



OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

TO: LACCD Board of Trustees
FROM: Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D.
DATE: April 13, 2022
SUBJECT: Chancellor’s Monthly Report April 2022

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The LACCD Chancellor’s Monthly Report for April 2022 includes brief updates on the following:

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

April 2022 begins the third-year cycle for pandemic and emergency declarations regarding COVID-19, including LACCD, that were formally declared back in March 2020. Just when recovery from the pandemic seemed likely, a new mutation of the Omicron variant has now caused an uptick in positive cases in countries around the world, including the U.S., China and elsewhere. However, other pandemic measurements such as hospitalization rates and deaths, at least locally, have not yet seen the dramatic surge as with Omicron and the Delta variants.

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) officials continue to monitor and track the situation closely and to be in regular communication with LACCD and other Institutes of Higher Education through telebriefings, emails and website updates. Local health orders remain in place based upon metrics indicating the region is at low risk for community transmission. Health Orders for the public for indoor and outdoor masking have been reduced to recommended instead of mandatory. Health officials continue to strongly recommend that all persons who are eligible should be fully vaccinated and receive their first and second boosters.

For LACCD and its nine colleges, Board Policies 2800 (indoor masking) and 2900 (vaccinations & exemptions/testing) currently remain in effect until further notice.

The District’s Emergency Operations Center and the colleges’ Incident Command Centers have scaled back operational status to monthly coordination meetings. All employee and student accounts via Cleared4 remain active for daily check-in purposes and scanning stations at all locations have been enhanced with the in-person return-to-work directive from the Chancellor.

Free Biocept COVID-19 testing services at all nine colleges and the District’s downtown offices remain available for all employees and students regardless of vaccination status. Thousands of antigen, personal-use test kits have been distributed to employees and students. Ample supplies of these test kits, disposable masks and hand sanitizers are also available throughout the District at no charge to employees or students. All of the colleges continue to work with

outside healthcare providers via LACDPH or with the college's Student Health Center to provide vaccinations clinics.

In terms of the emergency itself, LACDPH have no timeline projections for when the actual emergency declarations by either the County or City of Los Angeles might be rescinded. At the same time, most public health officials believe the coronavirus and its many variants will never be fully eradicated and society will have to adjust to the COVID-19 presence and consequences akin to flu by taking precautions with vaccinations, medicine for treatment when infected, masking as needed and quarantine/isolation protocols when outbreaks occur. In some instances, such as the recent decisions by health and government officials in Philadelphia, Penn., and in China, mandatory masking and quarantines might continue to be necessary for the foreseeable future.

The District continues to remind all employees and students to be up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines by getting a booster as soon as possible. Everyone is also reminded about the importance of self-care and mental health. If you are feeling concerned, anxious, upset (or if you know someone who is) and need to talk to someone, for any reason, you are encouraged to call the [Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health](#) which operates a free helpline, 24/7, at (800) 854-7771, or by sending a text message ("LA") to 741741. Additional information [is online](#). Remember, you are not alone.

Notice to All District Employees and Students:

- » **Indoor masking is mandatory**
- » **Vaccinations or exemptions & testing required**
- » **Complete your Cleared4 self check**
- » **Scan your QR code to check in**

