



OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

TO: LACCD Board of Trustees
FROM: Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D.
DATE: June 1, 2022
SUBJECT: Chancellor's Monthly Report June 2022

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The LACCD Chancellor's Monthly Report for June 2022 includes brief updates on the following:

- I. Status on COVID-19 Public Health Emergency & District Recovery
II. Update on the LACCD Enrollment & Enrollment Marketing
III. Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges
IV. Commencement Notices
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I. Status on COVID-19 Public Health Emergency & District Recovery

June 2022 marks the 27th month of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. Several variants of the COVID-19 virus continue to negatively impact Los Angeles County as well as many parts of the United States. Locally, health officials have been tracking a steady rise in new cases since April. As of Tuesday, May 31, the average number of daily new cases reported by health officials over the last seven days has increased to 4,442 (per day), up from one month ago when the average number reported was 1,935—an increase of 130 percent. During the 2022 Memorial Day Weekend, nearly 13,000 new cases were reported.

Due to the rising case numbers, the county is now classified under metrics from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as being increased from Low to Medium Risk. Health officials have now cautioned LACCD and other colleges and universities that it is possible the county could move into the CDC's "High Risk" category if cases continue to climb and a noticeable impact on the region's healthcare system is measured.

Such a situation could result in renewed, more restrictive health orders, including a return to mandatory indoor masking for all public spaces and most work environments. Health officials continue to urge all that indoor masking and staying up to date on vaccinations and boosters are all highly recommended.

Meanwhile, the District and the Nine Colleges continue to move forward in this stage of the COVID-19 pandemic, including the following:

Vaccinations and Masking

- COVID-19 vaccination requirements for students stopped effective May 4 pursuant to Board action modifying Board Policy 2900
COVID-19 vaccination requirements remain in effect for all employees as a condition of employment, by:
Being fully vaccinated (with the one- or two-dose treatment) and have vaccination card documents in their Cleared4 account, or

- Having an approved exemption on file together with proof of a current weekly negative test in their Cleared4 account
- COVID-19 booster vaccination requirements and/or exemptions stopped for all employees and students also effective May 4
- Effective June 12, indoor masking stops for all indoor spaces at the colleges and District facilities, but could be reinstated under new health orders from LACDPH
- Outdoor masking requirements were dropped earlier this year
- Updates and changes continue to be provided to employees and students via emails, website postings and social media
- Free disposable surgical-style masking remains available at the colleges and District facilities upon request by anyone
- Supplies of self-administered “antigen” tests are still available upon request
- Masking requirements on public transportation within Los Angeles County (used by many employees and students) remain in effect by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH)

Contract Tracing

- The District and the colleges continue to be required to provide contact tracing of COVID-19 cases to health officials, per LACDPH and CalOSHA
- Training on the county’s new contact reporting process for the colleges and District per LACDPH was completed in May
- The District is evaluating options for the process of self-checks, scanning stations and check-in reports
- District-provided COVID-19 testing for all students no longer required
- District-provided COVID-19 testing for employees is under evaluation. Only employees with vaccination exemptions required to test weekly.

Demobilization



- The District’s Emergency Operations Center and the colleges’ Incident Command Centers are completing their demobilization forms and debriefings. The goal is to be demobilized by the end of June.
- A final After-Action Report will be prepared as part of the demobilization process following the best practices standards under Homeland Security and FEMA guidelines. The report will help serve as the foundation for internal analysis, recommended changes, training and future emergency preparedness efforts by the District and the colleges.



