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Chancellor's

MONTHLY REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2023

Welcome to FALL ²⁰²³



Dear LACCD Colleagues,

The nine colleges are in full swing with a strong start to the Fall 2023 semester with an invigorating sense of renewal and hope, as we see our students, staff, faculty, and administrators on campus.

Among the many good things going on, I want to highlight two outstanding recent investments that will bolster our communities and strengthen our student success.

First, through the outstanding leadership of California Senator Susan Rubio, an ELAC alumna, we are establishing the Los Angeles Community College District Small Business and Entrepreneurship Center located at East Los Angeles College to promote economic growth in entrepreneurship education and micro-business development. The Center will prepare current LACCD students from all nine colleges to enter the business field, to further their education and skills, and support small businesses to grow, thereby revitalizing and strengthening the regional economy.

Second, we're thrilled to receive a \$600,000 grant from Cheetos and the PepsiCo Foundation, as part of the national *Deja Tu Huella* tour. Since the beginning of our partnership, the PepsiCo Foundation has contributed \$1.2M towards scholarships for LACCD students.

Lastly, we invite you all to participate in our month-long, virtual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. From art auctions to cooking demonstrations – I am sure there is something for all to enjoy. [CLICK HERE for the 2023 LACCD Hispanic Heritage Month Events Page](#) for frequent updates.



Virtual Districtwide Loteria

September 12TH, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Welcome Remarks by LACCD Board

President David Vela &

Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez

**Cooking Demonstration & Tasting with
Celebrity Chef Martha Puente**

September 21ST, 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Día de Los Muertos Altar Display

September 21ST - October 6TH

**Virtual Silent Art Auction Featuring
Renowned Latino Artists**

September 18TH - OCTOBER 12TH

**Latin Music Festival at LACC Featuring
Los Angeles City College Salsa Band**

October 12TH, 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM

**Artist Talk & Photo Presentation of East
Los Angeles "Unincorporated" by Alfonso
"Fox" Orozco**

October 13TH, 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

My very best wishes for a strong start to the fall semester. May this semester be one of exploration, curiosity, and collaboration. Thank you for everything you do to help our students succeed.

LACCD Proud!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Francisco C. Rodriguez".

Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D.

Chancellor

Los Angeles Community College District





Click the above image to watch the video from Chancellor Rodriguez.



CBS National News - Community Colleges Looking to Increase Enrollment

Chancellor Rodriguez and LAVC were featured in a nationally broadcast story to over 400 television stations in the morning and afternoon broadcast. The story reached over 38 million people nationally through broadcast, online content and blogs.

Los Angeles Valley College - Look At This!

In this episode of Look At This, Desmond Shaw flies to Los Angeles Valley College.





District-wide photos from Fall 2023 Convocations and the start of fall semester 2023 across our colleges.

District-wide Events



Foundation for the LA Community Colleges Updates

This month, the Foundation recognized and celebrated several generous corporate partners who are making a difference in the lives of our students.



AT&T Foundation

Through a \$40,000 grant from the AT&T Connected Learning Initiative, three colleges benefited from additional resources to support student success efforts, including the Transfer Center Program at West LA College. (attached are two photos of transfer students from the sponsored transfer celebration)



Kroger Foundation

The Kroger Foundation provided \$100,000 to raise public awareness of food insecurity amongst community college students, and to support campus-based food pantries, basic needs centers, and direct aid for students experiencing food insecurity, like veterans and athletes across several LACCD colleges. The East LA College Foundation, for example, distributed \$10,000 in gift cards, in partnership with their Basic Needs Center through this grant.



PepsiCo Foundation

The PepsiCo Foundation has committed \$1.2 million to the students of LACCD since 2021 through the Uplift Scholars Program, which provides students in specific career fields with scholarships, access to industry professionals, and career workshops. Cheetos, in partnership with PepsiCo, made LA Trade-

Tech College the first stop on its "Deja Tu Huella" tour on September 7th, providing an afternoon of career exploration resources, food, and fun.



LACCD Advocacy & Events



LACCD Enrollment update



LACCD Enrollment Update

Fall 2023 TO Fall 2022 COMPARISONS

DAY 14 - RELATIVE TO THE BEGINNING OF INSTRUCTION

Relative Day Comparisons for Day 14, comparing Fall 2023 (Monday, September 11, 2023) to Fall 2022 (Monday, September 12, 2022). Data source: LACCD PS Student Information System.