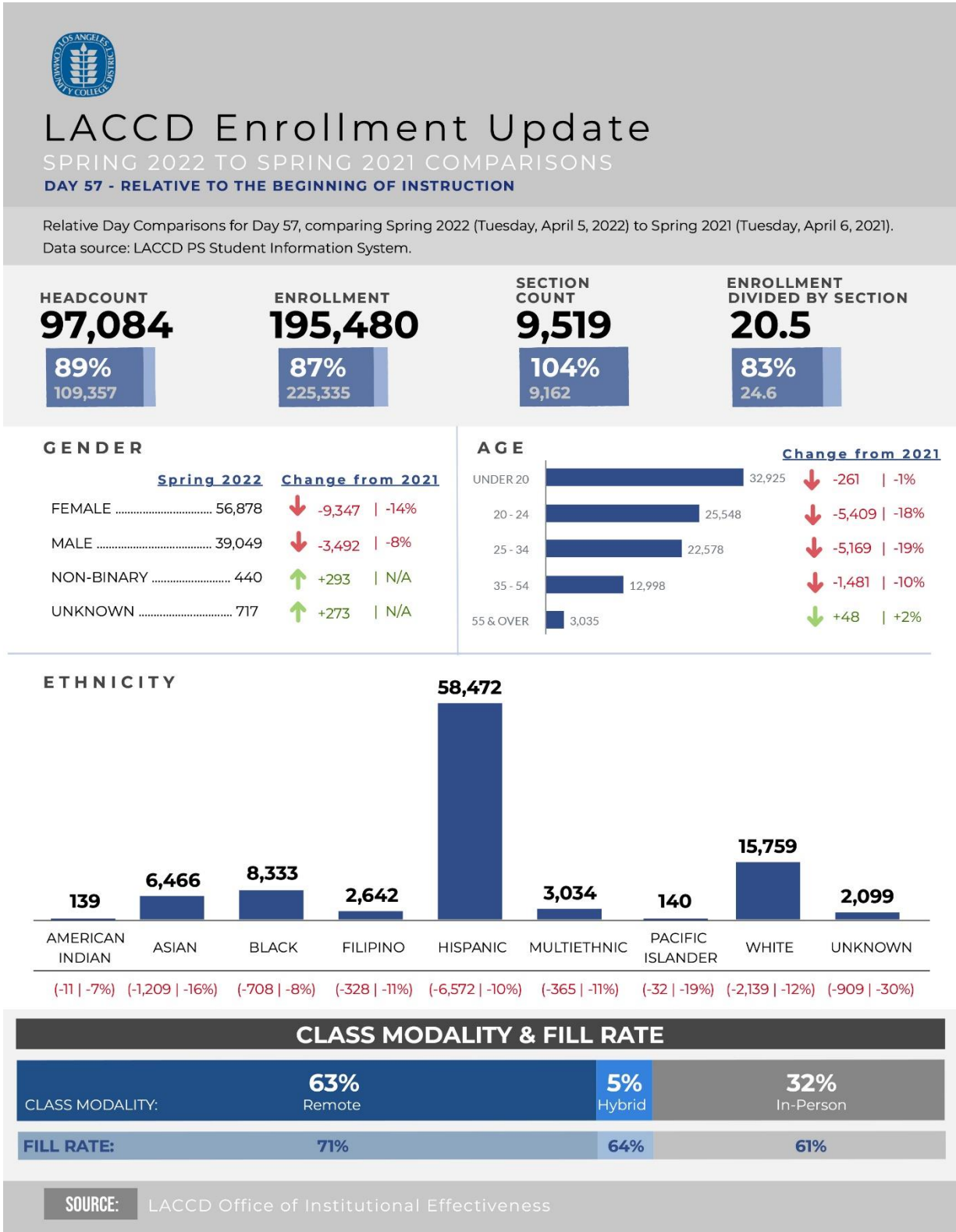


Notice to the General Public:

- » **Self-check & Indoor Masking for Visitors is required per Board Policy 2800**



II. Updates on LACCD Enrollment & Marketing for L.A. College Promise
 Enrollment information as provided by the District's Office of Institutional Effectiveness:



Enrollment Marketing for L.A. College Promise

A three-month, Districtwide marketing and advertising campaign throughout the Los Angeles media market begins later this month by the District's Office of Communications & External Relations in conjunction with the Educational Programs and Institutional Effectiveness Division and Elder Tree, the District's advertising Agency of Record, as well as Univision.

The campaign kicks off this Friday, April 15 with special tribute ads for Jackie Robinson Day during Univision's sports radio broadcast of the Dodgers game versus the Cincinnati Reds on KTNQ 1020AM and its sister station KLVE 107.5FM.

Radio, television, cable television, sports programming, outdoor billboards, bus shelters, bus ads, digital streaming, radio streaming, social media, direct mail, SEO geo-fencing and email nudging are among the multiple platforms to be used between April and early August. The campaign will be done in English, Spanish and Chinese with other languages integrated in targeted areas.

Later this month, the first of more than 20, large outdoor billboards will be strategically deployed near the colleges and along major thoroughfares emphasizing the Promise Program with the message (and images) of "Our Promise, Your Path" along with Free Tuition! and Free Public Transit!

The "Out Of Home" (OHH) will also include a suite of complementary graphic marketing materials including 18 bus shelters posters (two shelters per college); 90 on-side bus ads on Metro buses (10 per college) with service routes going past the colleges and 100 inside the bus advertising cards. The materials will be primarily in English and Spanish and some in Chinese.

