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Chancellor's

MONTHLY REPORT
JUNE 2023

Dear LACCD Colleagues,

I often refer to this time of year as the “Season of Sheet Cakes” because of all the wonderful celebrations that serve to elevate the success of our students. I have had the privilege and joy to be at several programs this spring, and the student testimonies are consistent in their praise for our faculty, professional staff, administration and the supportive learning environments at our colleges.



These past few weeks have been especially amazing! From the rich, expressive, and diverse Lavender, APIDA, Black and Mi Gente Graduation Celebrations to our inspirational Annual Commencement exercises—student success has been on full display! Thank you to all who made these programs and celebrations so special and meaningful to our students and their families. You make us all LACCD proud.

I am also proud to share that LACCD has two new approved bachelor’s degree programs—the Avionics Program at WLAC and the Respiratory Therapy Program at LAVC. Seven new baccalaureate degree programs were approved throughout the state in this round and more to follow. These four-year degree programs meet the critical employment needs of our region and offer the most affordable, 4-year workforce degree available.

Why do these degrees matter so much to our region and all community colleges? According to a recent study by the UC Davis Wheelhouse Center for Community College Leadership and Research, fifty-six (56) percent of students graduating from a California Community Colleges baccalaureate program said they would not have pursued a bachelor’s degree had it not been offered at their local community college. The study also found two-thirds of community college baccalaureate program students are students of color. Baccalaureate degrees at community colleges are a wise investment on many fronts.

My thanks and recognition to each of you for a successful spring semester and my warmest wishes for an enjoyable summer ahead.

With my deep appreciation and respect,

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

Commencement 2023



LACC



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WLAC

Cultural Graduation Celebrations



Lavender Graduation Celebration
Thursday, May 25, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.



Asian Pacific Islander and Desi American (APIDA) Graduation Celebration
Saturday, May 27, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Black Graduation Celebration
Saturday, June 3, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Mi Gente Graduation Celebration
June 3, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Through new and long-standing funds, the Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges is pleased to celebrate and support of the class of 2023.



The **AAOI Scholarship Fund**, launched this month with a gift of \$15,000 from BIGO, will support scholarships for current LACCD students that are engaged with the African American Outreach Initiative program. Community members who wish to contribute to this new fund may do so here: <https://tinyurl.com/AAOIscholarship>



Since 2016, the **Vicky Chang and Family Nursing Scholarship Program** has removed financial barriers to employment for more than 1,000 LACCD nursing graduates by sponsoring them to successfully complete the NCLEX exam.

Congratulations to the class of 2023!



Happy **PRIDE** Month



We will be closed in observance of Juneteenth Monday, June 19



LACCD Enrollment update



LACCD Enrollment Update

SUMMER 2023 TO SUMMER 2022 COMPARISONS

DAY -14 - RELATIVE TO THE BEGINNING OF INSTRUCTION

Relative Day Comparisons for Day -14, comparing Summer 2023 (Monday, May 29, 2023) to Summer 2022 (Monday, May 30, 2022). Data source: LACCD PS Student Information System.

