



February 2024

Dear LACCD Colleagues,

The spring semester is successfully underway, and our spring enrollment has seen a remarkable increase of 20% in enrollments compared to last year—a historic mark for the District's nine colleges!

Our District-wide Black History Month celebrations and events are also well underway. Our nine colleges and District Office are hosting a series of dynamic events and programs, and you are cordially invited to participate. Here are a few highlights and announcements to share:

- Our colleges sponsored and participated in the Black College Expo on February 10 at the Los Angeles Convention Center.
- The African American Outreach Initiative (AAOI) will accept [scholarship applications](#) for aspiring colleges, beginning February 15.
- Our Umoja community at the colleges has curated thought-provoking events throughout the month that delve into the rich history, culture, and achievements of the Black community. Please check with your local colleges.
- LACCD is proud [to announce our agreement with African American Male Education Network & Development \(A2MEND\)](#), a leading organization that supports the success and advancement of African American men in education.

To access detailed information about all the Black History Month events at each college, please visit the [LACCD Black History Month website](#).

I am also proud to share that our District has been actively engaged in legislative efforts to advocate for [SB 895](#) (Roth) to address California's nursing shortage. As a co-sponsor of this bill, we are supporting a law change that would allow community colleges to offer a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

Lastly, my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your dedicated work and collective efforts during the recent severe rainstorms that affected our region. Your cooperation and support ensured the safety and well-being of our LACCD and the surrounding community.

Thank you and my best wishes for a strong start to the spring semester.



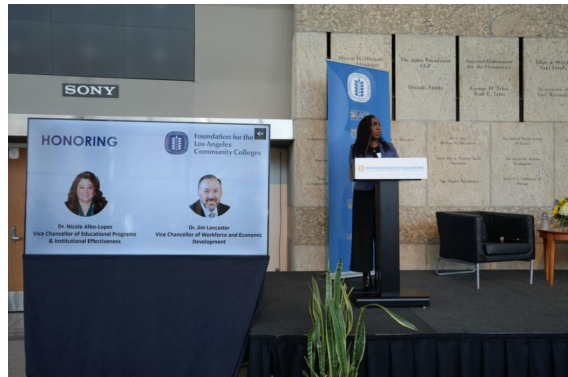
Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D.
Chancellor
Los Angeles Community College District

District Office Events & Updates



Spring 2024 Scholarships

This spring the Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges will award more than \$200,000 in scholarships and basic needs grants. Students from across LACCD can review the opportunities and apply **through the “Scholarships” tab in their student portal** or through this **direct link**.



Celebrating LACCD Leadership & Programs

On Friday, February 9th, the Foundation hosted 100 supporters and special guests at the Japanese American National Museum to recognize LACCD Vice Chancellors Dr. Nicole Albo-Lopez and Dr. Jim

Lancaster, both appointed to their roles in 2023, and to learn more about the work of the Foundation and LACCD expanding educational access and economic mobility.



2024 Legislative Advocacy in Sacramento California and Washington D.C.

Board President Nichelle Henderson led the LACCD Delegation to the 2024 Community College League of California (CCLC) Annual Legislative Conference and Sacramento Legislative Lobby Day on January 28-29, 2024. The Delegation included Vice President Kelsey Iino, 2nd Vice President Sara Hernandez, Trustees David Vela, Steve Veres, Andra Hoffman, and Student Trustee Alexy Cordova.

The Team met with Assemblymembers and Senators representing the 9 LACCD colleges, as well as key staff in the Governor's Office, Lt. Governor's Office, and Assembly and Senate Education and Budget Committees. The LACCD Delegation discussed [LACCD's 2024 State](#)

[Legislative and Budget Priorities](#). Many of the Bills have been introduced and are beginning their journey through the legislative process.

In addition, Vice President Hernandez led a workshop entitled "Student Success Begins When Homelessness Ends: How to Tackle Student Housing" which included panelists Vice Chancellor Nicole Albo-Lopez, LACCD Foundation Director Kelly King, and LA Room and Board CEO Sam Prater. Trustee Hoffman, CCCT Board President, also moderated a workshop titled "Amplifying Women's Voices for our Community Colleges: Building Your Advocacy Strengths." She also introduced Senator Roth and keynote, former Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye who now serves as President of the Public Policy Institute.



Board President Nichelle Henderson led the LACCD Board delegation to the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) 2024 National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C., on February 4-7, 2024. The Delegation also included Vice President Iino, 2nd Vice President Hernandez, and Trustees Vela and Hoffman.