Notice to All District Employees and Students:

- » Indoor Masking mandate ends June 12, but masking “Highly Recommended” by Health Officials
- » Employees must be fully vaccinated (or exempt) with proof uploaded in Cleared4 account profile
- » Employees with exemptions must still test weekly until further notice
- » Report any new cases immediately to college or District for contact tracing
- » Vaccinations, frequent hand washing, masking remain best defense against COVID-19
- » No vaccination requirements or testing required for students

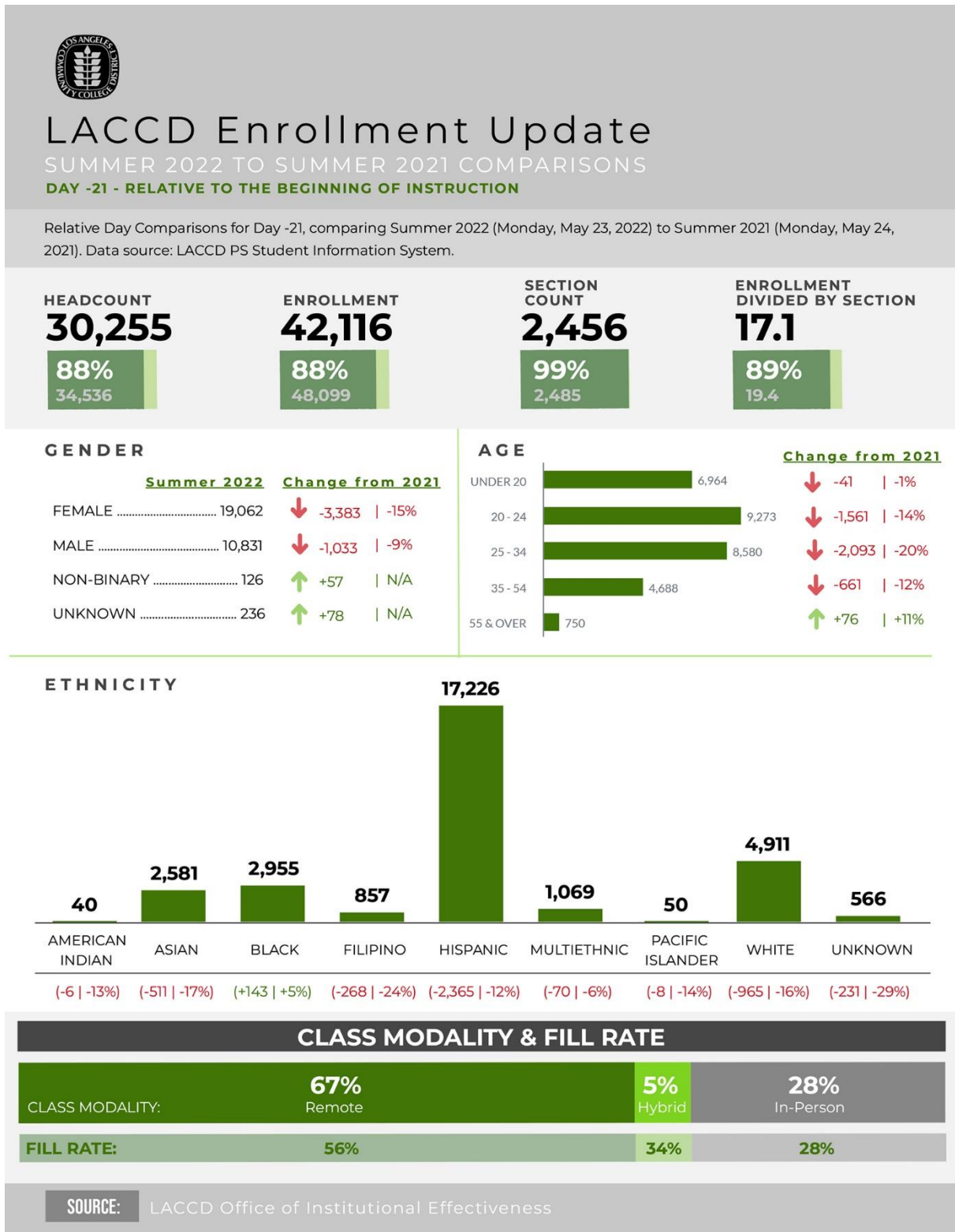


Notice: Changing conditions with the spread of COVID-19 mean the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health can change the prevailing health orders that all must follow. Go to <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/> for updates and other related information.



