



Welcome to the October Chancellor's Monthly, where I'll highlight some of the key areas from the 2023 State of the District Address that I am presenting to the Board of Trustees at its October 4, 2023, meeting.

Accreditation Reaffirmation

Following site visits earlier this year, the Accreditation Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) acted to Reaffirm Accreditation for all nine colleges of the LACCD for an additional seven years. There were no requirements for compliance with any of the Accreditation Standards noted at any of the nine colleges and many colleges received individual college Commendations. This accreditation reaffirmation recognizes and affirms the strong legacy of excellence in service to our community, and to social justice and equity.

2023-24 Adopted District Budget

In September, the District adopted its FY 2023-2024 final budget, totaling \$10.4 billion for all funds. As mandated by LACCD Board Policy, the District maintains a minimum of 6.5% General Reserve, a 3.5% Contingency Reserve, and a two percent (2.0%) Deferred Maintenance Fund.

For 2023-2024, the District's financial outlook remains stable under the current state-adopted Student-Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) and has benefited from the State Chancellor's Office Emergency Conditions Allowance (ECA), which has brought additional one-time funds of \$45.4 million to the District. The budget reaffirms the SCFF "hold harmless" provision for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Thanks to Governor Newsom and our State legislature for their investment and trust in our state's community colleges. This investment helped us maintain financial stability, sustain our levels of services and workforce, and keep our college doors open. With this investment, LACCD is navigating the multiple effects and aftermath of a global pandemic. We'll continue to be prudent as we approach the end of the "hold harmless" period in 2024-2025 and prepare for any potential future shortfalls.

Fall 2023 Enrollments

Student enrollment continues to show robust growth in the number of students choosing LACCD with about a steady 17% increase thus far, compared to last year, and a strong increase in their unit load. Our commitment to student success remains our North Star, and we are actively implementing strategies to enhance recruitment, retention, persistence and student completion. The District remains strongly focused on increasing enrollments as a priority and providing an accessible, affordable higher education through our colleges. We continue to see our amazing and resilient students, most of whom are first-generation, achieve great things.

Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements

With the voter-approved passage last November of our District's \$5.3 billion local bond, known as Measure LA, we are actively investing in improving facilities and the infrastructure of our nine campuses and educational centers. Several renovation projects have been completed, and we have broken ground on numerous new projects for further enhancements, including modernized classrooms, updated technology resources, and improved facilities to support student learning and engagement.

Workforce and Economic Development

Our District is expanding our program offerings to meet the evolving needs of our regional workforce and university transfer partners. In collaboration with local industry leaders, we have expanded offerings in healthcare, technology, and renewable energy, ensuring that our students are well-prepared for their careers and to transfer. We will continue to forge strategic partnerships with local businesses and organizations to provide valuable internship and workforce opportunities for our students.

State and Federal Advocacy

LACCD sponsored several statewide bills in 2023 with one (AB 1151: McKinnor) already signed into law, and another (AB 1096: Fong) awaiting final action by Governor Newsom, and multiple other priorities incorporated into the 2023-24 state budget, including a \$2.5 million state allocation to establish and \$30 million over the next three years to support statewide LGBTQIA+ programs and services.

At the federal level, our District and colleges have secured over \$13 million over the past two years for various academic and student programs and services. A shout out to our strong network of support locally with the City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office, the County Board of Supervisors, and our representatives in the State Assembly and Senate.

Stay the Course

At LACCD, we remain committed to fostering a diverse, inclusive and equitable learning environment. We will continue to invest in designing and implementing diversity training programs for faculty and staff, to increasing scholarship opportunities for underrepresented students, and to actively engaging with our civic partners, elected officials, non-profit and community organizations, and philanthropy to serve this region, promote inclusivity and advance social justice.

Our District prides itself on providing affordable and accessible education to all who seek it. I want to express my deep appreciation for your dedication to the success of our students and for your continued support. Each student represents immense potential and opportunity. Together, we have the power to unleash and harness that potential, to kindle the flames of curiosity, and to cultivate skills that will shape their lives and the world around us.

Thank you and I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead,



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

District Office Events & Updates



Foundation for the LA Community Colleges Updates



Undocumented Student Action Week

OCTOBER 16-20, 2023
Creating Belonging for Undocumented Students



Undocumented Student Action Week

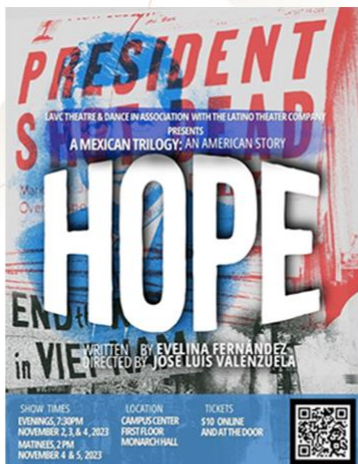
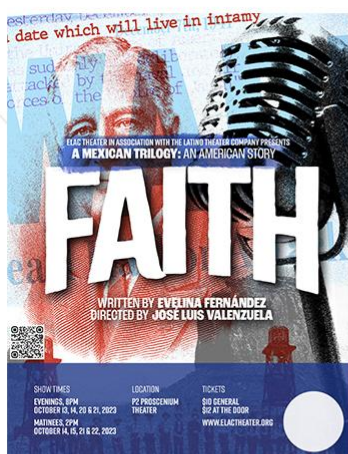
This October, the Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges is pleased to recognize California Community Colleges' Undocumented Student Week of Action and the incredible work generosity and partners in supporting LACCD's Dreamers.