HEADCOUNT
39,290

114%
34,559

ENROLLMENT
56,056

117%
48,104

SECTION COUNT
2,537

102%
2,496

ENROLLMENT DIVIDED BY SECTION
22.1

115%
19.3

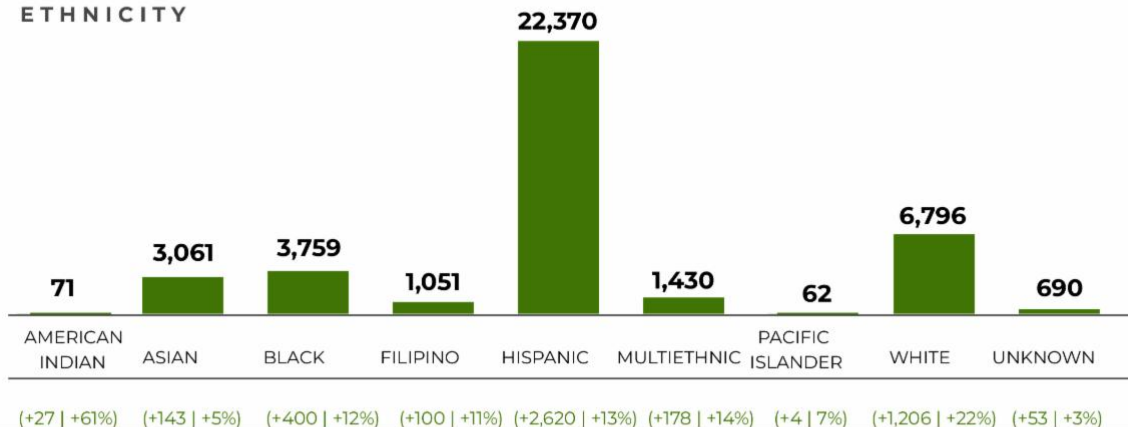
GENDER

	Summer 2023	Change from 2022
FEMALE.....	23,524	↑ +1,912 +9%
MALE.....	14,929	↑ +2,426 +19%
NON-BINARY	306	↑ +154 N/A
UNKNOWN	531	↑ +239 N/A

AGE

	Summer 2023	Change from 2022
UNDER 20	10,749	↑ +2,548 +31%
20 - 24	11,302	↑ +575 +5%
25 - 34	9,963	↑ +398 +4%
35 - 54	6,205	↑ +988 +19%
55 & OVER	1,071	↑ +223 +26%

ETHNICITY



CLASS MODALITY & FILL RATE

CLASS MODALITY:	65% Remote	7% Hybrid	28% In-Person
FILL RATE:	70%	51%	38%

SOURCE: LACCD Office of Institutional Effectiveness

More information

Campus Events & Updates



On May 18, LACC hosted a Pride event in the quad with food, performers and music.



On May 25, LACC held it's Nick Beck Investigative Lecture Series featuring journalist Christine Devine.



On May 25, 26 and 27 the LACC Theatre Academy presented the musical Kinky Boots. On May 26, they held a pre-performance fundraising event.

On May 24, LACC hosted "City Tales Storytelling" a lineup of storytellers and an open mic.

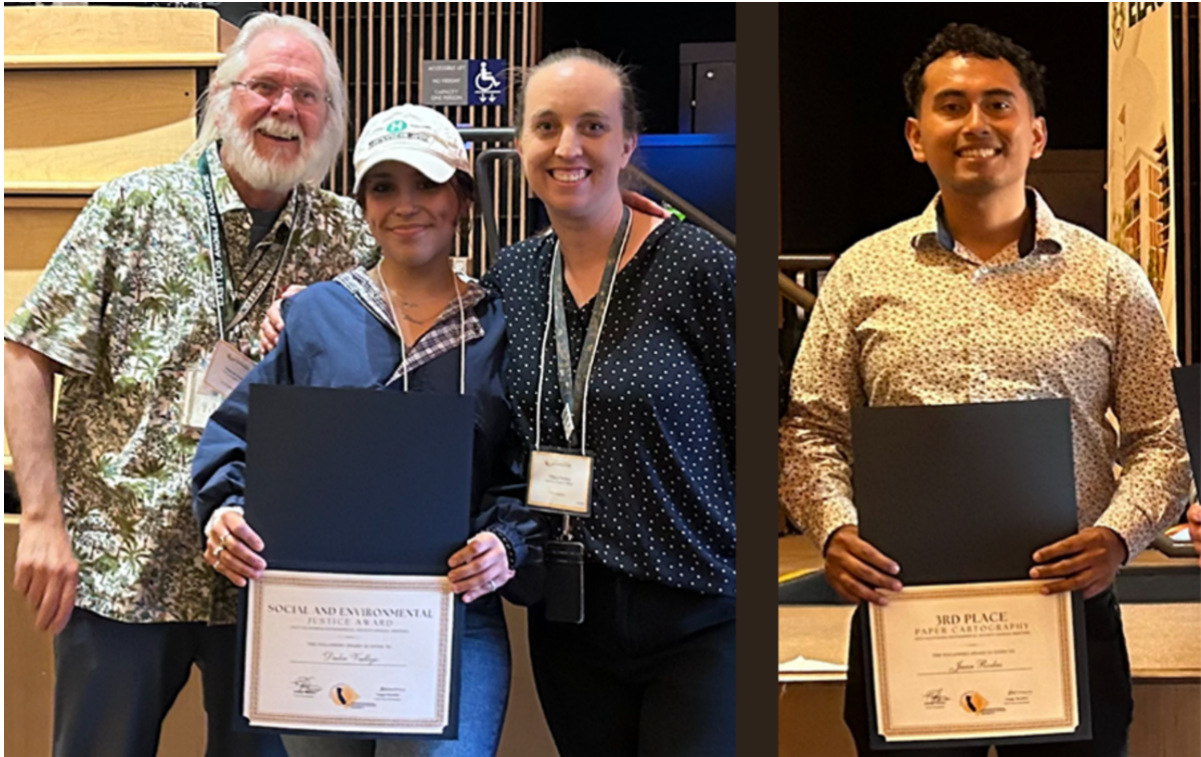
On May 25, LACC held their Career and Well-being Resource Fair where students met with more than 100 employers and community resource centers.