II. Updates on LACCD Enrollment & Marketing for L.A. College Promise

Enrollment information for Summer Session as provided by the District's Office of Institutional Effectiveness:



Enrollment Marketing for L.A. College Promise

The three-month, Districtwide marketing and advertising campaign to promote full-time enrollment at the nine colleges via the Los Angeles College Promise program with free tuition has begun. The effort is a collaboration between the District's Office of Communications & External Relations, the Educational Programs and Institutional Effectiveness Division, Elder Tree (the District's advertising Agency of Record) and Univision as the primary media partner.

In addition to examples shared in the Chancellor's Monthly for May for the variety of outdoor billboards and bus shelters, the campaign will also include some traditional print advertising, including these:



For June, the District once again worked with the Los Angeles Blade for unique print and digital advertising celebrating Pride Month, as well as in-person participation in the Gay Pride parades. This year, the Pride Month ads with The Blade also incorporated a push to the [OurPromiseYourPath](https://www.ourpromiseyourpath.com) landing page, including:



The Colleges of Los Angeles

LACCD.EDU

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

The Foundation welcomes Kelly King as the District's new Chief Advancement Officer and Executive Director of the Foundation for Los Angeles Community Colleges! Ms. King is replacing Michael Fuller, who retires from LACCD effective June 15. The Board approved her appointment in May.

Prior to joining the District, Ms. King was with the [California Community Foundation](#), where she managed large-scale philanthropic programs and partnerships that support a more equitable education system in Los Angeles County, with a special focus on postsecondary access and attainment. Before joining the CCF in 2015, Ms. King served as Executive Vice President at Focusing Philanthropy where she managed a national portfolio of philanthropic investments that included education, health access, and workforce development.

She began her career in the education and nonprofit sector at the Scripps College Academy, where she led the college access program to national recognition.

Mr. Fuller has worked for the District on behalf of the Foundation since July 2016, helping to raise millions of dollars to benefit LACCD students with grants, scholarships and emergency assistance for food and housing.

IV. **Commencement Notices**

All Nine Colleges will be holding Commencement events for the Class of 2022 beginning at staggered times on Tuesday, June 7, 2022. Schedules are noted below. Check each college website for more details.



In conjunction with The White House, Los Angeles City College (LACC) was [authorized to announce](#) that the First Lady of the United States, Jill Biden, Ed.D., had accepted the college's invitation to provide the Commencement Keynote for its students.

The event begins at 5 p.m. at the historic Greek Theater in Los Angeles. The announcement has generated widespread media coverage by nearly all news organizations in the greater Los Angeles area.

Dr. Biden is a long-time advocate for higher education, especially community colleges. Since 2009, Dr. Biden has been a member of the faculty at Northern Virginia Community College. Dr. Biden has strong ties to LACC as well. In 2016, Dr. Biden, while serving as the Second Lady of the United States during President Obama's Administration, appeared at LACC to announce the launch of the [Los Angeles College Promise Program](#) offering free tuition for all new, full-time students at LACCD colleges, including LACC.

"We are just overjoyed and extremely honored that the First Lady of the United States will be joining us this year. We love her. Dr. Biden has been our champion for years and to have her here for our first in-person commencement in three years is amazing," LACC President Mary Gallagher, Ed.D., said. "This will be one of the most important and memorable commencements in the 93-year history of our college."

More than 1,000 students are expected to cross the stage at the venerable Greek Theater. LACCD Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D., and LACCD Board of Trustees member Andra Hoffman are also scheduled to speak at the commencement ceremony.

Other Speaker Highlights for LACCD Class of 2022 commencements on June 7 include: California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Oakley will be the featured speaker this year at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC). He will be joined on stage by LACCD Board of Trustees member Kelsey K. Iino, Ed.D., and Vice Chancellor / Chief Facilities Executive Rueben Smith, D.C.S. The ceremony begins at 5 p.m. at the LATTC athletic field near the Culinary Arts building.