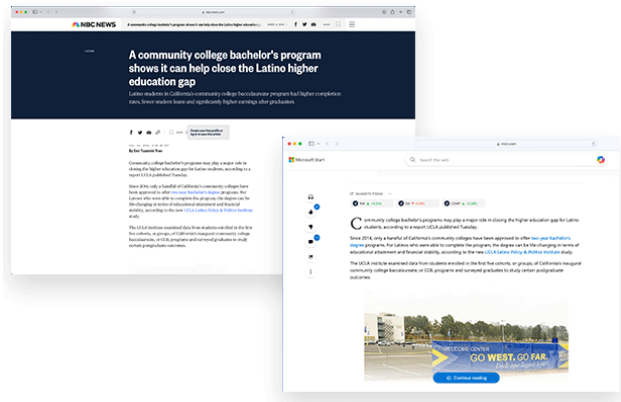
The Team met with United States Senators Alex Padilla and Laphonza Butler, and several House Representatives representing LACCD colleges. The Delegation briefed members on the progress made on LACCD's received FY 2022 and FY 2023 Community Project Funding grants, LACCD's Housing Initiative, and [LACCD's 2024 Federal Legislative Priorities](#).

Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez joined virtually in meetings with the Department of Labor and Department of Housing and Urban Development Administration. Ms. Maria Luisa Veloz provided staff support to the Sacramento and Washington DC delegations. This year marks another very aggressive and exciting advocacy year for the LACCD.



Community Colleges - Episode 506: Community College Bachelor's Degrees Inside California Education

Students enrolled in one of the most respected dental hygiene programs in the country at West Los Angeles College can earn a bachelor's degree and be prepared to enter the workforce. Also, meet Bakersfield high school students who will graduate with both a high school diploma and an associate's degree, discover why the sky's the limit for careers in the drone industry at one San Diego County community college, and see how this Sacramento community college is helping to expand the childcare workforce.



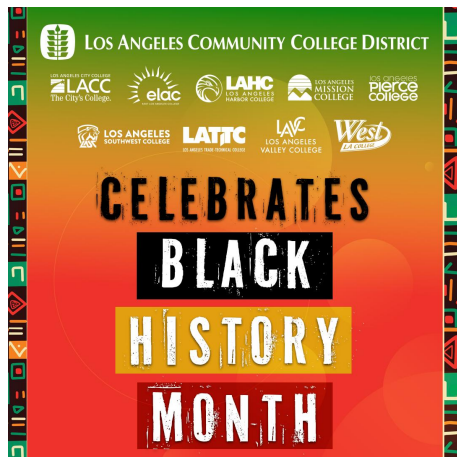
In the news, West Los Angeles Community College bachelor program

How a community college bachelor's program can help close the Latino higher education gap NBC News

"Community college bachelor's programs may play a major role in closing the higher education gap for Latino students, according to a report UCLA published Tuesday."...[view full article](#)

Can a community college bachelor's program help close this group's higher education gap? MSN

"Since 2014, only a handful of California's community colleges have been approved to offer two-year bachelor's degree programs."...[view full article](#)



Across our nine colleges and District Office we are hosting a series of dynamic events and programs, and you are cordially invited to participate. Visit our dedicated [LACCD Black History Month website](#)



Mayor Bass invited regional leaders to an event alongside the African American Mayors Association. President McQuarters, President Gebru and President Culpepper attended.

2024 California Cybersecurity Workforce Development and Education Summit





**2024 CALIFORNIA
CYBERSECURITY
WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT AND
EDUCATION SUMMIT**

LAVC
LOS ANGELES
VALLEY COLLEGE

Friday, March 8 2024
8:30 - 4:30 pm
Los Angeles Valley College

Bringing together key California cybersecurity stakeholders and major partnerships for collaboration, networking, and future activity.

Los Angeles Valley College, 5800 Fulton Avenue Los Angeles, CA 91401
Friday, March 8, 2024
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

[Register now](#)





LACCD Enrollment Update

Spring 2024 TO Spring 2023 COMPARISONS

DAY 7 - RELATIVE TO THE BEGINNING OF INSTRUCTION

Relative Day Comparisons for Day 7, comparing Spring 2024 (Monday, February 12, 2024) to Spring 2023 (Monday, February 13, 2023). Data source: LACCD PS Student Information System.