LACC held the Asian Pacific Islander and Desi American (APIIDA) Graduation Celebration on May 27.



On May 29th, KABC-TV interviewed Fiona Currie, a 12-year-old student graduating this year.





ELAC Students Win Awards at CA Geographical Society Conference

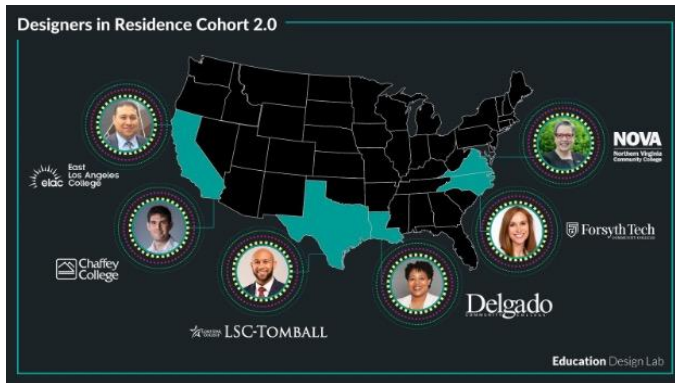
A current and a former East Los Angeles College (ELAC) student earned awards during the 77th annual California Geographical Society (CGS) Conference hosted at the ELAC campus in April 2023.

Founded in 1946, the California Geographical Society is the oldest statewide geographic organization. They promote the interaction between academic and applied geographers, as well as members of the general public who share an interest in geography. The annual conference feature high quality scholarship from student geographers, professors, and professional geographers from the public and private sectors in a supportive environment.

Dulce Vallejo won the award for Outstanding Paper in Social and Environmental Justice for her presentation on Indigenous Pedagogy-Rethinking the CA Mission Project. She competed against both undergrad and graduate students and the award also came with a \$500 prize. Dulce graduated from ELAC in 2020 and transferred to Cal Poly Humboldt where she will be graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Geography.

Juan Rodas, won 3rd place in the cartography competition for his map on Illegal Dumping in Boyle Heights. Juan was competing against upper division undergraduates from 4-year institutions and it is uncommon for community college students to be awarded. It's uncommon for community college students to present at this conference - most of the maps, papers, and

posters are from upper-division undergraduates who have already transferred to 4-year institutions. Juan is studying Engineering at ELAC and hopes to transfer to Cal Poly Pomona.



ELAC Vice President Miguel Dueñas Named to New Cohort Redesigning High School to Postsecondary Pathways

National nonprofit Education Design Lab today announced the selection of Miguel Dueñas as one of six higher education leaders to lead the second cohort of the Lab's Designers in

Residence program. Leveraging their diverse institutional backgrounds and years of collective expertise, this second cohort of Designers in Residence will champion the efforts of regional ecosystem teams to design and activate K12-to-Career accelerated guided pathways.

The second cohort will work collaboratively to further enhance "Associate-Degree-by-Grade-13" models that open new doors for learners, ensuring students in the designers' respective states and regions have equitable access to complete a degree. These accelerated guided pathways will enable learners to earn enough college credit while in high school to complete an associate degree aligned with high-wage, high-growth careers by their 13th year of education.