HEADCOUNT
118,368
 117%
 101,363

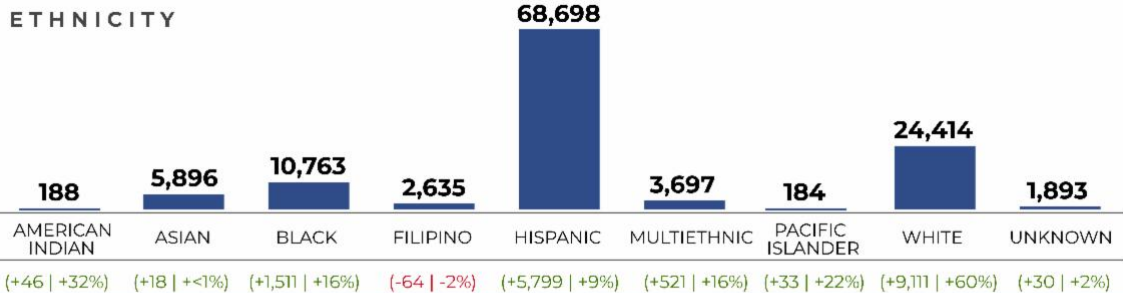
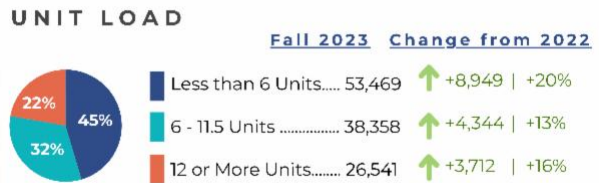
ENROLLMENT
262,231
 116%
 225,849

SECTION COUNT
10,276
 103%
 9,959

ENROLLMENT DIVIDED BY SECTION
25.5
 113%
 22.7

GENDER

	Fall 2023	Change from 2022
FEMALE	63,684	↑ +6,467 +11%
MALE	52,186	↑ +9,732 +23%
NON-BINARY	953	↑ +341 N/A
UNKNOWN	1,545	↑ +465 N/A



ENROLLMENT STATUS

	Fall 2023	Change from 2022
FIRST-TIME	22,073	↑ +5,650 +34%
TRANSFER	10,664	↑ +3,480 +48%
RETURNING	9,351	↑ +1,608 +21%
CONTINUING	63,256	↑ +6,351 +11%
CONCURRENT HIGH SCHOOL	12,757	↑ +2,426 +24%
CONCURRENT ADULT SCHOOL	234	↑ +38 19%

CLASS MODALITY & FILL RATE

CLASS MODALITY:	48% Remote	7% Hybrid	45% In-Person
FILL RATE:	79%	70%	69%

SOURCE: LACCD Office of Institutional Effectiveness

[More Information](#)





USDA FY2023 Hispanic-Serving Institution Education Grants Program

LACC has been awarded a \$999,990 grant from the USDA FY2023 Hispanic-Serving Institution Education Grants Program.

The new grant, which will be shared with California State Polytechnic University Pomona (Cal Poly Pomona), will be used to fund the Focus on Outreach, Opportunity, and Diversity in Food Science and Technology Program (FOOD FSR).

The goal of the new four-year program is to diversify the food science field by building engaging and defined pathways to degrees and careers in food science for underrepresented students, particularly Hispanic/Latinx and low-income students. The grant will provide funds for student recruitment and retention through targeted outreach and support; develop new community college food science curriculum design specifically targeted on articulating clear degree programs that are attractive and accessible to students; provide student experiential learning opportunities; develop a pathway from high school to higher educational programs in food science and technology and to provide opportunities and access to food science careers with the support of Los Angeles food and beverage industry employers. The project will serve approximately 424 students and educators.



Convocation, on Thursday, August 24, 2023, was standing room only and included updates for faculty and staff. Chancellor Rodriguez joined us for our ice cream social. We provided longevity certificates and prizes and gave out new LACC shirts.

LACC was the only campus in the District that secured media coverage for the August 12, 2023 Enrollment Fairs. We secured a 50 second segment on the KTLA Evening News at 5pm. [Link to view the clip at](#)

Last week, LACC launched TimelyCare, a virtual health provider, which provides FREE 24/7 mental health support and basic needs assistance to our students. Students can login at

<https://www.lacitycollege.edu/offices/pr/press/in-the-news>.

the TimelyCare app or can sign up via [timelycare.com/lacitycollege](https://www.timelycare.com/lacitycollege).



