



March 6, 2024

Dear LACCD Colleagues,

Happy Women's History Month! It is a time to honor the countless and significant contributions that women have made throughout our District, to this country, and indeed the world. We celebrate the achievements of all women, past and present, and pledge our commitment to work towards a more equitable future where gender equality is fully realized.

This Chancellor's Report for March is full of stories, activities, and people who make LACCD a wonderful place to learn and to work. Enrollments at our colleges are up, we are hiring outstanding new faculty and staff, and designing new academic programs, including four-year degrees, for both short-term certificates, degrees, and transfer. The ongoing construction of facilities and infrastructure continues to modernize our colleges.

A note about the upcoming elections. The general election is in November, and we encourage you to exercise your right to vote. [A district-wide election website](#) has been created to highlight general voting information and each college's voting center locations.

Thank you for all you do to support the success of our students. Our individual and collective efforts open doors of opportunity and change lives.

With admiration and respect,

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

**District Office Events & Updates**



## LACCD Advocacy & Events

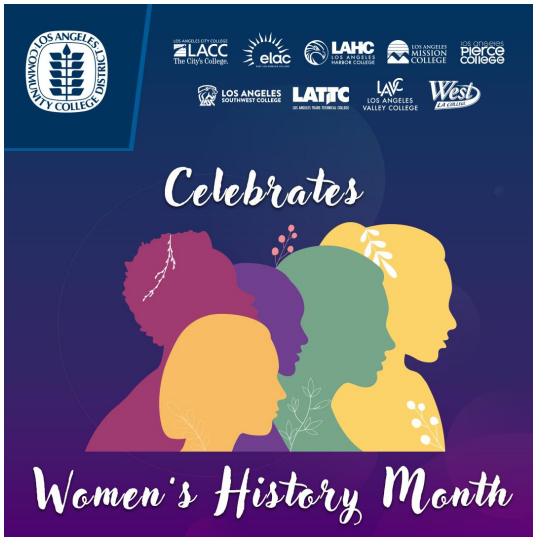


On February 22, 2023, LACCD Board President, Nichelle Henderson and Assembly Member Miguel Santiago held a press conference to announce the introduction of AB 2093 (Santiago). The LACCD-sponsored bill will extend the California College Promise Program to all community college BA students, thereby offering a tuition-free four-year degree to over 1500 students annually. The successful press event was hosted at East Los Angeles College and resulted in over \$57,000 in earned media publicity value and almost 700,000 views. View a few clips of the presser coverage here: [KABC-LA \(ABC Eyewitness News 4PM\)](#), [KCBS-LA \(CBS KCAL News 11am on CBS Los Angeles\)](#), [KTLA-LA \(CW KTLA 5 Morning News at 7\)](#).



## Office of Communications & Marketing





LACCD is celebrating Women's History Month



[LACCD Voting information](#)



## Spring 2024 Scholarships – Applications Now Open!

This semester 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](#).

New scholarships this term include PepsiCo Foundation Uplift Scholars Culinary Arts Scholarship, A Blip in My Story Scholarship for Justice Impacted Individuals, African American Outreach Initiative Scholarship, Dr. Linda Cole Student Parent Success Scholarship, Cathy Bank Scholarship, and the Gladys German Memorial Scholarship for Graduates of Lincoln High School.



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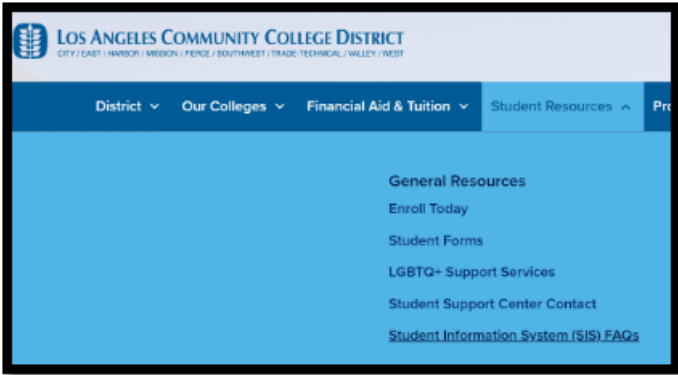
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**LACCD ALERTS MOBILE APPLICATION**