Each participant in Designer in Residence 2.0 will receive individualized technical assistance to support their work on campus and a grant for their home institution upon completion of the program. Over 18 months, Designers in Residence 2.0 will work alongside the Lab in shaping a national discourse, learn and train in the Lab's learner- and employer-centered design process, iterate new strategies for their work, and lead the start of a lifelong network of leaders across the country seeking to reshape higher ed and the learn-to-work journey.

The members of the Designers in Residence 2.0 cohort include:

- **Paula Dibley**, Chief Officer of Student Success & Strategic Innovation, Forsyth Technical Community College
- **Dr. Miguel Dueñas**, Vice President of Student Services, East Los Angeles College
- **Dr. Tamika Duplessis**, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Delgado Community College
- **Dr. Anne Kress**, **President**, Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA)
- **Dr. Matthew Morin**, Assistant Dean of Intersegmental Partnerships, Chaffey College
- **Dr. Jackie C. Thomas, Jr.**; Chief Strategist/Interim Vice President for Student Success, Lone Star College-Tomball





Dream Resource Center Dines and Dances

After a three-year hiatus, the Dream Resource Center hosted its annual Dine and Dance to raise funds for scholarships. Support came from members of the community and our very own Harbor family; as a result, the Dream Resource Center was able to raise over \$7,400 in scholarship funds for undocumented students. A special thank you goes to Dean Reid, Dr. Hernandez and Dr. Dorado for their opening remarks and support of the event. Additionally, a heartfelt thank you goes to our own Harbor staff for their generous contributions of up to \$500: Angeles Zesati, Katlin Morales, Marcela Hernandez and family, the Gomez family, and Dr. Dorado. Students came together for the planning of this event and created their own center pieces with thoughtful curation. We are so proud of what they put together and know it can only get better from here.

The Dine and Dance was a memorable night and the Dream Resource Center looks forward to hosting it again!



Lakenya Hill with Vice President Hernandez, President Dorado and Vice President Baez

Recognizing Student Achievements

With commencement right around the corner, May has been a month of celebrations and acknowledging our student achievements. Harbor was delighted to recognize the exceptional achievements of students who are transferring, **received scholarships**, and academic honors (Dean's Honor: 1,030 Students Fall 2022; 1046 Spring 2022; President's Honor: 165 Fall 22; 192 Spring 2023). Transferring Students received a silver cord at the celebration and 148 students were recognized for receiving the **President's Distinguished distinction** - Gold Cord. **Athletics** celebrated 48 Student-Athlete graduates. The Champs Program has proven to help our athletes achieve academic success. A total of 30 Student-Athletes are on the Dean's Honor Roll, one on President's Distinguished; and 15 achieving a 4.0 for the Fall 2022 semester. We applaud our most outstanding students and look forward to where they go next. Education Changes Everything!



EOPS and CalWORKS Student Recognition

In addition to the all the awards ceremonies, our special programs, EOPS, CalWORKS, and SPS hosted their own awards ceremonies and honored the hard work of their students. These programs provide students with the support they need to achieve academic success while pursuing full time commitments at Harbor College.

The **CalWORKs Gala** was a very fancy affair with Hollywood night's theme! Special shout out to the culinary department for cooking up a delicious meal.



Transfer Career Academic Pathways Conference

The Counseling Department hosted a **Transfer Career Academic Pathways (TCAP)** Conference to help students understand the different educational pathways at Harbor College. The event was successful in providing students with information on what classes they need to take in order to gain their certificate and degrees at Harbor College.

We love our counselors!



LOS ANGELES
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Commencement to feature keynote speaker Assemblymember Luz Rivas

Assemblymember Luz Rivas served as the keynote speaker at their 48th Annual Commencement. She built her career at the intersection of engineering and education, starting by earning a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from MIT and a master's of education from Harvard and working as an electrical design engineer at Motorola.

She then founded DIY Girls, a nonprofit that provides enrichment programs focused on encouraging young girls to pursue careers in STEM. In 2022, she secured \$10M in funding for a new Biotechnology facility at LAMC to help create a regional biotechnology STEM Hub.



Career Center hosts Job Fair

On Wednesday, May 24th, Los Angeles Mission College's Career Center partnered with WorkSource California to host a job fair in the campus quad. Morning rain clouds fortunately gave way to a sunny afternoon, and over 50 employers attended the event looking to fill part-time and full-time positions, as well as summer internships.