As a primary partner, Univision will be taping with the Chancellor a series of on-air talk show interviews about the Promise programming and his broadcast-quality voice will be recorded for a series of radio announcements on Univision stations. Univision was also instrumental in reviewing collateral material.

More than 300 ads are being planned with Spectrum cable television for exclusive use on its official Dodger cable network, both the English and Spanish channels. There will be extensive radio and radio internet streaming ads placed with iHeart and a special; a special three-page advertising insert section is planned for May in La Opinion and additional advertising in the L.A. Sentinel, L.A. Watts Times and the L.A. Times are being planned as well.

Most digital and print ads will have QR codes to drive viewers to a special landing page for metrics and measurements, which, in turn, will send people to the [apply page](#) of the L.A. College Promise website. Broadcast advertising will directly drive audiences to the L.A. College Promise [homepage address](#).

III. **Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges**

The Foundation is processing scholarships, grant awards and donor reports for the 2021-22 academic year. The Foundation is also soliciting philanthropic contributions and developing initiatives that will support LACCD students in the 2021-22 academic year.

“LOC Scholars” Program

The Foundation received a generous contribution from the Leonetti O'Connell Family Foundation to create the LOC Scholars Program at Los Angeles Southwest College (LASC). Through this program, 45 Los Angeles College Promise students at LASC have received \$700 for books and supplies and will receive an additional four monthly payments of \$1,000 in Spring 2022. This pilot program offers financial assistance via grants to community college students when they might not think to apply for emergency aid. These stipends are intended to preemptively reduce stress, improve the recipient's ability to focus on school, and ultimately incentivize them to complete their program of study rather than drop out.

"I would like to personally thank you for this scholarship that will help me during these difficult times. Throughout this pandemic, I have lost 3 jobs and, at one point, barely had enough money for food for my daughter ... With this scholarship, I will be able to buy all my books for the 4 classes that I need. Thank you so much for your donation to us students this really makes a huge impact for us who are single mothers or new students!" – LOC Scholar

Support for Urgent Needs

The Foundation continues to provide emergency aid scholarships to students experiencing unexpected hardships that make it challenging to complete their studies. This academic year, the Foundation has awarded more than 250 students with urgent need support with \$500 scholarships; grocery gift cards and internet hotspots.

"I am an early childhood education major. I would really like to say thank you so much for making this scholarship possible! Your help will allow me to continue towards my degree and my personal upward mobility. You couldn't possibly believe how much this will help my family out currently and in the near future." – L. Banks, LATTC

Ongoing Fundraising Efforts

The Umoja–African American Student Outreach Scholarship to students participating in Umoja programs throughout the District. For more information and to donate. Visit: <https://www.giveeffect.com/campaigns/17101-african-american-student-success-fund>

Food for Families program supports students who are experiencing food insecurity by providing grocery cards: <https://www.giveeffect.com/campaigns/14483-food-for-families>

Undocumented Student Success Fund provides direct financial support to DACA recipients and other undocumented students to support their educational journey: <https://www.giveeffect.com/campaigns/16055-undocumented-students-success-fund>

IV. **Graduation Notices**

It's that wonderful time of year again! And this time, we're back in person! All nine colleges are planning in-person graduation ceremonies the same day, on June 7.

In addition, Lavender Graduation is May 17, followed by Black Graduation on May 24 and the first inaugural Mi Gente Graduation is June 5. See the following announcements and be sure to check the nine colleges' websites and social media platforms for more details on each college graduation times and locations!

Lavender Graduation Celebration—May 17, 4 p.m.
Celebrating our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) student graduates! Respond to [Lavender Graduation RSVP](#).

Save
THE
Date!



The
Los Angeles
Community College District

Lavender Graduation Celebration



May 17, 2022 • 4:00 p.m.

Celebrating our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,
Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual
(LGBTQIA+) student graduates!



More Information to Follow!



LACCD encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation, or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Betina Vallin at vallinb@laccd.edu as soon as possible, but no later than seven (7) business days prior to the event.



LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
CITY / EAST / HARBOR / MISSION / PIERCE / SOUTHWEST / TRADE-TECHNICAL / VALLEY / WEST

12th Annual Black Graduation Celebration – May 24, 3-5 p.m.