LACCD Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D., will be featured at two of the nine colleges this year, including Los Angeles Harbor College in addition to the LACC event with Dr. Biden. Harbor's commencement begins at 10 a.m. at the college's Seahawk Stadium.

LACCD Trustees will be featured speakers at the following colleges, along with District executives appearing on behalf of the Chancellor:

- Board President Gabriel Buelna, Ph.D., will provide remarks at East Los Angeles College's event to be held in the college's Weingart Stadium starting at 5 p.m. He will be joined on stage by noted author, journalist, minister and motivational speaker Victoria Price.
- Board Vice President David Vela will make two appearances. The first is at Los Angeles Valley College, for ceremonies that begin at 9 a.m. at the college's Monarch Stadium. He will be joined on stage by Congressman Brad Sherman and Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Mercedes Gutierrez, Ed.D.
- Vice President Vela's second stop will be at West Los Angeles College for its commencement, beginning at 5 p.m. on the Student Services lawn area. He will be joined by LACCD Deputy Chancellor Melinda A. Nish, Ed.D. and the Hon. Kevin C. Brazile. Brazile is a graduate of WLAC and is the first African-American to be the Presiding Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court system.
- Board Second Vice President Nichelle Henderson will speak to students at Los Angeles Southwest College. Commencement will begin at 4 p.m. in the LASC Stadium. She will be joined by Vice Chancellor of Finance Jeanette Gordon and keynote speaker Shirley Raines, CNN's "2021 Hero of the Year" for her tireless work as a community activist through her organization [Beauty 2 the Streetz](#).
- Board Trustee Steve Veres will be joined by Vice Chancellor of Educational Programs and Institutional Effectiveness Ryan Cornner, Ed.D. and Congressman Brad Sherman for ceremonies beginning at 6 p.m. at Los Angeles Pierce College's Rocky Young Park.
- Vice Chancellor of Information Technology / Chief Information Office Carmen Lidz will represent the Chancellor for commencement at Los Angeles Mission College. The ceremony will be held at the college's Main Quad beginning at 5 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2022

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022

Los Angeles Valley College, 9 a.m. Monarch Stadium
Los Angeles Harbor College, 10 a.m. Seahawk Stadium
Los Angeles Mission College, 4 p.m., Main Quad
Los Angeles Southwest College, 4 p.m. LASC Stadium
Los Angeles City College, 5 p.m. Greek Theatre
East Los Angeles College, 5 p.m. ELAC Stadium
Los Angeles Trade-Technical College, 5 p.m. LATTC Athletic Field
West Los Angeles College, 5 p.m. Student Services Lawn
Los Angeles Pierce College, 6 p.m. Rocky Young Park

Mi Gente Graduation Celebration June 5



MI GENTE GRADUATION CELEBRATION

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

The District's inaugural Mi Gente Graduation Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 5, beginning at 4 p.m. at East Los Angeles College's Weingart Stadium. Board President Buelna, Chancellor Rodriguez and ELAC President Alberto J. Roman, D.PA., will provide inspiration messages to thousands of students and their families from throughout the District who will be attending this first-ever event recognizing the educational accomplishments of the District's Hispanic, Latino and Latina students.

Also on stage will be Gigi Graciette, Fox 11 TV reporter, who will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies. Keynote speaker is award-winning actor and entrepreneur Danny Trejo. Music and performances will be provided by Cuicani Music Collective, Mariachi Estrella de Jalisco de Ernesto Molina and Danzantes Aztecas de Estados Unidos y de México.

A copy of the full program is available [online](#).



**MI GENTE GRADUATION
CELEBRATION**

¡Si Se Puede!

Hey LACCD Students, Faculty & Staff! It's time to celebrate, join us for the inaugural Mi Gente Graduation, June 5th @ELAC. Register Today!

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

V. Special News, Events and Other Announcements

Three LACCD Students Win Prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Transfer Scholarship

Congratulations are due to three outstanding national student scholars from LACCD who were named as part of the 2022 winners for the prestigious [Jack Kent Cooke Transfer scholarship](#). The highly competitive national scholarship provides transfer students going from community college to a four-year college or university with up to \$55,000 a year to complete their bachelor's degrees. Three LACCD students were among the 100 national winners announced this year.