HEADCOUNT
114,610
115%
99,717

ENROLLMENT
252,059
118%
212,960

SECTION COUNT
9,829
101%
9,737

ENROLLMENT DIVIDED BY SECTION
25.6
117%
21.9

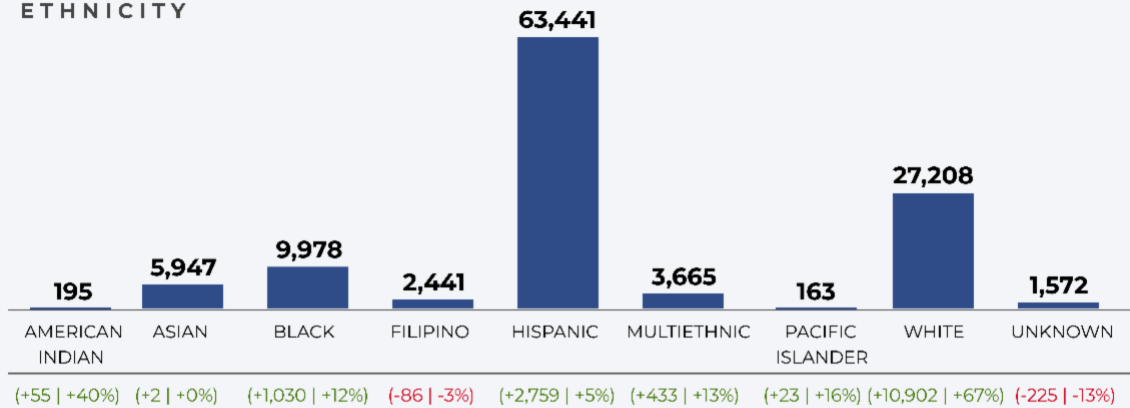
GENDER

	Spring 2024	Change from 2023
FEMALE	61,872	↑ +5,837 +10%
MALE	50,250	↑ +8,535 +21%
NON-BINARY	942	↑ +196 N/A
UNKNOWN	1,546	↑ +325 N/A

AGE

	Spring 2024	Change from 2023
UNDER 20	39,191	↑ +3,643 +10%
20-24	25,698	↑ +384 +2%
25-34	25,206	↑ +3,200 +15%
35-54	19,350	↑ +5,978 +45%
55 & OVER	5,165	↑ +1,688 +49%

ETHNICITY



CLASS MODALITY & FILL RATE

CLASS MODALITY:	48% Remote	8% Hybrid	45% In-Person
FILL RATE:	83%	67%	66%

SOURCE: LACCD Office of Institutional Effectiveness

Spring 2024 Enrollment Update:

Comparing Spring 2024 to Spring 2023 as of day 7 of the semester, districtwide, student headcount is up by 15% and enrollment is up by 18% while class offerings show a 1% increase and enrollment per section is up by 17%. Increases are observed for nearly every age, gender, and ethnic group with large increases for female students (+5,837; +10%), male students (+8,535; +21%), students under age 20 (+3,643; +10%), students age 25-34 (+3,200; +15%), students age 35-54 (+5,978; +45%), Hispanic students (+2,759; +5%), Black students (+1,030; +12%), and White students (+10,902; +67%). 48% of classes are being taught remotely, 45% are in-person, and 8% are hybrid. Remote classes continue to

have the highest fill rate (83%) followed by hybrid (67%) and in-person (66%) classes. Spring 2024 semester instruction started on Feb. 5, 2024 and the census date for full-term classes is Feb. 20, 2024.

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

Campus Events & Updates



Enrollment Fair

On January 20, LACC held a free Enrollment Fair in the Student Union. LACC staff helped students enroll and get started on a pathway to earning a degree, transferring to a university, or training for a new career. The college was open for in-person application and registration assistance and to answer questions about our academic programs, student services and more.

LACC Held a Web Training Session with District IT

LACC held a web training session with District IT on editing and navigating the LACC website on January 23. More than 50 faculty and staff attended.

Beat the Rush

LACC held Beat the Rush (January 29 to February 3) and Welcome Weeks (February 5 to February 10) offering extended hours for students.