On Thursday, August 31, LACC hosted “Demo Day,” the final day of LACC’s Summer Emerging Tech Bootcamp. Two teams comprised of 14 LACC students presented their final pitches to a panel of judges. The students for the past 10 weeks have been working with 2 industry coaches from JPL to solve space mission challenges. For the first 6 weeks, industry speakers were brought in from AWS, Slalom, UCLA and JPL to present current industry topics such as UI/UX, How to Pitch, Project Management and Professional Development.

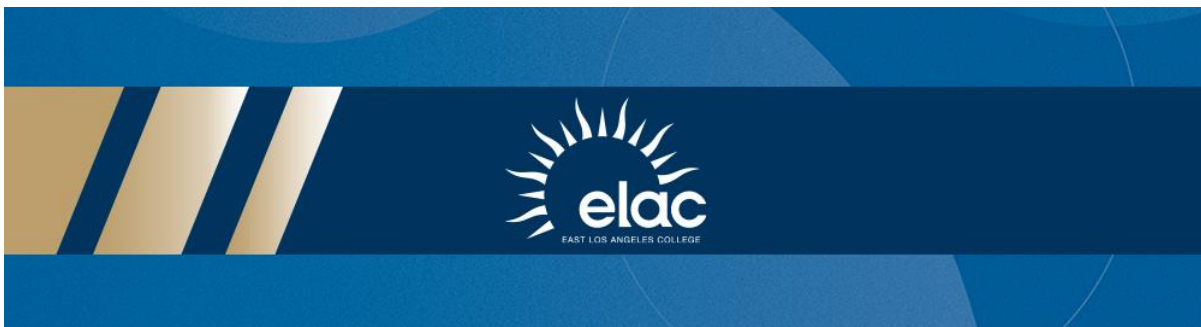
K Lunch Box, a reality Korean cooking show filmed segments featuring LACC last spring. Segments are now available on YouTube. The show featured a group of chefs and judges who visited the campus and created a Korean style lunch. Segments also included footage of students who ate and commented on the lunch, view a clip at <https://www.lacitycollege.edu/offices/pr/press/in-the-news>.

The Los Angeles City College Foundation has been awarded grants totaling \$65,000 from the Hollywood Foreign Press Association and its charitable trust to provide fellowships to Cinema/TV and Journalism students and production mini grants to fund student projects.

LACC hosted a Beat the Rush Week (August 21) and Welcome Week (August 28) , including giveaways, information and assistance to students for registration, financial aid and other services.

On Wednesday, September 13, LACC is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive.

On Thursday, October 5, LACC will be hosting an unveiling of the King Sejong Statue, gifted by the Imperial Family Company.



ELAC to Host Visiting Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence

East Los Angeles College (ELAC) has been selected to host a Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence from Ireland to teach on campus during the 2023-2024 academic year. Tom Felle, an Associate Professor of Journalism at the University of Galway, was selected for the Fulbright award by the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

The Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program brings visiting scholars from abroad to U.S. colleges and universities, helping the institutions internationalize their curricula, campuses, and surrounding communities, and diversify the educational experiences of their students, faculty, staff, and stakeholders. Professor Felle is one of more than forty-five Fulbright Scholars-in-Residence, and among 1,000 outstanding foreign faculty and professionals who will teach and pursue research in the United States for the 2023-2024 academic year through the worldwide Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program.

Mr. Felle has a diverse background in journalism, having worked as a journalist and foreign correspondent for various media organizations in Ireland, the UK, Brussels, Sydney and Beirut for more than a decade before transitioning into academia. He was formerly based at the University of London, and from 2018 to 2023 was Head of the Department of Media at the University of Galway.



CA Senator Susan Rubio Presents \$2.5 Million to ELAC Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation

California Senator Susan Rubio (D-Baldwin Park) joined administrators from East Los Angeles College (ELAC), East Los Angeles College Foundation, and Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) to announce \$2.5 million in funding secured for the ELAC Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation.

The ELAC Incubator at the ELAC Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation brings a comprehensive suite of professional business development programs to ELAC students and local entrepreneurs. This is the first incubator program of its kind for the East Los Angeles region. The Incubator's mission is to accelerate startup and growth-phase minority, women, veterans, formerly incarcerated, and LGBTQIA-owned businesses in the communities of East Los Angeles.

The incubator works in three phases and is aligned with key California growth industry sectors such as logistics, advanced manufacturing, robotics, drone technology, alternative energy, digital media, engineering, hospitality, and small business enterprises.