To enhance the safety and security of the LACCD community, we have launched the *LACCD Alerts* Mobile Application. This application is a tool available to all students and employees of the District. At the click of a button, users can access mental health resources, campus safety phone numbers, maps, emergency procedures, and more! Students, Faculty and Staff may view a download tutorial in SIS, SAP, or the District website under the Student Resources Tab.

To get started, scan the appropriate QR Code:



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## LACCD Enrollment update



# LACCD Enrollment Update

Spring 2024 TO Spring 2023 COMPARISONS

DAY 28 - RELATIVE TO THE BEGINNING OF INSTRUCTION

Relative Day Comparisons for Day 28, comparing Spring 2024 (Monday, March 4, 2024) to Spring 2023 (Monday, March 6, 2023). Data source: LACCD PS Student Information System.

**HEADCOUNT**  
**116,432**  
114%  
102,201

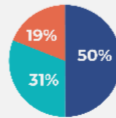
**ENROLLMENT**  
**243,655**  
113%  
214,938

**SECTION COUNT**  
**9,928**  
102%  
9,737

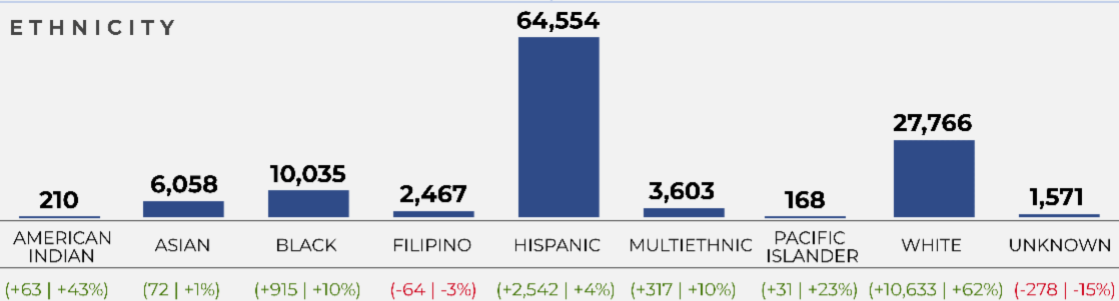
**ENROLLMENT DIVIDED BY SECTION**  
**24.5**  
111%  
22.1

GENDER	Spring 2024	Change from 2023
FEMALE	62,683	↑ +5,377   +9%
MALE	51,283	↑ +8,374   +20%
NON-BINARY	940	↑ +192   N/A
UNKNOWN	1,526	↑ +288   N/A

UNIT LOAD	Spring 2024	Change from 2023
Less than 6 Units	58,239	↑ +8,382   +17%
6 - 11.5 Units	36,108	↑ +3,346   +10%
12 or More Units	22,085	↑ +2,503   +13%



### ETHNICITY



AGE	Spring 2024	Change from 2023
UNDER 20	41,273	↑ +3,781   +10%
20 - 24	25,703	↑ +393   +2%
25 - 34	25,134	↑ +3,240   +15%
35 - 54	19,058	↑ +5,204   +38%
55 & OVER	5,264	↑ +1,613   +44%

ENROLLMENT STATUS	Spring 2024	Change from 2023
FIRST-TIME	6,945	↑ +2,342   +51%
TRANSFER	8,495	↑ +2,729   +47%
RETURNING	11,234	↑ +6,083   +118%
CONTINUING	71,224	↑ +2,351   +3%
CONCURRENT HIGH SCHOOL	18,288	↑ +3,724   +26%
CONCURRENT ADULT SCHOOL	168	↑ +32   N/A