[View the Beat the Rush PDF](#)

LACC's VAMA Gallery Hosts Fabricated Truths

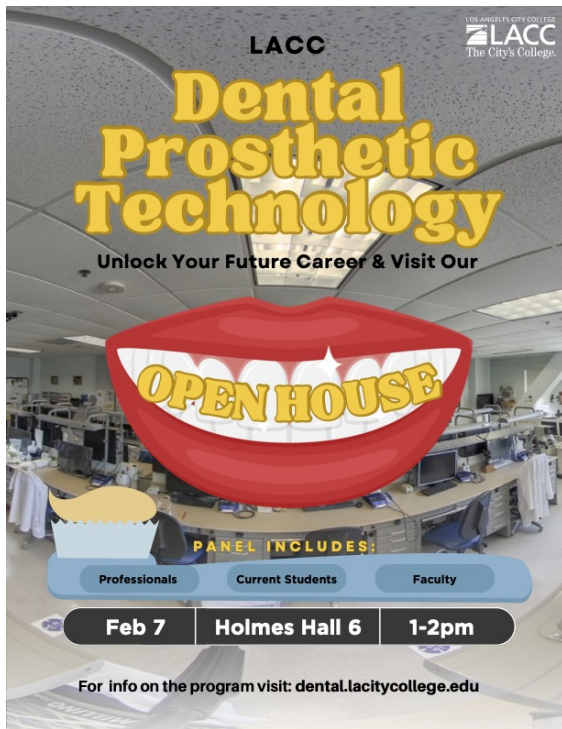
LACC's VAMA Gallery hosted Fabricated Truths, an exhibit by LA-based artists Mike Norice and Macha Suzuk, on February 7. The exhibit will run through March 7. An opening reception was held On February 7 from 5 to 8pm at LACC's DH Gallery.



LACC Lunar New Year Celebration

LACC faculty, staff and students dressed in festive attire for the LACC Lunar New Year Celebration on February 8, 2024.

[View footage from KABC-TV](#)



LACC's Dental Prosthetic Tech Department Holds Open House

LACC's Dental Prosthetic Technology Department held an Open house on February 7 from 1 to 2pm in Holmes Hall 6.



LACC Hosts the LA County District Attorney Candidate Forum

LACC, the LA City Attorney Coalition, the League of Women Voters of Greater Los Angeles, ACLU-SoCal, NAMI Greater Los Angeles and Nami Urban LA hosted a Los Angeles County District Attorney Candidate Forum on Monday, February 12 from 4 to 5:30pm in the Student Union. Candidates Debra Archuleta, Jeff Chemerinsky, George Gascon, Jonathon Hatami, Nathan Hochman, Dan Kapelovitz, Lloyd "Bobcat" Masson, John Mckinney, David Milton, Craig Mitchell, Maria Ramirez and Eric Siddall discussed their campaigns for this open seat. Rita Zwern, member of the League of Women Voters of Greater Los Angeles, moderated the event.

[View the LA County District Attorney Candidate Forum PDF](#)



Black History Month

Black History: Falling in Love with the Truth Film

On February 14, LACC will screen *MLK/FBI* (2020) by Sam Pollard. Legendary film director, Sam Pollard delves into recently discovered and declassified files and footage to examine Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s relationship with the FBI during that time.

Black Joy As A Form of Resistance

On February 21, LACC's RESJ (Race, Equity and Social Justice) in partnership with Umoja will host a lunch for students, faculty, and staff to explore joy as a form of resistance. The event will center around an open conversation with guests who have established successful careers and lives and how they tapped into joy to navigate that journey.

The event will open with a Spoken Word artist who will present a piece pertaining to the theme of Black Joy.



ELAC Partners with LA Metro to Host Community Meeting

ELAC was the host site for two community resource meetings with LA Metro. The meetings were held at both the Monterey Park and South Gate campuses. Community partners were on hand to give out resources to attendees.

Those on hand learned more about the draft Long Beach to East Los Angeles Corridor Investment Plan and provided input on the recommended projects and funding strategies identified to improve mobility and safety for the communities between Long Beach and East Los Angeles.

Metro has a plan to improve the shared I-710 South Corridor transportation system to provide safe, quality multimodal options for moving people and goods. Their improvements will foster clean air (zero emissions), healthy and sustainable communities, and economic empowerment for all residents, communities, and users along the corridor.

From this hub, you can:

- Review project information
- Explore an interactive map
- View past meetings' videos/materials
- Read the [project fact sheet](#)

- Get involved in the planning process by attending upcoming [Task Force and Public Meetings](#)

ELAC Theater Host a Career in Theatre Administration Symposium

The ELAC Theatre Department hosted a Career in Theatre Administration Symposium in the last week of January. It offered an invaluable platform for individuals aspiring to embark on a career in the dynamic field of theater administration.