- **Phase 1, Entrepreneur Boot Camp:** The Boot Camp is designed to assist early-stage and aspiring entrepreneurs vet their business ideas and learn how to think like an entrepreneur.
- **Phase 2, Advanced Business Curriculum:** College coursework includes Small Business Administration and Principles of Marketing while the advanced entrepreneur workshops focus on topics such as Building Your Business Plan, Entity Formation, Fundamentals of Accounting, Business Contracts, Creative Problem Solving, Personal Branding, Communication & Interpersonal Skills, and Presentation Skills.
- **Phase 3, High Touch Mentorship:** Selected enterprises participate in a 9-month high touch mentorship program customized to their individual business goals. Services include co-workspace, accounting services, legal roadmap, tech-based business platforms, networking opportunities, legal roadmap, business certification, and consultation with subject matter experts.



ELAC Hosts CA Community College Chancellor at “Success with Equity” Dual Enrollment Workshop

East Los Angeles College (ELAC) hosted a Dual Enrollment workshop on Thursday, August 10th. ELAC President Dr. Alberto J. Román was joined by California Community Colleges Chancellor Dr. Sonya Christian, CA Assemblymember Mike Fong, Los Angeles Community College District Chancellor Dr. Francisco Rodriguez, Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent Alberto Carvalho, and Alhambra Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Denise Jaramillo.

The workshop focused on how dual enrollment can be expanded equitably across greater Los Angeles. Chancellor Christian spoke on the California Community Colleges roadmap titled Vision 2030 and how dual enrollment plays a big part.

“Data shows that historically dual enrollment has not been equitably distributed. Dual enrollment, if used carefully and strategically is a game changer to prepare students to complete a college degree for those who might otherwise not typically be encouraged to attend college,” said CA Community Colleges Chancellor Dr. Sonya Christian.

This was followed by a panel discussion with all the speakers on ways to scale up dual enrollment in the Los Angeles Community College District. From partnering with new school districts to finding unique ways to embed college level courses into high school curricula it was a valuable panel discussion.

“Dual enrollment is an investment in our future and I am proud to have these educational leaders here with me today to keep building a college-going culture and introducing our students to college courses at the earliest age possible. Dual enrollment will help uplift our communities by increasing equitable access to college and opportunities for success,” said ELAC President Alberto J. Román.

The event ended with an implementation workshop where dual enrollment staff from all 9 LACCD colleges learned and worked on how dual enrollment can be expanded but also still be equitable and fair to all Los Angeles residents.





Fall Semester Launch

Zero Week at Harbor was a hit with HARBOR PALOOZA 4.0 over 1,000 students were on campus enjoying the games, **dunking the President**, and enjoying In-an-Out! We are so glad to see our Seahawks on campus.



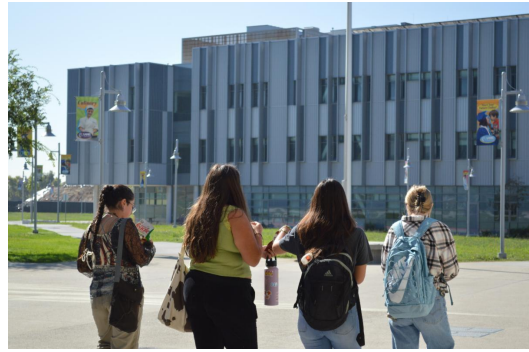
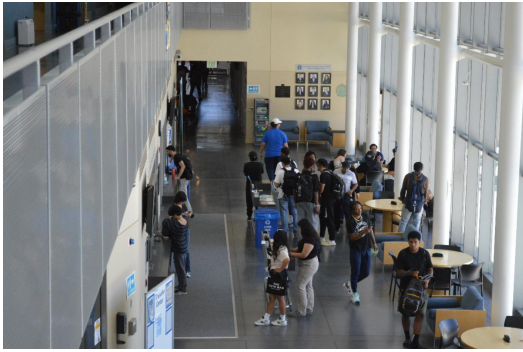
Opening Day

We had a great time welcoming our faculty back to campus. Thank you Trustee lino for greeting the Faculty and Staff and helping us encourage all as we step into the Fall Semester. **Trustee lino was a hit at the Seahawk Shop**



Registration Events

We saw hundreds of students come to campus **eager to launch their educational journeys**. **Super Saturday, was SUPER!** The staff had a great time engaging with students helping them find their way to their educational goals. What a TEAM!