### CLASS MODALITY & FILL RATE

CLASS MODALITY:	48% Remote	8% Hybrid	44% In-Person
FILL RATE:	79%	65%	65%

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 14% and enrollment is up by 13% while class offerings show a 2% increase and enrollment per section is up by 11%. The District is experiencing a large increases in first-time students (+2,342; +50%), returning students (+6,083; 118%), and concurrent high school students (+3,724; +26%) as well as increases for full-time students (+2,503; 13%) and part-time students enrolled in less than 6 units (+8,382; 17%). Increases are also observed for nearly every age, gender, and ethnic group with large increases for female students (+5,377; +9%), male students (+8,374, +20%), students under age 20 (+3,781; +10%), students age 25-34 (+3,240; +15%), students age 35-54 (+5,204; +38%), Hispanic students (+2,542; +4%), Black students (+915; +10%), and White students (+10,633; +62%). 48% of classes are being taught remotely, 44% are in-person, and 8% are hybrid. Remote classes continue to have the highest fill rate (79%) followed by hybrid (65%) and in-person (65%) classes. The census date for full-term classes is February 20, 2024.

[View the LACCD Spring 2024 Enrollment Update PDF version](#)

**Campus Events & Updates**



**The Center for Climate Change Education Partners with BSU for Black History Month**

The Center for Climate Change Education at West partnered with the college's Black Scholars United (BSU) group to celebrate Black History Month and raise awareness about the intersections between the African American causes and climate justice. Activities included "Change your Hood," an event by students for students, meant to support the collective reimagining of what under-resourced neighborhoods in LA can be like if we invest in our communities and climate resilience. Another event highlighted urban farming and climate resilience. Two hundred bags of organic produce were distributed to students and community members and a panel of African American environmental and social justice leaders spoke.

On Saturday, February 24, the Climate Center will co-host an event examining sustainable fashion called "Beyond Trends" that draws connections between sustainability, fashion justice, animal rights, and mindful consumption featuring activists, thought leaders, and a film screening of "Slay". It takes place during [Black Climate Week](#). Other hosts are [Bodhisattvism](#), [Black Girl Environmentalist](#), [Seeding Sovereignty](#), [The Solutions Project](#), and [Collective Fashion Justice](#).



## Upward Bound visits Black Expo

Upward Bound escorted over 40 students to the annual Black College Expo in Downtown LA where the college also had an outreach booth. Afterward, they blew off some steam at Dave & Busters.



## Wildcat Wins 3C4A Achievement Award

For the first time in West LA College Athletics History, a **Wildcat has won the 3C4A Student-Athlete Achievement Award**. This award recognizes one male and one female student athlete and is intended to honor student athletes who have overcome great personal, academic and/or emotional odds to achieve success while participating in intercollegiate athletics. "These are the students who benefit most from academic advisement programs; they are our motivation and our sense of satisfaction," said Anthony Jones, WLAC Athletic Director.

The student is **Mary Agnes Reed** from the Wildcats Track & Field Team. Reed dropped out of high school and endured estrangement from her family as well as homelessness. She would later be diagnosed with bipolar, depression and anxiety disorder.

When eventually reunited with members of her family, there were additional extreme challenges. Through it all, she longed to return to athletics – she was a high school athlete – which gave her a sense of peace. The daily routine and the camaraderie of teammates is helping her find success in the classroom and in moving forward in life. She aspires to a spot on the Olympic team one day, to transfer to a university and to have a post-athletic career as an entrepreneur.

Additionally, **16 Wildcats were named to the Spring 2023 Academic All-State Award** which is given to student athletes with a GPA of 3.5 or higher in 24 or more units accumulated from the beginning of their first season of competition in that sport.