The Foundation is proud to support LACCD's nine Dream Resource Centers (DRC) including recent grants for advertising and promotion, emergency aid, and workshop series focused on entrepreneurship at the LA Southwest College and skills for success at LA Trade-Tech College.

Through the support of the Mayor's Fund for Los Angeles, and in partnership with CHIRLA and CARECEN, students across our campuses can access fee waivers for a wide range of immigration-related applications from DACA and Advance Parole to Asylum and Adjustment of Status. Students can reach out to their Dream Resource Center for more information.



Office of Communications & Marketing



This fall City, East, LAVC and Mission College are joining forces with the [Latino Theatre Company](#) to present [Evalina Fernandez's Mexican Trilogy](#): Faith, Hope & Charity. LAVC and Mission will combine to present Hope, the 2nd part of the story of a Mexican-American family's journey to America over 100 years. Each college will then converge at the Los Angeles Theatre Center in January to present the trilogy as a whole, East LA College presenting Faith, LAVC presenting Hope, and LA City College presenting Charity. Please check each college website for more information.

- Charity** at [Los Angeles City College](#) (October 5-7) for five performances.
- Faith** at [East Los Angeles College](#) (October 13-22) for eight performances.
- Hope** at [Los Angeles Valley College](#) (November 2-5) for five performances.



LACCD Advocacy & Events



Upon Adjournment on September 14, the 2023 State Legislative Session came to a close in another incredibly successful advocacy year. I am proud that three of the LACCD-sponsored bills successfully passed the legislature. AB 1151 (McKinnor), a measure proposed by Trustee Veres relating to Community College Facilities, was signed into law. SB 715 (Rubio) was incorporated into the State Budget and allocated \$2.5 million to establish the LACCD Small Business Entrepreneurship Center at East Los Angeles College. In addition, we successfully secured \$10 million for LGBTQ+ Student Support for the next three years

for a total of \$30 million statewide. LACCD's sponsored AB 1096 (Fong) proposed by Trustee Buelna relating to native language instruction was unanimously approved by the legislature. The measure was approved by the State Senate with a vote of 39-0 and approved by the State Assembly by 79-0. It is now

on Governor Gavin Newsom's desk, awaiting final action before the constitutional deadline of October 14.

Another LACCD-sponsored bill, AB 506 (Fong), regarding community college Ethnic Studies approvals between the California State University (CSU) system and the California Community Colleges (CCC) was held by the Senate Appropriations Committee. LACCD is continuing its advocacy for the bill's provisions and will have a meeting between the District and California State University State Chancellor's Office to explore a way to increase the number of LACCD's ethnic course approvals.

LACCD will now begin planning for the 2024 legislative session priorities. The next Legislative and Public Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2023, at 1 p.m.



October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month!

All of the stories and articles about data breaches and hackers can seem overwhelming. Cybersecurity Awareness Month reminds everyone that there are many ways to help keep your data safe, and you can make a big difference by practicing the basics of cybersecurity. Here are things you can do to protect yourself and our students, employees and community:

Complete Annual LACCD Information Security Awareness

The District's annual information security awareness program is in the [Vision Resource Center](#). The course is called "LACCD | Information Security Awareness 2023-2024." Learn how you can protect yourself and others by practicing the fundamentals of cybersecurity.

Visit the LACCD Information Security Page

The LACCD Information Security Team will focus on a new topic each week of October 2023 that focuses on a new way to protect yourself and data. Topics include spotting online scams, choosing strong passwords, using Multifactor Authentication, and keeping software up-to-date. Visit us our [Cybersecurity Awareness Month 2023](#) page for more information.



2023 Open Enrollment

Open enrollment began Monday, September 18 at 8:00 AM and ends on Friday October 13, 2023, 5:00 PM.

To make any changes to Medical, Dental, Vision, or Life Insurance Policy, employees must go through the LACCD Employee Self-Serve Portal (The Portal), at:

<https://myportal.laccd.edu/irj/portal/>.

Employees interested in the Flexible Spending Account, the account funded by you the employee, then you will go either through our portal or directly to ASI's Portal to update your Flexible Spending Account selections for 2024. The annual contribution limit in 2023 for health flexible spending accounts (health FSAs) is increased to \$3,050. For Dependent Care accounts, the maximum annual contribution limit is \$5,000 for single taxpayers and married couples filing together or \$2,500 for married people filing separately.





LACCD Enrollment Update

Fall 2023 TO Fall 2022 COMPARISONS

DAY 35 - RELATIVE TO THE BEGINNING OF INSTRUCTION

Relative Day Comparisons for Day 35, comparing Fall 2023 (Monday, October 2, 2023) to Fall 2022 (Monday, October 3, 2022).
Data source: LACCD PS Student Information System.