This symposium serves as a nexus where industry professionals, seasoned administrators, and budding enthusiasts converge to share insights, exchange ideas, and explore the multifaceted aspects of managing theatrical endeavors. Attendees had the unique opportunity to glean wisdom from accomplished speakers who have navigated the intricacies of theatrical administration, covering topics such as production management, budgeting, marketing, and the ever-evolving landscape of the performing arts industry.

Through engaging panel discussions, interactive workshops, and networking sessions, participants gained a comprehensive understanding of the skills and knowledge required to succeed in theatre administration.



LAUSD Region South @ Harbor College

LA Harbor College hosted LAUSD Region South Schools for the Cash for College Event. Over 1,000 students attended learn more about college and being their FAFSA Application. Excitement was in the air the [Dorsey HS Drill Team](#), Banning High Marching Band and Drill Team, Gardena High and more. LAUSD Superintendent Mr. Alberto Carvalho toured the campus along with Mr. Andre Spicer Region South Superintendent. Channel 7 News was there to capture the day.

Black History Month

On February 7, 10 am to 2:30 pm at Harbor's Student Union Quad area, we will host the Black History Month Kick Off. Teye Sa Thiosane will provide performances and programs in West African song, music and dance. It will be a fabulous interactive celebration of African Heritage. Visit the [Umoja Community page](#) for additional events and details.

[View Black History Month Events and Activities PDF](#)

[View Black History Month Events Calendar PDF](#)



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[Congratulations to Coach Caballero and Women's Soccer Athletes](#)

Congratulations to Andrea Reyes and Yamna Areola for earning the Scholar All-American Award from the United Soccer Coaches Association for their academic achievements. 33 athletes in the nation earned this prestigious award, and our program earned two! Andrea (3.88 GPA) and Yamna (3.72) are dedicated to academics and athletics. The students received the Scholar All-American award for athletic and academic achievements. **[This is the first time in LAHC women's soccer history that we earned a scholar All-American award.](#)**

The award was given to them in person at the Annual United Soccer Coaches Convention in Anaheim, CA on January 13, 2024.

[Registration, Registration, Registration](#)

Harbor hosted registration events to serve our students! Wednesday, January 31 registration event from 9 am to 7 pm to accommodate our working students. If a weekend works best for students, we got you! We had registration on February 3 and 10, 9 am to 2 pm in the Welcome Center.



**Dream Resource Center
Scholars Start Paid
Internships**



**Macbeth Takes Center Stage
at Kennedy Center Theatre
Festival**

On January 2nd, our Dream Resource Center (DRC) Scholars officially started their internships on campus. These apprenticeships were created to financially support our undocumented students who do not qualify for federal work-study programs while providing crucial work experience and mentorship opportunities in their chosen majors.

Students have started their internships in Multimedia, Biotechnology, and at our Dream Resource Center. Each student receives a \$1,000 monthly stipend, which is made possible through a blended contribution from the LAMC Foundation and generous monthly payroll deductions from our faculty and staff.



Los Angeles Mission College's **Fall 2023 Theatre Production of Macbeth** has been invited to be presented at the **56th Kennedy Center American College Theater (KCACTF) Region 8 Festival** in February at Glendale Community College in Glendale, CA.

Macbeth is one of only four productions to be invited from Region 8, which includes colleges and universities from Arizona, Central and Southern California, Hawaii, Southern Nevada, Utah, and Guam. A Kennedy Center committee will attend and evaluate each invited production in all eight regions.

LAMC Celebrates Black History Month

Los Angeles Mission College has a full month of festivities planned for Black History Month, highlighted by an interactive discussion with poet, civil rights activist, journalist, and author Kevin Powell, and an art exhibition showcasing the works of five visionary Los Angeles Black artists.

For a complete list of events, please visit lamission.edu/bhm24.



Free Tax Services Available for Students and the Community

Through a partnership with California State University Northridge's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Clinic, Los Angeles Mission College will provide free tax return services to students and community members who made under \$64,000 in 2023.

VITA clinics will be held every Saturday from February 10 through April 13 (closed



Voting Center @LAMC

Los Angeles Mission College has partnered with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office and will serve as a voting center for the 2024 Presidential Primary Election. The center will be open for early voting from 10 am to 7 pm on Saturday, March 2nd through Sunday, March 4th, and from 7 am to 8 pm on Tuesday, March 5th, for Election Day.

