesha Harrison.



ELAC Umoja students talked with an admissions representative from Dillard University.

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Organized by LACCD AAOI's (African American Outreach Initiative), the event kicked off with featured keynote speaker Johnathan Franklin, former Green Bay Packer running back, who shared his inspirational story of resilience following a serious neck injury that ended his professional football career. The California Community Colleges (CCC) to HBCU Caravan was there to let participants to meet the HBCU admissions representatives and learn about community college transfer opportunities.

Upcoming Events

First-Generation College Celebration
 Wednesday, November 8, 2023
 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

College Choir & Chamber Singers Concert
 Sunday, December 3
 7 p.m.

[Learn more](#)

The First-Generation College Celebration is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the contributions and experiences of first-generation students and personnel at LA Valley College.

Veterans Day Celebration

Wednesday, November 8
12 p.m.

[Learn more](#)

You are invited to LAVC's Veterans Day Celebration at the LAVC Flagpole! The LAVC Veterans Resource Center will hold a resource fair, and we will be joined by special guest State Senator Caroline Menjivar.

Faculty Arts Exhibition Opening Reception

Wednesday, November 15
12-2 p.m.

[Learn more](#)

The LAVC Art Gallery will celebrate the exhibition opening of its Art Faculty Exhibition. The exhibition runs from November 13-December 8, 2023.

Jazz Combo Concert

Friday, December 1
1 p.m.

[Learn more](#)

Join us for an afternoon of contemporary popular music works by some of the greatest bands and songwriters of the last 100 years

Broadway Class Concert

Friday, December 1
7 p.m.

[Learn more](#)

Students in the Musical Theater Repertoire class will present an evening of Broadway selections from a variety of shows, musical revues, and films.

[Learn more](#)

The Chamber Singers and College Choir present "Something Bigger Than Me," a tapestry of music and poetry examines the human spirit in its relationship to the universe, the sea and sky, love, a higher power, forgiveness, compassion, and hope.

Wind Ensemble Concert

Monday, December 4
7:30 p.m.

[Learn more](#)

From beloved classics to contemporary arrangements, this concert will feature a diverse repertoire of winter-themed compositions and cherished holiday favorites.

Ceramic Sale

Wednesday, December 6
10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

[Learn more](#)

Start your holiday shopping by visiting the annual Ceramic Sale. Come early! These unique and one-of-kind art works are highly coveted and sell quickly.

Valley Symphony Orchestra

Wednesday, December 6
7:30 p.m.

[Learn more](#)

Join us for an evening of exciting music by Vivaldi, Saint-Saens, and Mozart featuring two of our violinists in a double violin concerto and our clarinetist with the famous Swan from Carnival of the Animals.

Dance Showcase

Thursday, December 7
7 p.m.

[Learn more](#)

Don't miss the Dance Showcase showing off the work and skills students in our dance classes have learned over the past semester.





The end of September through mid-October were busy at West Los Angeles College



TRANSFER FAIR

On September 26, the College once again held its annual Transfer Fair in conjunction with LAUSD Region West. Hundreds of high school students as well as current WLAC students browsed university information booths, attended information sessions and enjoyed marching band, cheer and dance team performances from Venice High School and King Drew Magnet High School.

CLIMATE ACTION PALOOZA

With the goal of being the green epicenter for environmental education and innovation, the college's Center for Climate Education hosted a three-day event dubbed "The Climate Action Palooza" from October 24 – 26. This inaugural annual conference focused on youth activism, green-collar job training and education. The conference began on International Day of Climate Action and hosted a mix of college and high school students, industry and organization leaders. High schools represented included Amino Venice, Amino Inglewood, Hamilton, Westchester and John Marshall. News media present included ABC, Univision, Telemundo, Spectrum, LAist and USC.

Day 1 (Oct. 24): Wawa Gatheru, acclaimed young adult environmental activist and influencer, served as the keynote speaker.

Day 2 (Oct. 25): Green gaming hackathon with guest judges Chacko Sonny, Head of Studio at Netflix Southern California Game Studio, and award-winning YA author Dana Claire.



Day 3 (Oct. 26): Labor and education organizations convened to identify new college curriculum and workforce training programs needed to advance sustainability careers. Asm. Isaac Bryan, LACCD Chancellor Rodriguez and resident & CEO of the LA County Economic Development Corporation (LAECD) Stephen Chung provided remarks. The keynote speaker was Dr. Robert Fofrich from UCLA's Institute of the Environment and Sustainability.

LA TIMES HIGHLIGHTS BACHELOR DEGREES

West and Antelope Valley College with featured in an LA Times article about the growing number of Bachelor's degrees available at California Community Colleges. See "Where to get a low-cost bachelor's degree close to home and a job lead: Community college" on September 25, 2023 by Debbie Truong.



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

While snacking on pan dulce on Wildcat Walkway, students enjoyed music and ballet folklorico performances from the non-profit artists of Nuestras Raices. Via Zoon, students heard from Dr. Rigoberto Marquez, a faculty member for UCLA's Center for Community Engagement who discussed

“Pride & It's Prejudice: Queer Latinidades in the Community College Setting.” Additionally, the college social media feed featured profiles on indigenous cultures and faculty and staff reflecting on their Latino heroes.



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