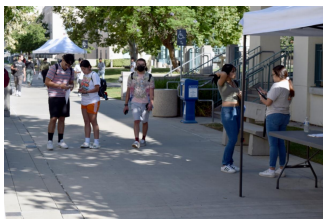


We love our Athletes and Students

Training and seasons are off to a great start. We celebrate and cheer our athletes. **Let's GO Seahawks!** On Saturday, September 30, 2023 we will honor the best of the best at our **14th Annual Athletic Hall of Fame**. Our very own Shawnae Campbell, current Softball Coach will be Inducted. Don't miss it. It's great to see our Seahawks back on campus. They were anxious and eager to be in class and get started. The Team was ready to greet them and guide them to their classes. The campus is buzzing with students! We love it.

Hispanic Heritage Month

We are gearing up to celebration **Hispanic Heritage Month**, led by our Puente Team. A grand celebration is planned for Thursday, September 21, 2023 – 11 am to 1:30 pm in the SSA Quad Area. It will be a GRAN FIESTA!



Fall Welcome Week

Los Angeles Mission College welcomed back students to campus with a flurry of activities during Welcome Week. Student Services were available to help students in the Quad all week, with Just-In-Time Enrollment Assistance available on Monday & Tuesday mornings.

The Transfer Center hosted Transfer Week in front of the clocktower to help returning students get a jump on the transfer process by connecting in-person with representatives from Universities and

Colleges, both local and abroad.

ASO also hosted two meet-and-greets featuring Kona Ice, one at Main Campus on Tuesday and a second at East Campus on Wednesday.



LAMC Welcomes Back Faculty & Staff at Flex Week

From August 22nd through the 24th, Los Angeles Mission College hosted Flex Week, an annual event featuring professional development, training, and campus updates.

Remote sessions were available Tuesday & Wednesday and covered Dual Enrollment, Accessibility Training, and a review of the State Chancellor’s Vision 2030 initiative.

The in-person main event took place on Thursday, August 24th, with a robust all-day schedule that included a welcome from LACCD Board of Trustees Member Steven Veres, college updates from President Ornelas and several service departments, as well as breakout sessions covering timely subjects such as “ChatGPT and AI in Higher Education” and “Building Community with Your Colleagues.”

Celebrating Latino Heritage Month

Starting in September, Los Angeles Mission College will celebrate Latino Heritage with a series of events celebrating the history, culture, and contributions that Latinos have made to society.



Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Zoot Suit Riots, our Chicano Studies Department will host an interactive discussion and Q&A on September 20th that will dive into the details of this significant chapter of Chicano and Los Angeles history.

On September 27th, in collaboration with radio hosts from CSUN 88.5 and UC Riverside, we will host a discussion on Musical Identity in Mexican Heritage and Spanish Rock.

On October 3rd, we will host an all-day Latino Heritage Celebration in the Quad, featuring Rock en Español from the 80s through 90s in the morning, Mariachi, paletas, churros, hot chocolate, café’ throughout the afternoon, and capped off by a screening of the Pixar film Coco followed by a Q&A in the evening.

For more information, visit lamission.edu/latinoheritage



Oktoberfest Returns October 7th

After a three-year hiatus, Oktoberfest is back! On Saturday, October 7th, we'll be turning our Culinary Arts Patio in a Biergarten from 4–7 pm.

Join us for the Valley's premier Oktoberfest, featuring local craft beers from 818 Brewing, San Fernando Brewing Co., and Shadowgrove Brewing, with Bavarian-style cuisine prepared by our award-winning Culinary Arts Institute, as well as live entertainment.

Purchase your tickets early and save \$20! Early Bird tickets are now available through September 12th for just \$65 each. Visit lamission.edu/oktoberfest and get your tickets today!

LOS ANGELES MISSION COLLEGE FOUNDATION PRESENTS

Oktoberfest

BEER TASTING, FOOD, AND ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

Saturday, October 7th
4–7 pm

Don't miss the Valley's premier Oktoberfest, featuring local craft beers from **818 Brewing**, **San Fernando Brewing Co.**, and **Shadowgrove Brewing**, as well as Bavarian style cuisine prepared by our award-winning Culinary Arts program.

Earlybird Tickets: \$65* (available through 9/12)
General Admission: \$85* (after 9/12)

To purchase tickets, please visit:
oktoberfestlamc.eventbrite.com



* Fees Not Included

LOCATION:
We're turning our Culinary Arts Patio into a Biergarten!
Los Angeles Mission College
13356 Eldridge Ave,
Sylmar, CA 91342

This event is for adults ages 21 and older.
Attendees must bring a government-issued ID showing their legal age for entry. We reserve the right to refuse entry to anyone.