## APDA Employee Affinity Group Formed

In response to data that shows a decline in enrollment and low persistence rates for Asian Pasifika and Desi American (APDA) students at West, members of our “Leading From The Middle” team developed a strategy to mentor APDA students through the formation of an APDA employee affinity group. The mission and purpose of this group is to:

*“Promote the interests of the Asian, Pasifika, and Desi American (APDA) community, foster cultural awareness, build community, increase the visibility of APDA employees, students, and issues impacting these populations, provide support and mentorship for employees and students, and foster APDA student success at West.”*



## Million Dollar Grant for Mini-Urban Forest

The WLAC Child Development Center was awarded a 1 million dollar grant from CALFIRE to fund the design and construction of three mini-urban forest outdoor classrooms for young children. The project named “WLAC Child Development Environmental Justice at Play Project” seeks to create a space in which children and students will have enhanced learning environments, cleaner air and water, reduce the current extreme heat emissions in our current playgrounds and improve children’s overall health.



## LAVC Speech Team Win Awards at Regional Championship

The LAVC Speech & Debate Team recently competed at the Pacific Southwest Collegiate Forensic Association (PSCFA) Spring Championships, and several students won individual awards.

Jessica Soderquist won 1st place in "Dramatic Interpretation," and Max Goss and Ashley Martinez-Romero won 3rd Place in "Duo Interpretation".

The team will next compete in the California Community College State Championships in March and the Phi Rho Pi National Speech Championships in April.





## Umoja Black Scholars Celebrates Black History Month

The LAVC Umoja Black Scholars Program hosted an array of Black culturally-minded campus events in celebration of Black History Month. Students, faculty and staff participated in Blackroke Night, Rhythm & Paint, African Drum Making, and a distinguished keynote address by Dr. Frank Harris. High school outreach events included a Young Valley Black Scholars (VYBS) Day and the African American Parent Expo with LAUSD Local District North.

In addition, the LAVC Umoja Black Scholars Program was recognized by Senator Caroline Menjivar for its commitment and effort in supporting the success of Black students at LAVC.

## A Solo Exhibition by Pável Acevedo at LAVC Art Gallery

The LAVC Art Gallery is proud to announce its latest exhibition featuring new work by artist Pável Acevedo, *The shell in the clouds*, *Ma' Conch't Do'T Nub'T*, *El caparazón en las nubes*, which runs from March 11 to April 26.

This exhibition explores and celebrates innate human rebelliousness, autonomy, and self-determination, inspired by the oral Zapotec stories and truths that were documented by Indigenous ancestors.

There will be an [Artist Reception on March 27 at 12 p.m.](#), presented in partnership with the LAVC Puente program.

For more information and exhibition hours, visit the [LAVC Art Gallery](#).





## LAist and LATTCC Get Students Ready for Election Season— LATTCC ESL Students Lend a Hand

On Monday, February 26, non-profit newsroom and local NPR-affiliate, LAist paid a visit to LATTCC to help students navigate their Presidential Primary ballots in advance of the following week's election. As first-time voters, some students were new to the voting process, the event was a great chance to engage the campus with voter education materials. Students received LAist's voter education brochures and delicious bean and cheese burritos from Sonoratown—along with other giveaway items.



The college's Associated Student Organization (ASO) was also tabling alongside LAist to help students get registered to vote. Earlier in the semester, ASO was contacted by the college's English as a Second Language (ESL) program. Since ASO often engages the campus through various on-campus activities, it's a natural place to go to start conversations. Four current LATTCC ESL students joined ASO during the event to engage the campus community and encourage students to register to vote. It was a testament to the positive synergies that exist on LACCD campuses.

LATTCC served as an official four-day vote center from March 2–5.



## LATTCC Engages More than 100 High Schoolers in Celebration of CTE Month

On February 26, LATTCC welcomed more than 100 high schoolers and faculty and staff from four local schools for a special event highlighting the college's Career Technical Education (CTE) programs. Following a welcome, students enjoyed a pizza lunch while learning about the college's CTE programs through new program sizzle videos. Attendees also participated in tours of the campus led by the college's Outreach team.