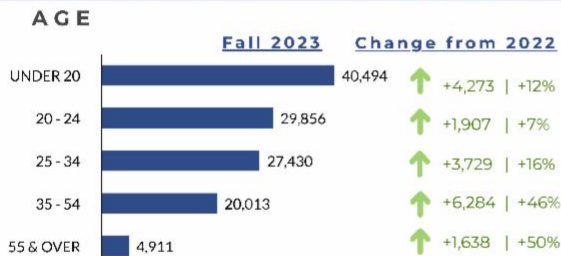
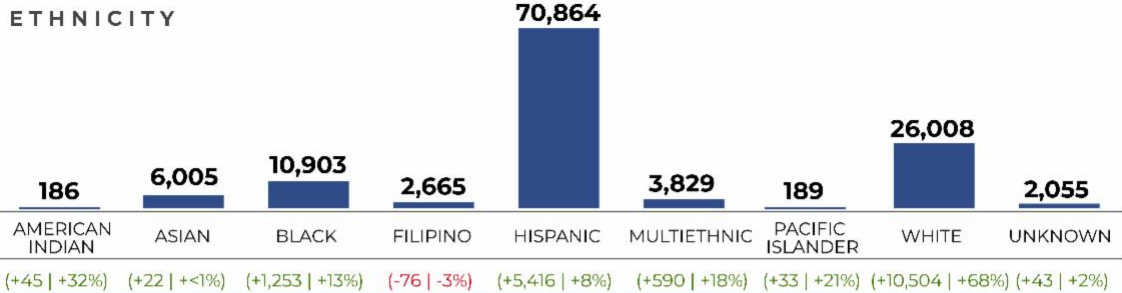
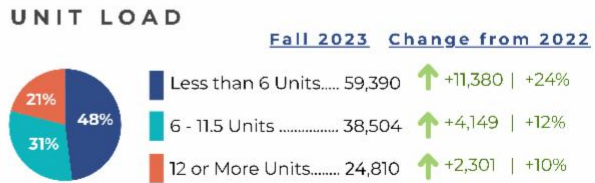
HEADCOUNT
122,704
117%
104,874

ENROLLMENT
261,339
114%
229,178

SECTION COUNT
10,427
105%
9,959

ENROLLMENT DIVIDED BY SECTION
25.1
109%
23.0

GENDER	Fall 2023	Change from 2022
FEMALE	65,808	↑ +6,406 +11%
MALE	54,339	↑ +10,701 +25%
NON-BINARY	956	↑ +294 N/A
UNKNOWN	1,601	↑ +429 N/A



ENROLLMENT STATUS

Enrollment Status	Fall 2023	Change from 2022
FIRST-TIME	23,565	↑ +6,934 +42%
TRANSFER	10,607	↑ +3,220 +44%
RETURNING	9,913	↑ +2,061 +26%
CONTINUING	62,336	↑ +5,578 +10%
CONCURRENT HIGH SCHOOL	16,015	↑ +2,826 +21%
CONCURRENT ADULT SCHOOL	241	↑ +36 +18%

CLASS MODALITY & FILL RATE

CLASS MODALITY:	49% Remote	7% Hybrid	44% In-Person
FILL RATE:	78%	70%	69%

SOURCE: LACCD Office of Institutional Effectiveness

There has been a strong enrollment recovery in Fall 2023. Comparing Fall 2023 to Fall 2022, student headcount and enrollment are up 17% and 14%, respectively. Double-digit increases in headcount and enrollment are being seen at all colleges and, even with about 5% more class sections offered in Fall 2023 compared to Fall 2022, instructional productivity (enrollment per section) is showing a 9% increase, which will reverse the trend of declining average class size seen in previous fall semesters. Districtwide, comparing Fall 2023 to Fall 2022, there have been large increases in new students (+6,934; +42%), continuing students (+5,578; 10%), and concurrent high school students (+2,825; +21%). Increases across all age, gender, and ethnic groups are being observed, with large increases in the Under 20 (+4,273; +12%), 25-34 (+3,729; +16%), and 35-54 (+6,284; +46%) age groups, in male students (+10,701; +25%), and in Hispanic (+5,426; +8%) and Black students (+1,253; 13%). About 44% of classes are being taught in-person as compared with 49% remote and 7% hybrid. As seen in

previous semesters, remote classes continue to have the highest fill rate (78%) followed by hybrid (70%) and in-person (69%).

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



LACC held a reception and opening on September 7 for VAMA Manners: A Faculty Exhibition at the VAMA Gallery at LACC's DaVinci Hall. The exhibition will run through September 21.

On September 13, LACC teamed with the American Red Cross to hold a blood drive.

On September 15, LACC held a group viewing of the Zoom presentation of the California Law Pathways for Constitution Day.

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LACC launched their “Coffee with the President” meetings on September 18 and will hold meetings to meet and have conversations with President Gebru throughout the rest of the year.

LACC’s Dream Resource Center, supporting undocumented students, held a staff/faculty launch on September 18 and a student launch including music, food and giveaways on September 19.