The Los Angeles Community College District African American Outreach Initiative program (LACCD-AAOI) is proud to announce our 12th Annual Black Graduation Celebration on May 24. This year's event will be in-person following the latest Covid-19 state and local guidelines. Find the registration form at Black Graduation [RSVP info online](#).



IN-PERSON

BLACK GRADUATION CELEBRATION

MAY 24, 2022

AFRICAN ATTIRE ENCOURAGED



AAOI
AFRICAN AMERICAN OUTREACH INITIATIVE
LACCD



LACCD BLACK FACULTY & STAFF ASSOCIATION
Established 1969

Los Angeles Community College District's Inaugural Mi Gente Graduation Celebration – June 5, 4-7 p.m.

Latino students and their families from all nine college campuses can now celebrate their educational achievements in a cultural celebration that reflects Latino diversity, music, language, and nationalities. Mi gente translates to “my people” or “my folks”.

The Mi Gente Graduation Celebration will take place at East Los Angeles College, Weingart Stadium, 1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez, Monterey Park, CA 91754. Event info and to reserve seats, [Mi Gente Graduation RSVP](#) or email Ben Gillman at MiGente@laccd.edu

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

SAVE THE DATE



MI GENTE GRADUATION CELEBRATION

We are proud to announce the Los Angeles Community College District Inaugural Mi Gente Graduation Celebration. The cultural celebration is open to graduating students and their families, from all nine LACCD Colleges.

EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE

1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez, Monterey Park, CA 91754 | JUNE 5, 2022 | 4:00 PM

To reserve your seat, click [here](#).

For more information, please contact **Ben Gillman** at MiGente@laccd.edu.

LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE | EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE | LOS ANGELES HARBOR COLLEGE
| LOS ANGELES MISSION COLLEGE | LOS ANGELES PIERCE COLLEGE |
LOS ANGELES SOUTHWEST COLLEGE | LOS ANGELES TRADE TECHNICAL COLLEGE |
LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE | WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE



V. Special News, Events and Other Announcements

Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Denim Day



April marks Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and culminates with Denim Day on April 27. The Regional Equity and Title IX Officers with the Office for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (ODEI) are working this year in collaboration with the colleges to organize a series of to bring greater awareness to SAAM and the global [Denim Day event](#).

Campus Programs & Events

Throughout SAAM, the Life Skills Center at City and ELAC's SAAVE Team, are hosting events open to the LACCD community that will be highlighted on social media and via our SAAM website. Highlights of these

events are below, subject to change, including:

Los Angeles Harbor College Life Skills Center

- The Clothesline Project, Wednesday, April 13, 1-2, p.m., Zoom ID: 3751886844. For LAHC Life Skills Center information or questions, LifeSkillsCenter@lahc.edu or (310) 233-4586.

Los Angeles City College Life Skills Center

- Healthy Dating & Relationship Workshop, Tuesday, April 12, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Zoom ID: 92936805171
- "Miss Representation" Screening and Panel, Wednesday, April 27, 3-5 p.m., LACC Cinema TV Screening Room. For LACC Life Skills Center event information or questions, Joe Exnowski, Life Skills Center Director, exnowsjj@laccd.edu or (323) 953-4000. x2274.

ELAC Sexual Assault Awareness Violence Education (SAAVE) Team

- Consent & Boundaries, Wednesday, April 13, 12:15-1:15 p.m. Zoom ID: 84061116043
- Conversations on Consent: Men's Perspective, Thursday, April 14, 6-7 p.m., Zoom ID: 87198518898
- Coping Skills, Monday, April 18, 3:15-4:15 p.m., Zoom ID: 81777329983
- Human Trafficking, Tuesday, April 19, 12:15-1:15 p.m. Zoom ID: 84715963112
- Sexual Violence Through the Eyes of College Students, Thursday, April 21, 3:15-4:15p.m., Zoom ID: 84253631671

For ELAC SAAVE Team event information or questions, contact Andrea Owens, SAAVE Team Co-Chair, at owensas@elac.edu or (323) 260-8102.

Pierce College Associated Student Organization

Denim Day & Clothesline Project, Wednesday, April 27, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Rocky Young Park

For Pierce College event information or questions, contact Dr. Lara Conrady Wong, Student Engagement Coordinator & Counselor, conradll@piercecollege.edu or (818) 710-2538.