LATTCC was pleased to highlight its CTE offerings this February as the CTE community celebrates CTE Month to raise awareness of the role that CTE has in readying learners for college and career success.





## **LATTC Celebrates Black History Month with Special Concert from the Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles**

Throughout February, LATTC joined 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. The college hosted a month of activities, including live music performances, conversations, art exhibitions, and a lively festival.

On February 24, LATTC welcomed the Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles—the largest majority Black orchestra in the country, as part of its Black History Month celebrations. The performance featured patriotic music that uplifted the African American experience led by Founder, Executive Director, & Conductor, Charles Dickerson III. Over his 40-plus years of conducting, Mr. Dickerson has directed performances of many of the greatest orchestral and choral works throughout the U.S., Europe, and Asia. His best-known work is “I Have A Dream,” a choral and orchestral setting of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s landmark speech. The work was performed for the unveiling ceremonies of the King Memorial on the National Mall in Washington DC, and at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles as Los Angeles County’s official celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the speech.



## **LATTC Hosts All-Campus Gathering in Preparation of the Spring Semester**

On February 9, LATTC celebrated the start of the Spring semester with a special in-person all-campus meeting. The gathering began with a time to reconnect, meet new colleagues, and celebrate each other

—and featured an appreciation board that shared Trade-Tech’s success stories, employee milestones, accomplishments, and professional achievements.

The gathering transitioned to the formal all-campus meeting which included updates from the LATTC Foundation—as well as a panel featuring students from the colleges Punte and Umoja programs to explore two of the college’s many on-campus programs that contribute positively toward student retention.



## **Netflix Partners with LATTC for Work Study Program Benefitting CMU Pathway Students**

This past January, Netflix partnered with LATTC to host a paid three-week work study program for five students in the college’s Construction Maintenance and Utilities (CMU) pathway. During the program, students were exposed to real-world work situations and enhanced their proficiency in leadership development, building operations, and construction. On February 1, 2024, Netflix hosted a special culmination ceremony for the students who completed the three-week program.

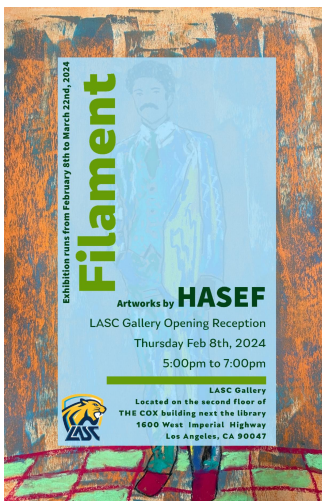
The program’s cohort of students was unique in that it comprised of all women. The construction industry is a major contributor to the U.S. economy, employing eight million workers and creating nearly \$2.1 trillion worth of structures each year. In spite of these impressive industry numbers, women only make up 10.9% of the national building trades workforce. Opportunities such as the Netflix work study program supports and trains women to reduce skill gaps and create a more equitable workforce.

[Read more](#)





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## Art Exhibition

On February 8, 2024, LASC adjunct professor Jamaal Hasef Tolbert hosted an opening reception for his solo exhibit at the LASC Gallery. The exhibit is titled “Filament” and runs from February 8 through March 22, 2024. Hasef is a Los Angeles native and art connoisseur, bringing a wealth of experience and a global perspective to the art world. With a versatile career including art director, executive assistant, and educator, Hasef has left his artistic mark in vibrant destinations like Shanghai, Toronto, Ukraine, London, The Bahamas, and Ghana.