Request for Accommodation: We encourage people with disabilities to participate in campus activities/events. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation, or have questions about access at the location of the activity/event, please contact the Vice President of Student Services or Disability Access at disability@lamc.edu or call 818-350-9642 as soon as possible, but not later than seven business days prior to the event.





Students in line for Financial Aid and Promise Program

Enrollment

The last Super Saturday at LAPC on August 26 turned out to be a mega event. New, continuing, and returning students took advantage of the enrollment services provided by Counseling, Financial Aid, Admissions and Record, and the Welcome Center. Faculty and programs assisted students with information about classes and degrees.



Professors Kathy Nguyen and Sheila Hammon teaching kids the "magic" of everyday chemistry as Professor Travis Orloff looks on.



President Aguiar's Welcome



Packed house at the LAPC Performing Arts Theatre

Opening Day

Fall 2023 started with strong enrollment and a busy Opening Day for faculty. Held on August 24, LAPC's Opening Day theme focused on "Teaching Pedagogies for an Evolving Pierce." The event included welcome from administration and participatory governance and constituency leadership, information on budget and enrollment, data on students, and Guided Pathways. The highlights of the day included introduction of new faculty, strategies for navigating AI in the classroom, and convocation workshops.

Dual Enrollment at LAPC

Pierce has had substantial growth in the area of Dual Enrollment. The number of sections offered has grown from 61 sections last fall to 98 sections this semester. Additionally, the number of high schools that LAPC is serving nearly doubled from 12 to 23 in just one year. Thank you to the Dual Enrollment Director Brad Saenz for his outstanding leadership and the LAPC Outreach Team for their hard work.



Parents inquiring about Athletics



Family inquiring about classes through Adult Education.

Promise Scholars

It was a busy summer for LAPC as Promise Scholars were onboarded through a variety of transition programs including Summer Bridge and #Pierce Success. The summer culminated with our very first Brahma Family Night. This event provided parents with strategies and resources to help their scholars succeed at Pierce College. Workshops on retaining Promise Scholarship were also held in English and Spanish.



LAPC Botanical Garden in the Guidebook



Sibbies Award

Watch out for Los Angeles Pierce College's in the latest copy of the City of Los Angeles: Urban Nature Guidebook. The upcoming edition will feature LAPC's S. Mark Taper Life Science Gardens - one of the gems on campus. Please visit the garden when you are in the neighborhood!

On July 22, 2023, LAPC received a Success in Business "Sibbies" award from the Greater San Fernando Chamber of Commerce at its Annual Gala. The award recognized LAPC for its seven decades of business in the Valley.



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Congresswoman Maxine Waters Visit

On August 4, 2023, Congresswoman Maxine Waters visited LASC to attend the HireLAX graduation and present a check for \$1,000,000 to LAWA to expand the HireLAX work program.

HireLAX is a construction apprenticeship program that has been ongoing for six years.

It empowers people in the communities around LAX airport, particularly those with limited economic opportunities. The 8-week program at LASC also includes a rigorous physical training course. With this new federal grant, HireLAX can train more people for these coveted union construction jobs.

Tablet with Free Wi-Fi Giveaway

LASC Student Success Center recently hosted an event to give away tablets with five years of free Wi-Fi to students who qualify. Joni Johnson, Acting Director of the LASC Student Success Center, is partnering with Georgia Zachary, a colleague from the non-profit company Good Vibes.

Ms. Zachary is working with a federally funded program, Affordable Connectivity Program, to offer tablets and Wi-Fi to students who need them for college.

The tablets will be on hand, and it will take a few minutes to assess if a student qualifies for the program. There is a one-time \$11 activation fee for the tablet and students who qualify will be able to keep the device and have access to free Wi-Fi that is preloaded on all devices for the duration of five years.

Eliminate Your Internet Bill

Find us on your Campus!

Easy to Apply and Qualify at our OutreachStation. Get ACP benefits today!

\$11 • 10" HD Tablet Device
• 4G LTE Nationwide
• Free Device Wifi

Only a one-time co-pay, that's it!

You can transfer your \$30 towards your phone or home internet bill. Eliminate it today!

Low Income & Pell Grant Students Qualify!