On September 21, LACC held a free guided meditation on the soccer field to celebrate the International Day of Peace.

On September 21, 25 and 28th LACC’s ASG in collaboration with the LACC Foundation facilitated in-person scholarship workshops for students.

On September 22, LACC held a screening of the film “The Central Park Five,” a film by Ken Burns, David McMahon, and Sarah Burns.

On September 23, LACC participated in the Way2Success Community College Resource Fair held at the Red Shield in Pico-Union, providing student workshops and information on community college programs.

On September 26, LACC’s CTE Career Lab held the first of a series of career workshops offering career counseling from CTE counselors, live stream webinars and information on career paths.

On September 28th, LACC’s outreach team hosted the Los Angeles Unified School District’s Instructional Strategies meeting, with Superintendent Alberto Carvalho and Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, Dr. Karla Estrada. The event was attended by 150 LAUSD lead administrators, including the LAUSD Superintendent, Deputy Superintendents, Region Superintendents, and lead regional administrators.

On September 30 and October 1, LACC hosted the Los Angeles Black Expo.

On October 5, LACC host an unveiling of the King Sejong Statue, gifted by the Imperial Family Company. The event will take place on the LACC Main Quad at 11am.

On October 17, LACC will host the LAUSD Counselor to College Summit with approximately 150 counselors.

On October 19, LACC will host a Housing Forum.

The Los Angeles Business Journal featured an article on September 18 on the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's \$65,000 grant to aid cinema, television and journalism students at LACC.



National Hunger Action Month resulted with tons of media coming out to cover LACC's Monday Food Pantry.

Media coverage included:

KNBC, Channel 4

Telemundo

KABC, Channel 7

KCAL, Channel 9

KCBS, Channel 2





Vincent Price Art Museum & ELAC Unveil Gallery Named After Gloria Molina

East Los Angeles College (ELAC) and the Vincent Price Art Museum (VPAM) unveiled the newly renamed Gloria Molina Gallery on Friday, September 22nd. ELAC president Dr. Alberto Roman, LACCD board of trustees president David Vela, LACCD chancellor Dr. Francisco Rodriguez, and VPAM Foundation president Chelo Montoya along with Valentina Martinez, daughter of Gloria Molina, gave powerful remarks.

The unveiling was followed by a Town Hall celebrating Gloria Molina's life and accomplishments. A panel of various people connected to Gloria Molina's life spoke on her impact on politics, art and her commitment to her family. An ofrenda was also created to honor Gloria for the upcoming Día de Los Muertos holiday.



ELAC Women's Volleyball Team Off to Best Start in Program History

Back when East LA College head coach Dr. Elliott Walker took over the women's volleyball program, the team's annual win total was exceptionally low, and expectations were even lower. Those who were around to witness Dr. Walker's early years were happy that he increased the overall competitiveness of the program as well as the yearly win total. And yet, he has never had a team that could set its sights for the top of the SCC and also a state playoff berth.

Coach Walker's team is now sitting with a record of 15 wins and 2 losses and is undefeated at home. This season also already has included some firsts for the program. They defeated the Mt. San Antonio College Mounties for the first time in ELAC history and now are ranking in the top ten (#9) in the entire state of California.

To learn more about the program and check their website at <https://elacathletics.com/sports/wvball>



ELAC to host “Unincorporated”: East Los Angeles

ELAC will continue its Social Justice and Racial Equity Town Hall series with “Unincorporated”: East Los Angeles. The town hall brings focus to East Los Angeles (Unincorporated) in the late 70s and early 80s from a social, historical, political and cultural lens.

Alfonso “Fox” Orozco former photographer for Lowrider Magazine will takes us through a journey of Unincorporated East Los Angeles with his one-of-a-kind photos taken from this era.

There will also be a taste of East LA after the town hall with free food, music, and cars.

October 13, 2023
 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 S2 Recital Hall
[RSVP HERE](#)



Hispanic Heritage Month

Thursday, September 23, 2023 [Harbor hosted the Opening Ceremony](#) to launch the series of events for Hispanic Heritage Month. We had beautiful music by [Mariachi Lindas](#) an All-female Mariachi and delicious Pupas! Our Keynote Speaker, Dr. Jennifer Galvez, Director of the Dolores Huerta Labor Institute for LACCD encouraged and inspired us all. The ambiance truly captures the essence of the Hispanic Culture.

Events will be hosted through October 17 – [check out the calendar](#).

Grants Awarded, CA Community College Homelessness & Housing Insecurity Grant

In July 2019 the California State Legislature passed the 2019-2020 State Budget Bill – AB74 which allocated new funding – the first of its kind – to address homelessness among college students. Harbor College was awarded the CA Community College Homelessness & Housing Insecurity Grant. As a result, we will be able to assist students who may need assistance prior to becoming homeless using Problem Solving Tools. We are grateful to be able to offer this to our students.

Alcanzando el Éxito (AEE) Spanish for Achieving Success

Harbor College was awarded the AEE Grant - \$3,000,000 for five (5) years, to strategically expand and enhance educational opportunities to ensure Hispanic and low-income students attain postsecondary degrees in a timely manner. AEE reflects the college's commitment to the advancement of equity and pedagogy and student services to provide pathways to academic and career success.