More info will be posted [online](#) via ODEI or by contacting [Genice Sarcedo-Magruder](#) or [Angelica Toledo](#), Deans and Regional Equity & Title IX Officers.

Earth Day Event at L.A. City College

All are welcome to join L.A. City College for Earth Day, Friday April 22, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
More info [online](#).



SCAN ME

Sustainability, Climate Change, Our Environment

WHEN: Friday, April 22, 2022

WHERE: The City's Garden, Los Angeles City College
(Located Next to MLK Library)

FOR MORE INFO:

Scan the QR Code / Go to <https://rb.gy/dyhqjl>

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LACC hosted the LACCD Women History Event Afternoon Tea

LACC hosted the District's 5th Annual Women's History Celebration: Providing Healing, Promoting Hope on March 30. The celebration was an afternoon tea featuring keynote speaker Rev. Naomi Nontombi Tuti.

The LACCD Culinary Cup is Back—And It's *Muy Caliente!*



After a two-year delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic, LACCD's Culinary Cup competition is back! Who will win the coveted Gold Chef's Hat Trophy this year? L.A. Mission College is hosting the second annual Culinary

Cup Friday, May 13, 2022. The event will feature student culinary teams from Harbor, Mission and Trade-Tech, led by instructors from the colleges' Culinary Arts programs. Teams of students will face off and be judged in three categories: Savory, Baking, and Tablescaping. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased [online](#).



CULINARY CUP
HARBOR • MISSION • TRADE-TECH

For Immediate Release
March 30, 2022

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L.A. MISSION COLLEGE TO HOST HARBOR COLLEGE, TRADE-TECH FOR SECOND ANNUAL CULINARY COMPETITION

SYLMAR, CA — Los Angeles Mission College will host Los Angeles Harbor College and Los Angeles Trade-Technical College for the Los Angeles Community College District's Second Annual Culinary Cup competition on Friday, May 13.

This exciting culinary competition and exhibition will feature Chef Instructors and 24 culinary students from L.A. Mission College, L.A. Harbor College and L.A. Trade-Technical College, who will all be competing for the Golden Chef's Hat.

"The Culinary Cup has quickly become one of LACCD's most satisfying traditions, showcasing our three stellar culinary schools at LACCD," said Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, PhD. "Incredible talent will be on display. Our award-winning programs in the culinary arts prepare our graduates for well-paying jobs and amazing careers in one of the most diverse regions for foodies in the world."

To judge the performance of the contestants, L.A. Mission College will bring in five professional judges from the culinary industry to score teams in three categories: Savory Team, Baking, and Tablescaping.

"We're proud to host this year's event, and we look forward to hosting our sister colleges for a successful competition and more importantly, to raise funds for student scholarships," said L.A. Mission College President Armida Ornelas, PhD.

The theme for this year's competition is Sabores de Oaxaca (Tastes of Oaxaca). Savory teams will be asked to use six mystery Oaxacan ingredients to prepare classic Oaxacan cuisine. Event attendees will also be treated to a special Oaxacan-style lunch.

"I am looking forward to watching my students have fun as they compete for the coveted Golden Chef's Hat," said Trade-Tech President Katrina VanderWoude, EdD. "Whether creating in the kitchen or viewing from the sidelines, this is one exciting event you won't want to miss."

"For foodies everywhere, this is probably the best deal in town," said Harbor College President Luis Dorado, EdD. "Where else can you get world-class food demonstrations, a tour of culinary facilities, and a fabulous lunch for just \$25?"

LACCD'S SECOND ANNUAL CULINARY CUP

A culinary competition between Los Angeles Mission College,
Los Angeles Harbor College, and Los Angeles Trade-Technical College.

This year's luncheon will feature:
Sabores de Oaxaca
(Tastes of Oaxaca)



Save The Date
Friday, May 13, 2022

Hosted by
**Los Angeles
Mission College**
13356 Eldridge Avenue,
Sylmar, CA 91342



Tickets go on sale February 25.
For details, visit www.lamission.edu.