To prepare for the event, the Career Center offered interested students assistance with their resumes and interview skills. They also opened their Career Closet to provide professional interview clothing to students in need.



President's Award and Scholarship Ceremonies

Los Angeles Mission College's Honor Ceremony on May 18th marked a return to the in-person event, which was highlighted by 198 LAMC students receiving the President's Award. Students must have been on the Dean's List for three consecutive semesters to qualify for the award. LAMC President Armida Ornelas, Ph.D., and Vice Presidents Laura Cantú and Larry Resendez were on hand to personally congratulate awardees.

On May 19th, the college also hosted its annual Scholarship Ceremony and Luncheon, where \$36,000 in scholarships were awarded to 64 deserving students.



2nd Annual Distinguished Instructors Awards

Los Angeles Mission College recently announced the winners of their 2nd Annual Distinguished Instructor Awards. Honorees were selected for their efforts to create an equity-minded, student-centered educational environment at LAMC.

Chander Arora, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor of Biotechnology in the Life Sciences Department. Over the past four years, Dr. Arora has maintained a 90–100% job placement rate for students completing the biotechnology program. Dr. Arora uses project-based learning to build an equity-minded, student-centered learning environment.

Professor Althea Manalang Lao is a Senior Adjunct Professor of English in the Department of English, Journalism, and Communication Studies. Professor Manalang Lao helps students realize they have a place in higher education by employing active learning strategies in the

classroom, relying on group-centric activities that focus on the practical application of academic skills.

Pictured from left to right are Awards Facilitator Jacob Skelton, Academic Senate President Carole Akl, Award Winner Chander Arora, College President Armida Ornelas, and Counselor Madelline Hernandez.



Former President Darroch “Rocky” Young pictured April 17, 2019 at a Pierce College celebration in his honor for the unveiling of a commemorative plaque for his namesake “Rocky Young Park.”

“Miracle On Winnetka” Gives View of Pierce History Through the Eyes of Rocky Young

Once upon a time there was a wonderful college with a heart of gold that had sadly fallen into disrepair, and its inhabitants, into despair. Today that college is proudly Los Angeles Pierce College, which has undergone a remarkable transformation both physically and in spirit.

In his own words, **former Pierce College President and LACCD Chancellor Rocky Young** recalls the years 1999-2004, the challenges he faced when he became Pierce's President, and the methods he used—in collaboration with other members of the campus community—to reinvigorate Pierce College.

Read former President Young's "**Miracle on Winnetka: One Story of a Community College Turnaround**," now available in the Library's Special Collections. Thank you to Library Chair Marisa Diehl. And to Rocky, for picking us up.



Record Five Thousand Guests Expected at LAPC's 75th Commencement

Pierce is pleased to announce Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez as the featured keynote speaker in LAPC's historic 75th Commencement Ceremony. Board of Trustees President David Vela will join the platform party and greet the record crowd. The student speaker has been selected through ASO's competition, and the winner is Roxanne Gannon, a 4.0 GPA graduating STEM major who plans to pursue a medical degree.

Pierce College's 75th Commencement Ceremony will be held **Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 9 a.m. in Shepard Stadium**. Students who participate—and we expect 800—have been given grad swag and six free tickets to bring family and friends. We expect a full house at the Stadium.

This is the first time the festivities have moved from Rocky Young Park to the Stadium, due to the growing number of graduates attending, and from an evening to a morning time. Congratulations, class of 2023!

White House Reps Impressed by LAPC Tours Of Science and Automotive Facilities—and the Students in Them

When Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez met the Science Advisor to the President at the White House in D.C., he invited her to visit LACCD colleges, and committed to her that we would show their federal dollar investments at work.



Arati Prabhakar, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Director and Science Advisor to President Biden, visited Pierce College on Tuesday, May 2 to see our students, faculty

and facilities in action.

“She was incredibly impressed,” Chancellor Rodriguez said. “It was an outstanding demonstration of community, of academic excellence, of student engagement, and really seeing workforce development at work,” he said.