Hall of Fame

Eleven former LAHC Athletes will be inducted on Saturday, September 30, 2023. Family and friends, including our Coaches and current Athletes will enjoy of evening of stories from the Legends! [Check out a short video highlighting the Inductees.](#)

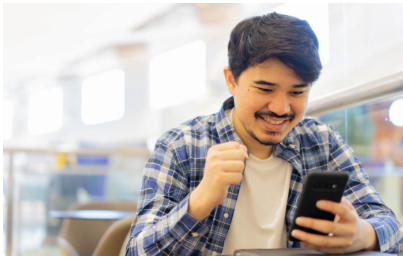


Campus Life

[Our calendars](#) are filled with activities to engage students this Fall Semester. From Transfer workshops, to Halloween fun activities, we have it all!



Financial Aid & Empowerment Workshops



Throughout September, Los Angeles Mission College hosted a series of workshops to educate students about Financial Aid and the importance of personal financial management.

The weekly workshops were split into two parts – first, students attended a Financial Aid workshop to review their eligibility, the application, and deadlines. The next day, they learned the ins and outs of personal finance management and discovered new tools to help them manage their finances. Personal finance workshops were offered in both English and Spanish.



Transfer Tuesdays

From September through the end of November, every Tuesday at LAMC is Transfer Tuesday! This college-wide initiative was started to raise awareness about the fall CSU and UC transfer deadline by encouraging faculty and staff to wear apparel from their alma mater and favorite universities.



Industry Day @LAMC



STEM Department Hosts 2nd Annual "Magic of Science"

On Friday, October 6th, Los Angeles Mission College will host its 2nd Annual Industry Day. Local business and industry partners from the northeast Valley have been invited to learn about LAMC's Academic Pathways & programs and how they can partner with the college to establish internship & job candidate pipelines. DIY Girls Founder and 43rd District Assemblywoman **Luz Rivas** will serve as this year's keynote speaker.

On Saturday, October 21st, our STEM Department will host their 2nd Annual Magic of Science (Magia de Ciencia) at the Center for Math & Science Building at East Campus. This family-friendly event encourages kids and adults of all ages to discover the magic of science with a fun day full of science activities and experiments.

Oktoberfest Tickets Are Still Available

Don't miss the Valley's premier Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 7th!

Join us as we turn our Culinary Arts Patio into a Biergarten, featuring local craft beers from 818 Brewing, San Fernando Brewing Co., and Shadowgrove Brewing, with wine exclusively provided by Napa-based winery Vino Unidos. Bavarian-style cuisine will be prepared by our award-winning Culinary Arts program.

Beer & wine tasting, **all-you-can-eat-food**, and entertainment are included with admission. Visit lamission.edu/oktoberfest and get your tickets today. **PROST!**



LAMC to Host Lecture with Acclaimed Los Angeles Artist Salomon Huerta

On Tuesday, October 10th, Los Angeles Mission College will host a guest artist lecture at the college's Arts, Media & Performance Theater, featuring renowned Los Angeles-based artist, Salomon Huerta.

Celebrated for his powerful blend of contemporary and introspective elements, Huerta's distinctive style, characterized by striking portraiture and vibrant colors, has earned him international acclaim, and has left an enduring impact on the art world. Huerta will take attendees on a deep dive into his personal creative journey, exploring the inspirations that have shaped his artistic vision while gaining insight into his creative process. Huerta will also share personal anecdotes and stories behind some of his most iconic pieces, offering a rare glimpse into the mind of a true artistic luminary.

This event is free and open to the public. To RSVP for this event, please visit lamission.edu/huerta





Brahma Bodega staff and volunteers package food for students

Heavy Demand for Basic Resources at Pierce College Bodega

The trend of heavy usage of the Brahma Bodega continues this Fall 2023. In addition to 200 hot lunches daily and 120 EveryTable pre-packaged meals per week served to students, an average of 150 students have visited the Bodega weekly for canned goods, bags of rice and beans, and various produce. In addition to ready-to-eat meals and pantry service, LAPC continues collaborating with Student Lunchbox to distribute fresh produce and other USDA products twice a month. Last year, the Bodega served over 1100 students and distributed about 43 thousand pounds of food. From summer and just the first few weeks of fall, the Bodega has already seen over 900 students seeking food assistance. The increase in demand has prompted Pierce to continue to expand partnerships to access more food for distribution and to apply for a grant through Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council.



La Marisoul and La Santa Cecilia



Student Services Team and ASO President

Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month Celebration

As a proud Hispanic Serving Institute (HSI), Pierce College opened Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month celebration and recognition with two fun yet educational events last Wednesday, September 20. “Holy Guacamole!” took on the history and importance of the avocado to the Mexican and indigenous people of the area. Students also made guacamole and shared their families’ food traditions.

Held at the LAPC Performing Arts Theater, the Grammy winning La Marisoul and La Santa Cecilia offered a musical performance and lecture; as well as, a Q&A session that provided the audience an insight on how music, culture, life experiences, and social advocacy influence each other and the artist.