ELAC Racial Equity & Social Justice Town Hall with Ricardo Lara

April 26, 2022, 10-11:30 a.m. <https://bit.ly/THS042622>

Join California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara as we discuss championing educational equity, civil rights, and social justice for LGBTQ+. This discussion will be moderated by Norma Roque from KMEX Channel 34, Univision in Los Angeles. Lara became the first openly gay person elected to statewide office in California's history. Raised in East Los Angeles, Ricardo knows first-hand the challenges facing communities. Join us as we engage in conversation with Commissioner Lara about his commitment to improving quality and access to education, protecting women's and LGBTQ+ rights, and ensuring government transparency. As a champion for social justice issues, his work has impacted women's rights, immigrants, students, and communities of color.

EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE **SPRING 2022**

Town Hall Series

RACIAL EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE

EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND COMMUNITY AT LARGE

COMMISSIONER RICARDO LARA
MODERATED BY NORMA ROQUE, KMEX CHANNEL 34, TELEVISA UNIVISION IN LOS ANGELES

CHAMPIONING EDUCATIONAL EQUITY, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR LGBTQ+

4 / 26 / 2022
10 - 11:30 AM

ZOOM REGISTRATION
<https://bit.ly/THS042622>

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ELAC encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. For disability accommodation requests for this event, please email PresidentsOffice@elac.edu or call (323) 265-8663 prior to the event.

ELAC Music Professor Performs at Walt Disney Concert Hall



[Dr. Lucy Nargizyan](#), ELAC Professor of Music (Piano), performed at the Walt Disney Concert Hall on Tuesday, March 22, joining Los Angeles Philharmonic musicians Mark Kashper, Tianyun Jia, Leticia Oak Strong, Barry Gold in Schumann's Piano Quintet in E-flat Major, Op. 44. This was Dr. Nargizyan's fourth appearance in the Los Angeles Philharmonic Chamber Music Concert Series.

"I am honored to be invited again to perform at the Disney Concert Hall. Last time I performed there in April of 2019, which was before the pandemic. It is very special and exciting to finally be able to play

live concerts and collaborate with the wonderful musicians from the Los Angeles Philharmonic orchestra," Nargizyan said.



Successful Men of Color Conference at L.A. Harbor

“Amazing”, was the typical response of the more than 200 students and staff who participated in the 4th Annual Men of Color Leadership Conference, “Staying In The Game – A Legacy of Local Heroes” hosted by L.A. Harbor College on March 25. The conference focused on African-American, Latino and Asian male students and what they need to navigate successfully through life’s obstacles. The Men of Color Action Network is made up of faculty, staff and administrators from the College of the

Canyons, Compton College, El Camino College, Los Angeles Harbor College, Long Beach City College, and Mt. San Antonio College. Speakers including LACCD Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D., and Thomas A. Parham, Ph.D., President, CSU Dominguez Hills. “The clear goal of this conference is to plant seeds towards the upward mobility for our men of color, and to do so with pride, persistence and precision,” Chancellor Rodriguez said. This year’s conference was chaired by Ivan Silva, Los Angeles Harbor College Dreamers Counselor who doubled as this year’s Master of Ceremonies.



L.A. Southwest Celebration with Congresswoman Maxine Waters for \$1.5 Million Appropriation

LASC celebrated the awarding of \$1.5 million to fund a Re-Entry Initiative for Success in Education (RISE) Center and a Family Resource Center on Wednesday, March 23. The funds will both provide services and resources to students from underserved populations to help them continue and complete their education at LASC. The federal funding was part of



the recently passed omnibus appropriations bill, H.R. 2471, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022.” Procedural vehicles for these allocations are Community Project Funding, which provide for direct funding for specific projects in larger spending bills. LASC’s proposal was sponsored by United States Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA 43rd District). “I am delighted that I was able to

secure \$1.5 million for Los Angeles Southwest College to launch new student support centers,” said Congresswoman Waters. “These centers will provide services and resources to students from underserved populations to help them continue their education, thus



reducing barriers to higher education and promoting economic mobility in our community.” The proposed RISE Center aims to support student Anti-Recidivism and Gang Intervention efforts, primarily focused on supporting justice-impacted individuals. The proposed Family Resource Center looks to be transformational in support of retention and student success efforts for student-parents.



Trade-Technical College (LATTC) Annual Job/Career and Resource Expo

On Thursday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., job seekers will have access to numerous local employers seeking talented and qualified applicants in every field from aerospace, construction, education, healthcare, hospitality, transportation, and everything in between. In addition to employers that are ready to hire, various agencies and organizations will be available on-site providing information for community resources such as blood pressure screening, child care information, expungement assistance, legal and housing information, reentry, resume review, veteran services and much more.