Outreach Program
Services of America
www.outreachprograms.us
EBT - Medical - WIC - SSI - Pell Grant - Sec 8 - Etc.

Southwest Daze

On August 12, 2023, LASC will host its last Southwest Daze of 2023. Students, family, and friends are invited to join faculty and staff to learn about the programs and services offered at LASC. Faculty and staff from Admission and Records, Financial Aid, and Counseling will be available to assist students and

answer questions. All are invited to have fun and enjoy free food, music, and games before Fall semester begins.



Natural Science Health Kinesiology Scholarship

LASC recently awarded its first annual Natural Science, Health, and Kinesiology Scholarship. In 2021 the scholarship was established and funded by Department Chair Kang Kim, Biology professor of 30 years at LASC.

Eligibility requirements include: (1) Enrolled in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math courses at LASC, (2) Enrolled full-time in Fall and Spring semesters, (3) having at least 2.3 GPA. In addition, the application includes an essay on their experience with participating in community service, helping people, and future contributions to society.

The 2022-23 scholarship recipients are Adrian T. Hernandez (Computer Science major) and Isioma Okonkwo (Nursing major). Each recipient will receive \$1,000 for educational purposes such as tuition, books, and supplies.





LATTC's 2023 Convocation

On August 24, LATTC faculty and classified professionals gathered for the 2023 convocation. After a hearty breakfast, guests heard inspirational words from Chancellor Rodriguez and President McQuarters, that were followed by breakout sessions on topics like best practices for online and on-campus teaching, procurement, student service updates, etiquette in the workplace, accessibility, student codes of conduct, and trauma-informed communication to our students.

On top of the well-programed day, the campus was able to enjoy the simple fellowship of being with one another. The day saw many smiles, handshakes, and hugs exchanged—giving confidence in the college's 2023 convocation theme of moving forward together in service to our students.



Two LATTC Students Graduate from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Gold Rising Program

On August 10, 2023, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences hosted a ceremony for the graduates of their **Gold Rising Internship Program**. Trade-Tech was thrilled that two of its students from the Design and Media Arts pathway were among the 2023 graduating cohort of 90 students. Students Carole Jones and Cat Morrison were both honored for completing the program, both for the Costume and Design production track.

Gold Rising program participants take part in an eight-week program, offering networking opportunities with Academy members and industry professionals, a variety of panel discussions on every aspect of filmmaking, and career preparation sessions. This is the seventh year of the Gold Rising program, and Trade-Tech is pleased that it has had students participate in every year of the program to-date.

Take a look at a [sizzle reel](#) recapping last year's Gold Rising program.



LATTC Hosts Successful Fall Enrollment Events, Welcoming More Than 2,000 Attendees

In August, LATTC hosted two successful Saturday enrollment events on August 12 and 19. Together, the events were attended by more than 2,000 prospective and continuing students and community members who received in-person counseling assistance and enrolled for the fall semester.





Students had fun at the Fall Kick-Off with games, a photo booth, free food from Sabores Michoacan, and met college programs and departments.

LAVC's Welcome Week

Students, faculty and staff were welcomed back for the Fall semester with a Fall Kick Off, coffee and donuts with college leaders, game day, and movie night.



Besides registration help at the Monarch Registration Days, students and their families learned about college programs and services, won great prizes like a \$100 Bookstore Gift Card, and had a free lunch.

Helping Students Enroll at Monarch Registration Days

Admissions, Counseling, Financial Aid, and college programs were on hand to help student enroll for the Fall semester at three Monarch Registration Days. There was one-on-one registration help, drop-in counseling, free food, and more!

September 2023 Events

Basic Needs Center Weekly Food Distribution

September 14, 21, 28

The Basic Needs Center's Monarchs Market Weekly Food Distributions is held every Thursday at 11:30 am. Any student is eligible to receive a wide variety of fresh produce and non-perishables.

LAVC Art Gallery –“Put Me Out to Pasture” by artist Dakota Noot

September 11-October 27

U.S. Constitution Day

Monday, September 18 from 1-2 p.m.

Come celebrate Constitution Day and learn more about the U.S. Constitution. in the Skybox Conference Room on the Student Union, 2nd floor.