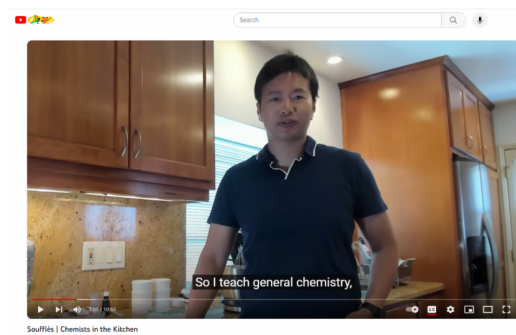
Thank you to the Multicultural Center Team and Professor Angelita Rovero for the awesome kick-off. For information on Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month events, visit: <https://www.lapc.edu/campus-life/events>.



Students with their new laptops.

Child Development Department Apprenticeship Program Fall 2023 Cohort

The LAPC Child Development Department has started an apprenticeship program for parents of children in early childhood programs. Funded by California Apprenticeship Initiative and in collaboration with organizations like CCRC, Volunteers of America, and ECEPT, the program provides parents who may not see themselves as “college material” a chance to earn a certificate, state permit, and an AA degree. This year’s inaugural cohort has 24 students, exceeding the



Professor Benny Ng in the kitchen

Chemistry Professor Benny Ng in “Chemists in the Kitchen”

Since his syllabus video with Snoop Dogg went viral in 2020, Professor Benny Ng continues his multimedia approach to teaching Chemistry AND culture through food on the popular LabX YouTube Channel and program “Chemists in the Kitchen.” In the two episodes featuring Professor Ng, he shared with other chemists and biologists his childhood comfort food, taught other chemists how to make tofu pudding, and discussed the science behind the recipe and ingredient. LabX is funded by the

requirement of 20 students per year. Each student earns free tuition and fees, access to tutoring, and free resources like laptop to ensure all learners are successful. Thank you to the Child Development chair Patricia Doelitzsch and her amazing team for this life-changing opportunity.

National Academy of Science to bring science and culture to the general public. Check out Professor Ng's episodes: https://youtu.be/_qDFERKop-E?feature=shared.



Peer2Peer Mentor



Industrial Technology Club



Film Club



Wanted

Fall 2023 Club Rush

Held on September 13 and 14, 2023, LAPC Associated Student Organization's Fall 2023 Wild Western-themed Club Rush saw a busy two days on the Campus Mall. With over 50 clubs and organizations to choose from, Brahmans have many options for clubs to choose from. Several exhibitors, including the Pierce College Farm and Petting Zoo, were also a hit with students. Thank you to Student Leadership Coordinator Lara Conrady Wong and all of the clubs and advisors who were present to recruit new members!





Fernando Pullum Community Arts Center

On August 31, 2023, the Los Angeles Sentinel published an article about Fernando Pullum transforming lives of Los Angeles youth through arts and music. Professor Pullum is an adjunct professor in Arts and Humanities at LASC. In 2001 he established the Fernando Pullum Community Arts Center which has been serving Leimert Park Village for 22 years. The Pullum Center offers free performing arts classes to underserved youth, serving more than 1,200 students, ages 5-20.

<https://lasentinel.net/fernando-pullum-transforms-lives-of-l-a-youth-through-arts-and-music.html>

12 SEPTEMBER
STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES
SSB 116 9AM-2:30PM

26 SEPTEMBER
STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES
SSB 116 9AM-2:30PM

27 SEPTEMBER
DACA UPDATES & ADVANCE PAROLE PRESENTATION
ZOOM 12PM -1PM

CONTACT US
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323.388.3851

DRC EVENTS

DACA Program Update

On September 27, 2023, the LASC Dream Resource Center will host a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) updates presentation provided by the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA). On September 13, 2023, Judge Andrew Hanen, a federal judge in Texas, ruled against the DACA program. This decision is expected to be appealed first to the Fifth Circuit and then will likely end up at the Supreme Court. The LASC Dream Resource Center provides free immigration legal consultations for students, staff, and faculty. These services are offered by the

Los Angeles Southwest College
Is Celebrating
NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
Please Join Us For A
Latin Jam Dance Party
Featuring
Stephanie Stevenson
"THE PRINCESS OF SALSA"
Tuesday, October 3, 2023
11:00am
LAKIN CENTER (GYM) - ROOM 211
The LASC Cultural, Heritage, & the Arts Events & Advisory Collective

Latin Jam Dance Party

On October 3, 2023, LASC will celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month by hosting a Latin Jam Dance Party. Special guest includes Stephanie Stevenson, aka the "Princess of Salsa". Ms. Stevenson is a Los Angeles-based Salsa dancer, choreographer and fitness instructor. She has over 25 years of dance experience, is the Undefeated Women's Solo Champion in Salsa, and has traveled over 30 countries as a performer, teacher, and choreographer, most notably choreographing for hit shows like "Dancing with the Stars" and "So You

CHIRLA. Through this partnership the DACA Renewal Immigration fees (\$425) are covered.