The Jobs Expo is a collaborative effort between the college and partners, including the Associated Student Organization (ASO), Disabled Student Programs & Services (DSPS), Employment & Career Success Pathway (ECSP), GAIN/CalWORKs, and Vernon-Central/LATTC Worksource Center, ChildCare Careers, Employment Development Department (EDD), Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), GAIN Region I & IV and Metro Special GROW Program, Goodwill SouthernCalifornia, Los Angeles County Office of Education, and Weingart Center Association. All attendees must register for the event. Please visit the [Eventbrite link](#).

LATTC Hosts Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Summit



On Friday, March 18, more than 100 guests from across the District gathered in person at LATTC's Culinary Arts Building for an "all hands on-deck" Strategic Enrollment Management Summit. Administrative leadership from all nine colleges came together for a full day of strategic planning focused on enrollment recovery with efforts led by Pamela Deegan, former CIO and CCCIO President and Carlos Lopez, CIO at Moreno Valley College. It was a productive and spirited day for District leadership as they dedicated efforts toward future enrollment.



USA Artistic Swimmers Amaze Audience at Pierce College to Benefit Ukraine

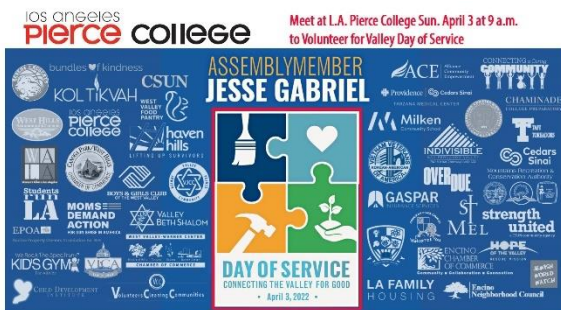


The USA Artistic Swimming National Team dove into L.A. Pierce College’s pool to give a remarkable show of synchronized aquatic mastery on Sunday, March 30. The audience was in awe of the performance, set to music, given by the swim team, and called “breathtaking” by Pierce President Ara Aguiar. “The swimmers never touch the bottom of the pool while they perform, even launching impressive lifts,” she said.

The Pierce family and community supported the team with about 50 attendees and onsite donations of \$1,269--\$832 to benefit Ukraine Relief and \$437 directly to the team. Additional donations by phone were also collected. Special thanks to Pierce’s Pool Manager Deborah Hefter with coordination from Senior Analyst Brian Silk to make it happen, along with Bookstore Manager Candy Van, Dean Claudia Velasco, and the Facilities team for their behind-the-scenes work. Photo by David Pashae.



Volunteers Muster at L.A. Pierce College to Volunteer for West Valley Day of Service



State Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel, District 45, sponsored a day that brought the West San Fernando Valley community together to both volunteer and serve, appropriately tagged “Connecting the Valley for Good.” Volunteers met at Pierce College to launch the first West Valley Day of Service on Sunday, April 3, 2022.

Gabriel’s office partnered with dozens of community groups and nonprofits to bring folks together to work on service projects around the Valley. After assembling in Rocky Young Park, volunteers fanned out to numerous locations for their day of service duties. For more information on this event and these projects, visit [West Valley Day of Service](#).

WLAC Basketball Champs!

After an East meets West, “Dogs v Cats” battle between WSC-S Champions West Los Angeles College and SCC-N Champions East Los Angeles College, the WLAC Wildcats emerged victorious and advanced to the CCCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament in their run for a state championship.

Netflix’s Last Chance U, which had been profiling ELAC throughout their season, was on hand to catch all the action in the East West showdown that resulted in West’s 19 straight victory. Final score 85-73.



The local celebration followed Head Coach Jones reaching the significant milestone of his 100th victory at West just two weeks earlier. "It has never been about getting wins it's about my student-athletes becoming successful," said Jones. And his students do realize success both on and off the court. Since 2015, the team GPA has steadily increased under Coach Jones' direction from 2.51 to 3.02 in 2018, to 3.6 in Fall 2021. In the same time period, 100 percent of sophomores graduated and transferred to four-year universities including several who went on to play ball at the university level.



As Wildcats boarded their bus bound for the quarterfinals in Lemoore, California on Thursday, March 10, faculty, staff and friends cheered them on and wished them good luck which was not needed. Skill won the day with the Wildcats emerging 77-64 over Las Positas on Friday, March 11.