February 17 and March 30) from 9:30 am to 3 pm, with a special last chance event on Monday, April 15th, from 6:30–9 pm, just in time for Tax Day. For more information, [please visit our website](#).



Inspiring Inclusion on International Women's Day

LAMC will host the California Community Colleges Women's Caucus annual meeting to celebrate International Women's Day on Friday, March 8th. This year's theme is Inspire Inclusion which aims to foster community, discuss ways to explore and pursue non-traditional career pathways, and present the Caucus' Leadership Awards.

For more information, including how to RSVP to this event, [please visit our website](#).



Spring Enrollment – Super Saturday

Los Angeles Pierce College continues to support access and enrollment to our community through Super Saturdays! This past January, three Super Saturdays were held to assist students with application completion, FAFSA submission, counseling, registration, parking passes, and program information despite the weather. The final Super Saturday for Spring 2024 was February 3, 2024, from 9:00am to 1:00pm.



Caring Campus Winter Warm-up Event

Coordinated by our team of Caring Campus Ambassadors, the LASC Caring Campus Winter Warm-up provided Classified Professionals an opportunity to get information about Spring 2024, including campus welcome week for students and projects and activities. The event was an opportunity to reiterate Caring Campus's purpose and strategies, also included team-building exercises, fun trivia about the campus, and opportunities to meet new staff members.

Welcome Week

To welcome students to Spring 2024, LASC community is providing way-finding, assistance with class information, quick enrollment changes, information about Financial Aid disbursement, parking, student identification cards, and many more from February 5 to February 8! The Associated Student Organization will be providing donuts to students, and the Brahma Bodega and other student programs will be available for resources.



LA Southwest OL Chris King signs with William Penn University



Football Team

On December 20, 2023, head football coach Marquet Miller shared the following news about LASC football players committing to transfer: Chris King to William Penn University, Tauriki Baker to New Mexico Highlands University, Michael and Ryan Franklin to Lincoln University, and Mehiki Haslip was offered a scholarship to McPherson College and is still waiting to make a decision. Also, five players were voted to All-State California Region IV Team: Mehiki Haslip, Chis King, Donovan Castillo, David Uzoma, and Tyreek Curley. Finally, 13 players were selected to the All-Conference Team (American Conference Pacific League): Chris King, Freddy Coyt, Michael Franklin, Jelani Guerrero, Mehki Haslip, Amouray Gray, Donovan Castillo, David Uzoma, Dominic Conner, Tyreek Curley, Lequan Parker, Jeremy Ofulume, and Jonathan Edwards.

On January 23, 2024, Coach Miller also shared academic news for the football team for Fall 2023: 2.65 team GPA, 15 players with 3.0 GPA or higher, 11 players on the dean's list, and 3 players named to the Academic All-State team.

HireLAX Apprenticeship Readiness Program (ARP) Orientation

On January 6, 2024, LASC hosted the HireLAX Apprenticeship Readiness Program (ARP) Orientation. 97 applicants were interviewed for the program, which is the largest turnout since the pandemic began. The program anticipates starting with a cohort of 35 students. HireLAX instructor Jesus Fernandez

volunteered as an interviewer and speaker. HireLAX is an 8-week program at LASC and provides local residents access to enroll in a comprehensive, construction apprenticeship preparation program. Upon completion, program graduates are competitively positioned for placement consideration on a Los Angeles World Airport's construction project through its contractors and local craft unions.



[View the HireLAX Report PDF](#)

VISION 2030: PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS
 Come discuss the economic impact & pathways of HireLAX, Dual Enrollment, & Allied Health with guest speakers





Dr. Sonya Christian
 CCC Chancellor

Dr. Francisco Rodriguez
 LACCD Chancellor

Dr. Anthony Culpepper
 LASC President





WHEN: Tuesday, February 13, 2024
TIME: 9am-12pm
WHERE: LASC's Little Theater

Free Event!
 Followed by a food giveaway at LASC's food pantry in Student Services!


 RSVP to save your spot!
<https://bit.ly/VISION2030LASC>

Vision 2030

On February 13, 2024, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and LASC presented, "Vision 2030: Pathways to Success". Discussion will focus on the economic impact and pathways of HireLAX, dual enrollment, and allied health. Guest speakers include Dr. Sonya Christian, California Community Colleges Chancellor; Dr. Francisco Rodriguez, LACCD Chancellor; and Dr. Anthony Culpepper, LASC President. Following the event, LASC Student Services will host a food giveaway in the food pantry.