## Board Meeting

On February 14, 2024, LASC hosted the Los Angeles Community College District Regular Board meeting. LACCD is governed by a popularly elected seven-member Board. The current Board Members for 2023–2024 are:

Nichelle Henderson, President (Seat No. 5)  
Kelsey Iino, 1st Vice President (Seat No. 7)  
Sara Hernandez, 2nd Vice President (Seat No. 4)  
David Vela, Member of the Board (Seat No. 3)  
Gabriel Buelna, Member of the Board (Seat No. 6)  
Steven Veres, Member of the Board (Seat No. 2)  
Andra Hoffman, Member of the Board (Seat No. 1)  
Alexy Cordova, Student Trustee



## Odessa Cox Forum

The Odessa Cox Forum is named in honor of our principal founder, Mrs. Odessa Cox. Mother Cox saw her 27-year vision become reality when the Los Angeles Board of Education approved plans for a new community college. LASC opened its doors on September 11, 1967. Today, LASC

## Dream Resource Center

During Spring 2024, the LASC Dream Resource Center in collaboration with the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights will be offering free in-person immigration legal consultations and case support for students, staff, and faculty. Some of the immigration legal services include:



remains an educational and cultural hub for the surrounding communities. This year's theme was "Challenging the status quo." The format was a panel discussion followed by tributes and Q&A. Our special guests included the daughters of Odessa and Raymond Cox: Reba, Brenda, and Dr. Sandra Cox.

[View Odessa Cox Forum PDF](#)

- Legal consultations to screen for immigration relief
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals renewals
- Family-based petitions
- Naturalization/citizenship applications
- Advance parole
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status

[View Dream Resource Center PDF](#)



## Lunar New Year Celebration

Students, Faculty, and Classified Professionals celebrated the 2024 Lunar New Year on February 8 at the Multicultural Center. Everyone enjoyed a variety of Asian cuisines typically served during the Lunar New Year. There were fun crafts, games, and other activities to start the Year of the Dragon.



## Club Rush

Close to 70 student clubs participated in LAPC ASO Club Rush on February 14-15, 2024 on the campus mall. Members of each club provided prospective recruits with activities, a demonstration, and club information. Some clubs upped the ante by leading students in games, songs, and dance. It was definitely a busy two days for students and their advisors.



Team Revolution



Team Black Panthers

## Black History Month Ultimate Game Show

Team Revolution and Team Black Panthers displayed their wit and competitive spirit in Umoja's Spring Kickoff! Consisting of students, faculty, staff, and administrators, both teams competed in trivia and in identifying African American historical heroes and contemporary legends in the fields of science, literature and arts, entertainment, and sports. It was high energy and participants and guests learned more about African American trailblazers and their contributions to our society.





## **Theatre Arts/Technical Theatre KCACTF Region VIII 2024 Festival Wins**

What a week LAPC Theatre enjoyed culminating on Saturday (2/17) as student actors, designers and technicians were honored with multiple awards at the Awards Ceremony at the **56th Kennedy Center American College Theatre Region VIII Festival** on Saturday in Glendale, CA.

Awards and honors were given to:

- Dale Van Slyke was the 1st Place winner of the SDC Student Directing Award (and will be attending the National KCACTF festival at the Kennedy Center in Washington DC), as well as the Award for Classical Acting in the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarships
- Jordyn Kieffer was the 1st Place winner in the Design, Technology & Management (DTM) Program for her Projection Design of "RENT" (and will be attending the National KCACTF festival at the Kennedy Center in Washington DC), as well as being awarded the Student Choice Award in the same category
- Emelysse Paez was honored as the Open Jar Certificate Music Theatre Initiative (MTI) Regional Alternate (2nd Place) which included a \$500 scholarship (towards a \$3195 tuition for the Open Jar Institute in New York City)
- Roya Row received honorable mention (2nd Place) in the DTM Program for her Scenic Design of "Ironbound"
- Sasha Santa Cruz won the Crew Advocate Award in Stage Management for her management of "Murder on the Orient Express"
- Sofia Gonzalez received honorable mention (2nd Place) in the DTM Program for Properties Design on "Murder on the Orient Express" as well as Allied Design and Technology Award for Property Work on the same production
- Eliana Captol won the Open Mic Set Award at Festival's Open Mic Night

All of these awards, along with the production of "Ironbound" being chosen as one of four productions to be presented at the KCACTF Region VIII, made this a banner year for the students, faculty and staff at LAPC Theatre. "Ironbound" received full standing ovations for each of its performances and a glowing



response from the national festival adjudicators who were in tears and had a strong emotional connection to the piece. National awards will be announced after all regional festivals are finished, and it would be of no surprise to see "Ironbound" blessed with national honors and awards in the months to come.