Prabhakar toured LAPC’s Biotech Lab in the Center for Sciences, the Advanced Automotive Building, and the Plant Science Lab in Earth Sciences, talking to many students along the way. LACCD Chancellor Rodriguez and **Interim Pierce President Ara Aguiar** joined the tour.

“She truly loved our students as they talked with her and demonstrated experiments,” said President Aguiar.

Prabhakar’s goal was to learn more about LAPC’s efforts to equitably strengthen our nation’s biotechnology and biomanufacturing ecosystem, as well as their zero-emissions vehicle training program.



LAPC Student Choir to Perform In Rome

We are proud of the twenty-two Pierce College Choir students who are traveling with members and the choir at Northridge United Methodist Church to participate in a Choral Festival in Rome, Italy this summer.

Dr. Garineh Avakian, Associate Professor of Voice and Choral Music at Pierce, is also the Director of Music at the Church, and has arranged to rehearse and prepare these talented students to travel and perform in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.



The Rome International Choral Festival is one of Rome's premier annual summer music events. The 14th annual festival will feature Mass participation at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican on June 24th, 2023, and a formal finale concert at Rome's Chiesa di Sant'Iganzio di Loyola on June 25th, 2023.

The festival chorus will include mixed voice singers and choirs from North America that will come together to rehearse and perform en masse under the baton of Maestro Z. Randall Stroope.

Super Saturday Registration Days Kick Off June 24 and Continues All Summer

Pierce puts the power of our people from Admissions and Records, Financial Aid, and Academic Counseling together in our Super Saturdays series throughout the summer.

It's a one-stop shop where prospective students can register for classes, meet with a counselor, submit their application for financial aid, and learn about Pierce programs and services.

Super Saturdays take place in the LAPC Welcome Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 24, July 8, 15, 22, and 29, and August 12, 19 and 26.

Email welcome@piercecollege.edu | www.lapc.edu

Los Angeles Pierce College

SUPER SATURDAYS

Need help registering for Summer and Fall classes?

Admissions and Records
Financial Aid
Academic Counseling

MEET US IN THE WELCOME CENTER
First Floor, Student Services Building

DATES:

6/24		10AM-1PM
7/08		10AM-1PM
7/15		10AM-1PM
7/22		10AM-1PM
7/29		10AM-1PM
8/12		10AM-1PM
8/19		10AM-1PM
8/26		10AM-1PM

welcome@piercecollege.edu | www.LAPC.edu





Deans' Scholars Awards Reception

On May 18, 2023, LASC held its Deans' Scholars Awards Reception. The ceremony celebrated students who satisfactorily completed 12 or more units and earned a 3.5 GPA in a single semester (Fall or Spring) or completed a cumulative total of 12 or more units with a 3.5 GPA in all work attempted. Students and their families were in attendance to celebrate their academic accomplishment. It was a festive event filled with live music, gifts, food, and photographs.

Employee Recognition Event

On May 24, 2023, LASC will hold its annual Employee Recognition event. The festive event will include the following: years of service recognition ranging from 5 to 30+ years, honoring recent retirees, classified professionals and committee recognition, distinguished faculty awards, and the President's unsung hero award.

President's Honors and Scholarship Ceremony

On May 25, 2023, LASC will hold the President's Honors and Scholarship Ceremony. The ceremony celebrates students who have met the requirements for the Deans' Honors Awards list for three consecutive primary semesters (Fall or Spring) with a 3.5 GPA or higher. Students and their families are invited to celebrate their academic accomplishment.

LASC GALLERY CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Come join us as we work on a collaborative mural for Juneteenth!

The mural will highlight the history of Juneteenth and will be permanently installed on campus in the Umoja Community Center.

All paints, brushes and materials will be provided.

Join us and bring your creativity



The workshops will be in Tech 315

2/22 4:30-6:00 PM | 2/27 4:30-6:00 PM | 2/28 4:30-6:00 PM

For more information contact Art Professor Lauren Evans - evansll@lasc.edu

LASC Juneteenth Mural

On June 15, 2023, LASC will unveil a collaborative mural to celebrate Juneteenth. The mural will highlight the history of Juneteenth and will be permanently installed on campus in the Umoja Community Center. Lauren Evans, Art Professor at LASC has invited all students to share their creativity and participate in painting the mural.