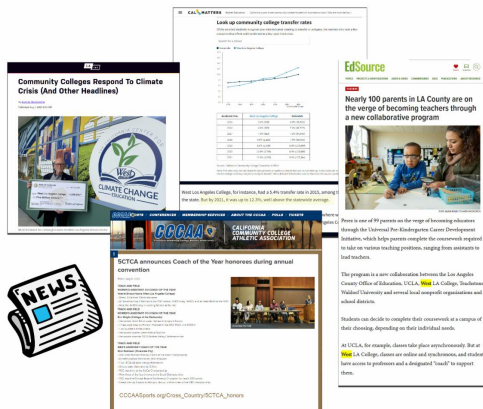
Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, September 21 from 8:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be on-campus in front of the Allied Health & Sciences Center for students, faculty and

The LAVC Art Gallery presents "Put Me Out to Pasture," a Visual Art Exhibition. Artist Dakota Noot re-creates food and other animals in fantastical cutout installations. The work mirrors the aesthetics of coloring books and theater backdrops. Noot draws references to local beaches through sea life, distant farms in a barnyard, or cowboy imagery. For more information, visit the [LAVC Art Gallery](#).

staff to donate blood. Sign up today to make a life-saving donation! To schedule your appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: LAVC).



In The News

West LA College has been in the news a lot this summer from training parents to be teachers to climate change.

EdSource celebrated a new collaboration between the Los Angeles County Office of Education, UCLA, West LA College, Teachstone, Waldorf University and several local nonprofit organizations and school districts designed to help parents become educators through the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Career Development Initiative, which helps parents complete the coursework required to take on various teaching positions, ranging from assistants to lead teachers. There are 75 WLAC participants so far.

LAist did a deeper dive into the establishment of the CA Center for Climate Change Education.

California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) applauded the achievements of West's Assistant Track Coach and three-time gold medalist Valerie Brisco-Hooks who was named CCCAA Women's Assistant Co-Coach of the Year.

CalMatters recognized West's gains in transfer in the last six years. In fact, the transfer rate is now above the State average.

Both PBS and the LA Times interviewed students and faculty about the college's Bachelor's degree programs. Those stories have not yet been published.

Open House Events

West held four streamlined Registration Action Day events throughout August where most students spent one to two hours completing transactions such as password reset, aid in logging on, guidance in course selection, express counseling, and assistance with financial aid issues. Campus tours were also provided. Nearly 500 people RSVPd for the events. Over 280 prospective, new and continuing students, plus their guests, attended.

Students who RSVPd but did not attend the event are receiving follow-up contacts from staff and faculty. The college research team is evaluating the impact on applications, enrollments and increases in course load as they have done for prior events.



Opening Day

Flex Week and the first week of classes got off to a strong start.

LA5 Rotary Scholarship Contribute to Dental Hygiene Student Success

In June, the LA5 Rotary Club awarded ten scholarships to WLAC dental hygiene students to cover the cost of the ADEX national dental hygiene clinical exam, which was taken in August. 100% of the WLAC students who took the exam, including the scholarship recipients, passed the exam and are one step closer to receiving their California registered dental hygienist license.

The LA5 Rotary Club's financial assistance was crucial in helping these students cover the high cost of the examination, which exceeded \$1000. "Had it not been for the LA5 Rotary Club's generous scholarship, the worry of covering the examination fees could have overwhelmed my preparation and performance. This assistance allowed me to approach the exam with a clear mind," said student Mina Ghorbani.

Coming Events

September 12: Student Services Fair



In The News

CBS National News - Community Colleges Looking to Increase Enrollment – This story was nationally broadcast over 400 television stations and reached over 5.4 million people from broadcast and online content.

How The 19th Century's 'English Only' Movement Sidelined Spanish In California, And The Legacy It Left

His Parents Arrived In LA Educated, In Spanish. How Their Experience Is Shaping Community College Classes

Spectrum News 1 - Higher Education Special -

KPCC – LACCD Transfer rates

ELAC Entrepreneurship Program - Univision

LA Community College District to close campuses Monday
CBS News – \$90K

The High School/Community College “Dual Enrollment” Opportunity - SM Mirror
Santa Monica Mirror

Nearly 100 parents in LA County are on the verge of becoming teachers through a new collaborative program
edsources.org

Can Community Colleges Meet The Urgency Of The Climate Crisis?
LAist – \$1.4

Los Angeles Community College District: Dr. Anthony Dr. Culpepper Appointed President of Los Angeles Southwest College
Los Angeles Sentinel

Lancaster Appointed as New Vice Chancellor for LACCD
Culver City Crossroads

Hope Housing for Students helps provide stable environment for California community college students
KABC

California Senate candidates speak on gun reform policy at Monterey Park town hall
KTLA-TV Los Angeles



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