West used a 17-4 run over the final 9:20, breaking what had been a 60-60 tie. Las Positas, which got off to a fast start, struggled down the stretch. The Hawks made just one their final eight shots in the final four and half minutes. In the final nine minutes, Las Positas managed just two baskets.

"Slow starts have been our thing all year, unfortunately," Anthony Jones, head coach of West Los Angeles, said. "We've talked about it, and I have changed a bunch of things to try and address it, but it has continued throughout the year."

[Roy Clarke](#), an all-state selection for West, led the Wildcats with 18 points, 11 of his points come in the first half. His seven second-half points came in the final nine minutes and over a 5:28 stretch when the Wildcats put together its 17-4 run. Teammate [Matthew Mayes](#) added 11. "These guys have answered the call all year," Jones said.



Roy Clarke drives to the basket in West LA's win over las Positas - photo courtesy of CCCMBCA

Sunday, fans got what they expected when south No. 1 seed West Los Angeles and West Valley, north No. 2, squared off for the right to advance to the state championship game on Sunday. West Los Angeles (28-4) and West Valley (28-3) were two of the better defense teams in the state this season. So, as expected points were difficult to come by. But, in the end, West Valley outlasted West Los Angeles, 67-63

"The entire WLAC community is united in its pride in the achievements of our Men's Basketball Team, for they have represented West with dignity and maturity. I cannot think of a better group of young men and coaches who are deserving of the accolades they have received, for their successes are the product of commitment, hard work, and sacrifice," said James M. Limbaugh, WLAC President

"It is awesome to reflect on the year's team, we had a storybook season on and off the court. Most will remember this team for the accolades that we shared on the court by winning two pre-season tournaments, a perfect WSC record (14-0), WSC champions, winners of 20 straight to cap off a number #2 ranking in the state of California and a Final Four appearance. However, I will always remember this team for their resiliency in the classroom in posting a combined grade point average of a 3.62. This is something that

many of us in education and athletics has never seen in men's basketball. These young men worked to be great at the game of basketball and in life." Coach Anthony Jones

VI. Communications and Media

News Releases

Culinary Cup At L.A. Mission College

<https://www.lamission.edu/news/newsitem.aspx?id=588>

Board Considers Applicants for Vacancy at April 13 Meeting

<https://www.laccd.edu/Documents/LACCD%20Board%20of%20Trustees%20to%20Consider%20Applicants%20for%20Board%20Vacancy%20April%2013.pdf>

LACC Hosts Women's History Month Tea

<https://www.lacitycollege.edu/getattachment/7fa87c1d-e1fb-40e6-98c1-8046e627bb72/2022-LACCD-WOMEN-HISTORY-EVENT>

LACC Student Named to All-California Phi Theta Kappa Team

<https://www.lacitycollege.edu/getattachment/c8ee2c01-400b-4ba3-a354-594d0a6e07c6/LACC-Student-Named-to-2022-All-California-Phi-Thet>

LACC Theater Academy Presents Melancholia With Latino Theater Company

<https://www.lacitycollege.edu/getattachment/7739c208-2c1f-4346-b123-2650131fe838/2022-THEATRE-ACADEMY-PRESENTS-MELANCHOLIA>

L.A. Southwest Celebrate \$1.5 Million Appropriation

<https://www.laccd.edu/Documents/NewsDocuments/2022/LASCandCongresswomanWatersCelebrateFundingAppropriation032322.pdf>

News Media Highlights

Southwest Carpenters Host Combine at LA Trade

<https://lasentinel.net/southwest-carpenters-host-combine-at-la-trade.html>

Men of Color Conference at L.A. Harbor

<https://ognsc.com/2022/03/29/4th-annual-men-of-color-leadership-conference/>

Links to Media Hits from Rep. Waters Press Conference (March 23):

NBC:

<http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=9defa1cf-f345-4b58-8696-720f456f70ba>

ABC:

<http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=f57e6d85-96ed-472c-80da-6b73c03bde49>

KCRW:

<http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=c4a8f075-7313-4376-b9f7-b52ae5675124>

SPECTRUM:

<http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=48315d71-05eb-4fc3-b56e-9890930d4609>

UNIVISION:

<http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=5b94f15d-36f3-4a9c-9cdd-02103977b2ae>