LATTC's winning team pictured with President Kathleen Burke, Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez, and LACCD Trustee Nichelle Henderson with the coveted Golden Chef's Hat trophy.

LATTC Takes Home the Golden Chef's Hat Trophy at LACCD's 3rd Annual Culinary Cup Competition!

On Friday, May 12, Trade-Tech hosted LACCD's 3rd Annual Culinary Cup competition. More than 400 culinary enthusiasts from across the District and the community gathered as teams from LA Harbor College, LA Mission College, and LA Trade-Tech College competed for the Golden Chef's Hat trophy.

Students teams competed in three categories: savory, dessert, and tablescape—with their final product being reviewed by a panel of chef judges, which included Food Network personality, Chef Jet Tila. Ultimately, Trade-Tech's Culinary Arts team took home the victory across all categories, including savory, dessert, tablescape, and overall. The full day also included engaging demonstrations by industry chefs, an exhibition and silent auction, and a delicious lunch prepared by Trade-Tech.

Check out event coverage on [Eyewitness News](#) (featuring LATTC's Culinary Arts Department Chair, Chef Vachon at 12:52!) and [LAist/89.3](#); and read more about the day's competition in Trade-Tech's recent [news post](#).

Congratulations to all the student participants on an incredible job! We look forward to next year's competition at LA Harbor College!



LATTC's Design and Media Arts Grooves to Soul Train at the 2023 Spring Gold Thimble Fashion Show

On Friday, May 26, 2023, Trade-Tech's Design and Media Arts pathway hosted its Spring 2023 Gold Thimble Fashion Show, featuring the top designs of the pathway's graduating design students. Guests moved along to the sounds of Soul Train—the evening's theme—amidst a beautiful outdoor display just outside of the campus's B3 atrium.



Spring 2023 Gold Thimble Fashion Show graduates and student designers; Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez and LATTC President Kathleen Burke cheer on the students

Students put forward creative and impressive designs across all categories including swimwear, children's wear, athleisure, men's wear, avant-garde, gender neutral, evening, and of course, the evening's theme: Soul Train. Well done to the Spring 2023 Gold Thimble class—it was a night to remember!

[View the event's full Facebook photo album.](#)





Senior Day Hosts More Than 600 Attendees

On May 16, Trade-Tech hosted its annual Senior Day, welcoming 530 students and 75 chaperones from 20 schools across LAUSD.

Guests attended counselor-led workshops, as well as an interactive student services and pathway fair where they were able to ask questions and observe first-hand what a future at Trade-Tech could look like. The event was a great success and part of

Trade-Tech's ongoing efforts to increase awareness of the college and grow enrollment in the semesters ahead.



LAVC Student Selected as a 2023 Jack Kent Cooke Transfer Scholar

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation has awarded Cecily Sewell, an LAVC student, with its Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. She is one of 60 high-achieving community college students in the U.S. and the only LACCD student to receive a highly competitive national scholarship. The award, which is last-dollar funding after all institutional aid, can provide Cecily with as much as \$55,000 a year to complete a bachelor's degree.

Cecily is a sophomore with a 3.9 GPA, who is majoring in Media Arts: screenwriting. She lives in Los Angeles with her 5-year-old daughter. Swell is transferring to Columbia University in the Fall, and plans to pursue a career as a screenwriter and director.



LAVC's Nino Stromberg Named 2023 Classified Employee of the Year

Nino Shtromberg, an SFP Program Technician in LAVC's CalWORKs Program, is one of five classified professionals across the state to be recognized by the California Community Colleges Board of Governors.

As a successful CalWORKs alum, Shtromberg understands the challenges and stigma of being a student parent receiving assistance. She breaks down persistent systemic barriers for CalWORKs students by collaborating with various on and off-campus programs/departments and taking part in different student success task force/initiatives to ensure the students accomplish their educational goals in an equitable environment.

Colleagues say Shtromberg uses that experience and insight to serve students in a compassionate, dignified and productive manner. She is also an enthusiastic volunteer, committed to building a sense of community.



May was Foster Care Awareness Month

LAVC's NextUp/Guardian Scholars began the month with a Place Called Home: Spring Connect Resource Fair, in collaboration with the LAVC's Basic Needs Center and Rainbow Pride Center. The event featured David Ambroz, a former foster youth and author, who spoke so passionately about his memoir, A Place Called Home.