"Think You Can Dance." Students, staff, and the community are invited to enjoy the celebration.



LATTC Welcomes New CMU Students

Trade-Tech's first weeks of fall semester were full and exciting as the college welcomed new and returning students to campus. On September 8, Dr. McQuarters provided opening remarks during the Construction, Maintenance & Utilities pathway orientation which greeted hundreds of future carpenters, electricians, welders, line workers, and engineers. The pathway is Trade-Tech's largest with over 2,500 students enrolled for fall 2023.



Left: LATTC President McQuarters with ASO Treasurer Diara McBroom, ASO Vice President Mars Rodriguez, and ASO President Kenny McDaniel



Right: President McQuarters swears in ASO President Kenny McDaniel.

LATTC Celebrates Constitution Day

On September 20, LATTC was pleased to celebrate Constitution Day. LATTC's Associated Student Organization (ASO) President Kenny McDaniel served as the event's emcee and welcomed guests before inviting LATTC President McQuarters to the stage. Additional remarks were provided by LATTC History Professor Maria Martinez, Veterans Resource Center Director Kookie Williams, and African American Studies Professor IFe Jle. Speakers encouraged attendees to promote positive and meaningful change in their own communities. The event concluded with the swearing in of this year's ASO Board members.



LATTC's Basic Needs Food Pantry Starts Strong for Fall Semester

LATTC was pleased to kick off its fall Basic Needs Food Pantry in September. The college's first pantry on September 7 distributed fresh produce and non-perishable items to 132 guests with its second distribution on September 21 going to 162 guests. Food Pantry continues every other Thursday from 11 am–1 pm.

LATTC Fall 2023 Food Pantry Schedule:

- Thursday, October 5

- Thursday, October 19
- Thursday, November 2
- Thursday, November 16
- Thursday, November 30
- Thursday, December 14

Upcoming Events

Reentry Resource & Job Fair

Wednesday, October 25, 2023
10 am–2 pm

[RSVP](#)

Project Impact of the Los Angeles Mayor's Office and LATTC's Reentry and Employment and Career Success Pathways are pleased to present The Reentry Resource and Job Fair. The event will feature a breadth of resources available to our justice impacted community including expungement, ticket clearing, and ID's, as well as employers looking to hire. All are welcome.

LA Chef Conference

Monday, October 30, 2023

[Learn more](#)

LATTC is the host location for the 2023 LA Chef Conference. The major annual event is geared toward the chef and restaurant industry and will feature panels and live cooking demonstrations with some of the biggest names in the food industry. In concert with the conference, a new mentorship program will select five Trade-Tech Culinary Arts students who will be awarded \$1,000 each and be paired with a leading industry mentor to further their growth and education in culinary arts.





LAUSD Region North students met with LA Valley, LA Mission and LA Pierce, UC, CSU and private college and university representatives at CollegeFest.



Black students and families attend a Black Excellence and Empowerment Summit workshop presented with the Village Nation and LAUSD's Black Student Achievement Plan.

11th Annual College Fest with LAUSD Region North

LA Valley College, Mission, and Pierce College hosted the 11th annual College Fest for LAUSD Region North at LAVC on Saturday, October 7. The event, which was open to the public, was targeted towards LAUSD students in the San Fernando Valley and surrounding area. About 3,000 students and their families met college/university representatives and attended workshops on topics ranging from UC/CSU/private school admissions, Financial Aid, College Promise, Black Excellence, and foster youth/special programs!





Students picnicked in Monarch Square with their free lunch from the Unity Center, and participated in a fun drum circle.

Bringing Students Together at the Unity Picnic

On September 13, the Rainbow Pride Center, Basic Needs Center, and Dream Resource Center in LAVC's Mosaic Village: Unity Center hosted a Unity Picnic with a drum circle and free lunch on September 13. It distributed 200 lunches and 200 welcome bags to students on campus.



Students pick up fresh produce and non-perishable food at the weekly Monarch's Market staffed by the LAVC Basic Needs Center.

LAVC Monarchs Market Food Distribution Helps Students in Need

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

More LAVC Activities



The LAVC Veterans Club hosted an info session on September 19, 2023 in the Veterans Resource Center to help veterans learn more about the club and meet other students.



Trustee Andra Hoffman with Juan Castellanos and counseling interns Lucia Martinez and Javier Cano at the Forging Equitable Futures for Student Parents in California Summit on September 15, 2023.

Upcoming Events

In-Person Monarch Registration Day
Wednesday, October 18

Walk-in Counseling, Financial Aid assistance, chat with Admissions, and get one-on-one help registration assistance to enroll in Fall 2nd 8-week classes.

Relay for Life Across the Greater Valley
Saturday, October 21

The American Cancer Society is holding a [Relay for Life Across the Greater Valley](#) at the LAVC's Soccer Field.

Fall 2023 Media Arts Student Showcase
Friday, October 27

The LAVC Media Arts Department proudly presents a [Media Arts Showcase](#) of student films from Spring 2023. Free admission.

"Harvest Your Future" Career Fair
Thursday, November 2

LAVC Workforce Development, LAVC LAEP and LAVC Cooperative Education invite students and the public to find career opportunities at the Harvest Your Future Career Fair.