[View the Vision 2030 PDF](#)

Public Vote Center

From February 24 through March 5, 2024, LASC will partner with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder, Election Operations, Logistics Bureau, Vote Center Assessment and Recruitment departments to serve as a public vote center for the 2024 presidential primary elections. The center will be open for the early voting period between February 24-March 4, 2024, and on election day March 5, 2024.





LATTC Hosts Spring Enrollment Events

Throughout January and February, LATTC has been hosting Spring enrollment events. Virtual Registration Wednesdays have been held every week, and in-person assistance was held on Saturday, January 20 and Saturday, January 27. At our Spring Open House on January 27, LATTC welcomed nearly 350 guests and assisted 239 guests with applications and enrollment. Community members and prospective and continuing students spoke with academic and career pathways and important student services while enjoying music, food, and giveaways.

LATTC looks forward to a full campus this Spring semester!



LATTC Celebrates Black History Month!

Happy Black History Month! Throughout February, LATTC joins the rest of the nation, and many parts of the world, in celebrating the achievements of African Americans and recognizing their central role in U.S history. Join the college for a month of activities, including live music performances, conversations, art exhibitions, and a lively festival.

[View the full schedule of events](#)

LATTC Food Pantry is Here for Spring!

LATTC's Spring Food Pantry schedule is here. Presented by Basic Needs, the program distributes fresh produce and boxes of non-perishables to students in need. Distributions take place every other Thursday at the southeast corner of the E3 Culinary Arts Building from 11 am–1 pm (or while supplies last!).

Distribution schedule:

- February 8
- February 22
- March 7
- March 21
- April 18
- May 2
- May 16



• May 30



Welcome Week Kicks Off Spring 2024

Students, faculty and staff is celebrated the start of the Spring semester with an array of [Welcome Week activities](#). The beginning of the week kicked off with a Vision Con Corazon Workshop to help students create their own vision boards for aspirational goal setting. Later in the week, LAVC held a Pause for Paws with puppies to help manage start-of-the-semester stress and anxiety, and an ASU Lunar New Year Festival with food, lucky red envelopes and a dragon dance performance.



Helping Student Enroll at Spring Registration Days

LAVC hosted Registration Days on January 20, January 31 and February 3 to help students enroll in Spring classes. Students were able to get in-person academic counseling, enrollment assistance, and met representatives from college services and programs. Plus, students who enrolled got a free Metro GoPass!



Faculty Prepare for the Semester at LAVC's Inaugural Spring 2024 Faculty Opening Day

LAVC held its first ever Spring Faculty Opening Day on February 2. As a follow up on the work done at the Fall Opening Day, this flex day for faculty featured a student panel, and a talk by Cecilia Rios-Aguilar, professor/chair of Graduate School of Education and Informational Studies & expert for the Latino Policy

Institute. It concluded with breakout sessions for faculty in each of LAVC's Career & Academic Pathways (CAPs).

THE LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE UMOJA BLACK SCHOLARS REMEMBERS, EDUCATES, & CELEBRATES

2024 BLACK HISTORY MONTH

"A RACE OF PEOPLE IS LIKE AN INDIVIDUAL MAN; UNTIL IT USES ITS OWN TALENT, TAKES PRIDE IN ITS OWN HISTORY, EXPRESSES ITS OWN CULTURE, AFFIRMS ITS OWN SELFHOOD, IT CAN NEVER FULFILL ITSELF."
-MALCOLM X-

UMOJA BLACK SCHOLARS BHM CALENDAR

WED FEB 7 UMOJA ORIENTATION 1
1 pm - 3 pm | Umoja Village | CC 102

THUR FEB 8 UMOJA ORIENTATION 2
1 pm - 3pm | Umoja Village | CC 102

FRI FEB 9 UMOJA ORIENTATION 3
12 pm - 1 pm | Zoom

SAT FEB 10 LOS ANGELES BLACK COLLEGE EXPO
10am - 3pm | Los Angeles Convention Center

TUE FEB 13 UMOJA'S GOT TALENT BHM EDITION - BLACKARABKE
DJ Steve-0
1 pm - 3 pm | Umoja Village | CC 102

THUR FEB 15 RHYTHM AND PAINT
Randy Butler
1 pm - 3pm | Art Gallery Patio

WED FEB 21 BHM DISTINGUISHED KEYNOTE
Dr. Frank Harris
2 pm - 3 pm | Zoom

THUR FEB 22 AFRICAN DRUM MAKING AND NAMING WORKSHOP
Dr. Jewel Jackson - African Soul International
1 pm - 3 pm | Art Gallery Patio