On May 5, the Professional Development Office held Safe Zone Ally training to help support LGBTQ and Guardian Scholars/former foster youth on campus with nearly 50 employees participating. The Guardian Scholars held an End of Semester Celebration on May 23 to

celebrate our former foster youth inching closer towards their academic goals, and as a result, dismantling generational barriers. On May 26, it partnered up with Foster Nation to write cards of inspiration and make charm bracelets for youth currently in foster care.

This year, eight Guardian Scholars also received scholarships from the LAVC Foundation on May 30. In addition, 16 students will be completing their time at LAVC; an all-time record for Guardian Scholars. Most will continue to a four-year university, and some will obtain an associate's degree and/or certificate.

May Event Highlights



On May 17, graduates and their families celebrates Latinx students' academic achievements at LAVC's annual El Día de Reconimiento graduation celebration.



On May 16, students in the EOPS and CARE Program gathered for the LAVC Special Programs GradFest, where they decorated their graduation caps, received their EOP sash, and took photos.





Climate Change Education Center Opens

West celebrated Earth Day with the official opening of its unique CA Center for Climate Change Education, made possible by a state allocation of \$5 million as part of AB 1913, sponsored by Asm. Isaac G. Bryan and \$1.3 million from the federal government were sponsored by then Rep. Karen Bass (now Los Angeles Mayor) and Sen. Alex Padilla. The federal funding was approved in the Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023. Speakers included **Isaac Bryan**, Assemblymember; **David Vela**, LACCD Board of Trustees President; **Francisco C. Rodriguez**, LACCD Chancellor; **James Limbaugh**, West Los Angeles College President; **Keon Hendrickson** and **Marilyn Chavez**, WLAC Students; and Jo Tavares, the Center's new director. Attendees included LACCD Board Member Nichelle Henderson, Culver City USD Board Member Triston Ezidore; former Culver City Mayor Jim Clarke, WLAC faculty and staff, and members of the community.

Guests also visited the center and strolled the environmental fair coordinated by local community group Greener Way Associates.

Media coverage has included a piece on [Spectrum 1 News](#) by Jo Kwon and a video clip on [Assemblymember Isaac Bryan's](#) news page. LAist reporter Jackie Orchard interviewed Dr. Limbaugh, WLAC faculty and students.



Health Science Programs Soaring

The Health Sciences Division at West Los Angeles College has a lot to be proud of this month. Once again, 100% of the 2023 Dental Hygiene Baccalaureate class have passed the clinical mannequin exam called ADEX. Half have already passed the National Board Exam. The remaining half of the class will take the exam between now and July. Additionally, the Health Career Pathway

for English Language Learners program are receiving a Promising Practice Award from California Department of Education (CDE) and Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS) at the CASAS Summer Institute during the California Consortium.



LAUSD College Signing Day at West

West welcomed over 600 high school seniors to campus for the LAUSD Local District West College Signing Day. High schools represented included Hamilton, Venice, Fairfax, Charles Drew Medical Magnet and others. The audience enjoyed performances from student bands, folklorico dancers, and steppers as well as speakers. The keynote address was given by Pascale Delaunay who immigrated to the U.S. from Haiti as a child, became an engineer employed by Cisco, and who took a leave of absence to represent Haiti at the Olympics. After the presentations, the seniors interacted with WLAC faculty and staff and other exhibitors at information booths.



Culver City Organization Honors College President

At the recent Culver City Chamber of Commerce installation of officers gala, WLAC President James M. Limbaugh received the Community Partner of the Year Award on behalf of the college in recognition of the contributions of the college in helping to make Culver City a great place to do business, work and live.



In The News

[Unique Achievement – WLAC to Offer Avionics as Second Bachelor Degree](#)

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LACCD (www.laccd.edu) is the nation's largest community college district, educating about 250,000 students annually at its nine colleges that serve the residents of more than 36 cities and communities from 900 square miles of Los Angeles County. Since 1969, the District has been providing an important learning pathway for students seeking transfer to four-year colleges or universities while also offering two-year degrees and certificated training programs to Southern California's diverse workforce in many specialized trades and professions.

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