The LACCD winners include:

- Maple Duong, East Los Angeles College
- Melany Bennett., Los Angeles City College
- David Tanoko, West Los Angeles College

Ms. Duong is a first-generation college student who grew up only miles from the ELAC campus and is currently planning on transferring to UCLA for the upcoming fall quarter. She hopes to earn her Master of Business Administration (MBA), become a Certified Public Accountant and open an accounting firm in Monterey Park.

Ms. Bennett has been part of our Honor Program at LACC, the Ralph Bunche Program and will be transferring to Occidental College where she intends to major in Political Science.

Mr. Tanoko was recently accepted as a transfer student into UCLA's highly competitive nursing program. He is a former tutor at the WLAC Learning Center and past president and member of SAVE Environmental Club.

LA Pierce Choir Sings during Memorial Day Celebration in Washington, D.C.



Pierce's College Choir performed on stage at the Kennedy Center and other venues in Washington, D.C. as part of the annual celebration of Memorial Day 2022 in the nation's capital.

The choir took the stage with the U.S. Air Force Band at

the Kennedy Center in honor of veterans who died in the line of duty for our country. The Choir also participate in the annual Memorial Day parade. Under the direction of Dr. Garineh Avakian, Pierce Professor of Music and Choir Director, the 63-member choir was chosen to participate in the National Memorial Day Choral Festival May 26-30, 2022.

All Nine Colleges Will Host County Vote Centers for June 7 Primary

All nine colleges will serve as official in-person [Vote Center](#) locations operated by the [Los Angeles County Registrar-Record/County Clerk Office](#) for eligible voters to cast ballots in the California Primary Election on June 7, 2022. Registered voters can cast their ballots early at the centers or drop off their completed ballots per times and locations noted below.

[Los Angeles Pierce College](#), [Los Angeles Southwest College](#) and [Los Angeles Valley College](#) (LAVC) will each host 11-day Vote Centers that will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., beginning Saturday, May 28 to Monday, June 6, 2022, and then from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

[East Los Angeles College](#), [Los Angeles City College](#), [Los Angeles Harbor College](#), [Los Angeles Mission College](#), [Los Angeles Trade-Technical College](#) (LATTTC) and [West Los Angeles College](#) (WLAC) will each serve as locations for four-day Vote Centers beginning Saturday, June 4, through Election Day. Public operating hours for the four-days centers are the same as the 11-day centers. Look for wayfinding signs on each campus to find the polling stations.

ELAC South Gate Education Center Receives \$1.85 Million for Southeast Training Hub in Healthcare Careers



California Congresswoman Nanette Diaz Barragán (CA-44th District) joined ELAC South Gate Educational Center students, staff, faculty and LACCD leadership to announce funding for a new [Allied Health Training Hub](#) that will serve South East Los Angeles communities. Congresswoman Barragán successfully championed and secured a federal \$925,000 Community Project Fund Grant for the new training hub. The Center also received a matching Congressionally-Directed Spending award from Senator Alex Padilla, totaling an \$1,850,000 grant award from Congress.

The funds will allow the ELAC South Gate Campus to develop a comprehensive training hub with a focus on allied health careers. This project will also establish curriculum, train students, obtain necessary instructional equipment, and acquire a modular classroom with laboratory capabilities where instruction can occur. South Gate students will obtain job skills that prepare them for employment in the healthcare industry by providing them with work experience and connecting students to internships, and apprenticeships in allied health fields. In addition, the project will also implement a health and wellness campaign to inform the community about healthy behaviors and the benefits of health careers.

LATTC Students Produce Another “Broadway Hit” Gold Thimble Fashion Show!



Students took inspiration from Broadway hit shows for their creations!



Congrats to our LATTC students fashion designers, left, for their creative *couture* – can’t wait till the next edition of the LATTC Gold Thimble!