SAT FEB 24 AFRICAN AMERICAN PARENT SUMMIT
8 am - 12:30 pm | Cleveland High School

WED FEB 28 BHM VYBS DAY AND HERITAGE CELEBRATION
Featuring Zuzu Acrobats
9:30 am - 2 pm | South Gym & Student Union Plaza

THUR FEB 29 BHM HOLISTIC HEALING AND WELLNESS WORKSHOP
Randy Butler
1 pm - 3 pm | South Gym & Student Union Plaza

CLICK LINK TO ADD TO CALENDAR : <https://bit.ly/LAVCUMOJABHM24>

VIDA BLUE TORI BOWIE JIM BROWN RICHARD HUNT RANDY BUTLER KEYNOTE DR. FRANK HARRIS HARRY BELAFONTE CLARENCE AVANT ARTHUR DUNCAN TINA TURNER

LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE

LAVC Celebrating Black History Month 2024

The LAVC Umoja Black Scholars Program is holding a series of events in February to celebrate Black History Month and foster a sense of community. This year's distinguished lecture will be by Dr. Frank Harris III, co-director of the Community College Equity Assessment Lab at San Diego State. Check out the [LAVC Black History Month Calendar](#).

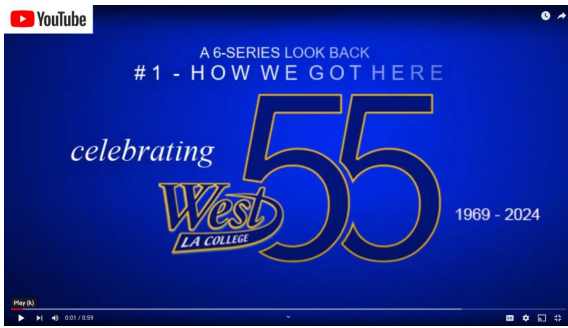
[View the LAVC Black History Month Calendar PDF](#)

[View the Umoja LAVC Valley Young Black Scholars Day PDF](#)



West Celebrates 55 Years

West Los Angeles College opened its doors 55 years ago in February. In honor of this milestone, the college has updated its video history created for the 50th anniversary and will post a series of seven



shorts on social media and YouTube (YouTube/WLACInfo) in mid-February.



WLAC Enters Partnerships with American Airlines & BRE

January marked first-of-a-kind agreements between West and the CA State Board of Real Estate Appraisers (BRE) and American Airlines (AA). For BRE, the college Real Estate faculty is developing a practicum program for licensing appraisers, unique in the nation. Evita "Evie" Garces, the vice president of line maintenance at American Airlines, spoke to students, faculty, alumni and AA professionals at a West event marking the beginning of a formal partnership between the airline and the college. West's

Aviation Tech students will have direct access to the airline's technicians through ongoing engagement opportunities. Top-performing students will be guaranteed interviews. West is one of only two schools to have such an agreement with AA. Additionally, the airline will pay for seven students to attend the Aerospace Maintenance Competition taking place in Chicago in April.



Health Care Careers Job Fair

On January 25, West hosted the Regional Allied Health Summit And Job Fair for 17 local Los Angeles colleges and over 40 employers. The day began with colleges and employers discussing how to better work together. Following that, students connected with employers to learn more about and be considered for jobs in the health sector. Employers included UCLA Health, Centinela Hospital Medical Center, Aveanna Healthcare, Alta Hospital Systems, St. Francis Medical Center and USC Keck.



Climate Change Center

The Center for Climate Change Studies at West received a lot of attention from media, representatives, the community and educators in 2023. Yale University’s Climate Change Newsletter took notice and listed the opening of the Center as one of “the most remarkable events of the year in weather, climate, and related policy.” An excerpt from the article appears below.

“U.S. colleges and universities are responding to a growing demand for climate-relevant curricula. Typically called “climate studies” or a variant, these new majors and minors go beyond long-standing programs in atmospheric science and environmental studies. Several are designed to be easily paired as a double major with other specialties, from political science to engineering to education. With both

state and federal support, the new California Center for Climate Change Education — based at West Los Angeles College and serving the city's entire nine-campus community college district — is bringing the trend beyond four-year campuses.”...[view full article](#)



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