College President Selected for Aspen Fellowship

WLAC President James M. Limbaugh has been selected to participate in the inaugural cohort of the Aspen Institute's Presidents Fellowship. Leaders were selected through a competitive process based on their commitment to student success and equity, willingness to take bold steps to improve outcomes, understanding of the importance of community partnerships, and ability to lead lasting change aimed at improving student outcomes. As a fellow, Dr. Limbaugh will spend a year learning from and collaborating with top community college experts to sharpen strategic reform strategies. Learn more here: [LINK](#)

This honor is in addition to West having been named to the 2023 Aspen Institute Top 150 list of community colleges. President Barak Obama once described the Aspen Prize as "basically the Oscars for great community colleges."



This class of fellows represents the diversity of our nation's community colleges. They lead institutions across 14 states that

collectively educate over 280,000 students in incredibly varied settings, from a rural college of 700 students to an urban one with enrollment over 24,000. The incoming class of Presidents Fellows is 56 percent women and 44 percent people of color.

"I'm privileged to be a member of the inaugural cohort of the Aspen Institute's Presidents Fellowship as West builds on its Aspen Top 150 designation and continues our focus on equity and student success," said Dr. Limbaugh.



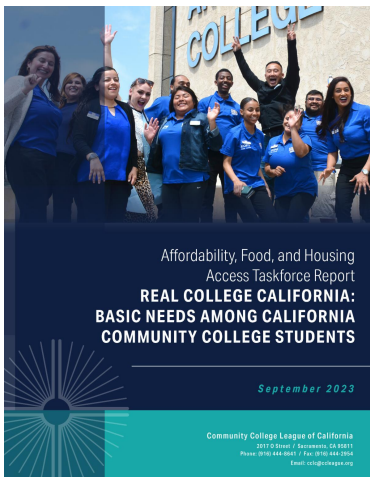
Apprenticeships & Related Programs Seeding Job Pipelines

Dental Assisting: West has launched its ninth Dental Assistant Apprenticeship cohort, with 38 apprentices, with three different employer partners, and 5 participants from the DPSS Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) opportunity program.

Early Childhood Education: The fourth apprenticeship cohort of 40 students pursuing careers in early childhood education launches in October. These students will take the 4 courses required by the state of CA to obtain the associate teacher permit and complete 2000 hours of paid, on-the-job training.

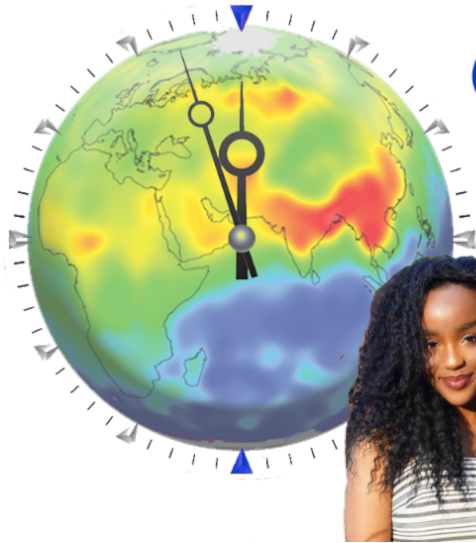
Upskilling for LAX Workers: In partnership with the nonprofit "Building Skills Partnership", a nonprofit that assists property service workers with career advancement, West launched its first cohort of 13 LAX workers looking to upskill to more advanced positions at LAX. This cohort will take a variety of courses at West to learn about the different career opportunities at LAX, including aviation maintenance, and then receive assistance with enrolling in specialized career courses.

Boeing Recruiting: In September, Boeing met with over 80 aviation technology students to describe employment opportunities with Boeing.



On the Cover

A WLAC photo of the EOPS team was selected to grace the cover of the Community College League of California's September 2023 report on basic needs among California community college students.



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GUEST SPEAKER

Wanjiku “Wawa” Gatheru

Coming Soon

Events details at [WLAC.edu/News/Westweek](https://www.wlac.edu/news/westweek)

September 26: University Transfer Fair

October 10: Hispanic Heritage Celebration

October 24 – 26: Climate Palooza

Oct 24: Climate Action Day featuring guest speaker Wanjiku “Wawa” Gatheru, climate storyteller and youth activist

Oct 25: Hackathon – Greening Gaming

Oct 26: Climate Careers Conference



In The News

[Where to get a low-cost bachelor’s degree close to home and a job lead: Community college](#)

Los Angeles Times

[The ‘Frida and Diego’ of L.A.; Married muralists come full circle at Roosevelt High in Boyle Heights](#)

Los Angeles Times

[Hangul Day to be honored with unveiling of King Sejong statue on Oct. 5](#)

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[Becky G Teams Up With Cheetos For Scholarship Giveaway](#)

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Billboard

[Apple Adds \\$25 Million to Racial Equity and Justice Initiative, Increasing Financial Commitment to over \\$200M since 2020 – News On Media](#)

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[Community College District Moves into Student/Workforce Housing](#)

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