### Upcoming:

#### March Super Saturdays

LAPC is hosting Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and Dream Act application Super Saturdays to assist students, especially LAUSD seniors and their families complete and submit their 2024-25 application in time to meet the April 2 deadline to qualify for state grants and aid. Dates are March 2, 9, and 23.

#### 4th Annual French Film Festival

LAPC is proud to host our 4th Annual French Film Festival with an Opening Reception on March 12 in our Multicultural Center. This free, month-long, interdisciplinary festival highlights French and Francophone culture and features food, music, and cinema. All films will be shown in French with English subtitles and are followed by a Q&A with professors.

[View upcoming events at LAPC](#)



### Inspiring Inclusion on International Women's Day

This Friday, March 8th, Los Angeles Mission College will host the California Community Colleges Women's Caucus annual meeting to celebrate International Women's Day. Join us as we Inspire Inclusion with transformative Women leaders in Biotech,



### San Fernando Valley Food & Wine Festival Tickets Are Now on Sale

Tickets are now available for the San Fernando Food & Wine Festival! Join us on Saturday, April 27th as we embark on a culinary journey with A Taste of Mexico City, featuring fresh fish and seafood with a rich and diverse array of flavors and spices. Our

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gourmet menu will be prepared by our award-winning Culinary Arts Institute, paired with a thoughtful selection of wines from Vinos Unidos.

Take advantage of our special Early Bird Pricing! Through March 27th, we are offering general **admission tickets for \$85** (regularly \$99). Tickets are quickly selling out, so be sure to visit [sfvfw24.eventbrite.com](https://sfvfw24.eventbrite.com) and reserve your spot at this highly anticipated San Fernando Valley tradition.



## Kevin Powell Headlines Black History Month

Los Angeles Mission College celebrated Black History Month with a diverse series of events each Wednesday in February, organized by our Black Scholars and A2Mend programs.

Our Arts, Media, and Performance Department also hosted an exhibition in our art gallery, featuring thirteen works from five prominent Los Angeles Black artists.

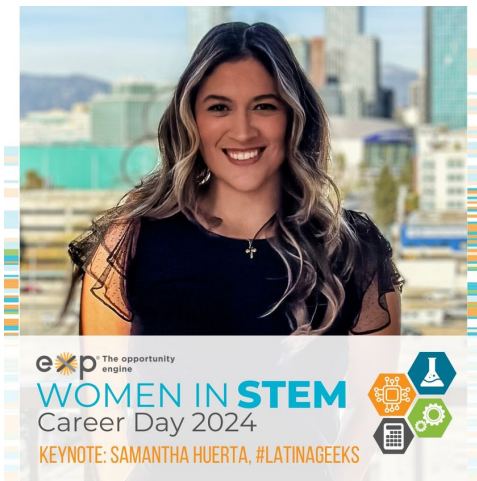
Headlining the festivities was poet, civil rights activist, journalist, and author Kevin Powell, as he hosted a real and honest conversation about diversity, equality, and democracy in America titled “Started From the Bottom, Now We Are Here: Why Black History Matters”.

## Financial Empowerment Workshop Series

Presented by CHASE Bank, our Financial Empowerment Workshop Series returns for spring semester. Running through May, these free workshops focus on topics such as Financial Planning, Understanding Credit, Managing Debt, and Cyber & Identity Safety.

## STEM Week @LAMC Returns in March

Starting March 11th, our STEM and Health & Fitness Pathway has [a full week of events scheduled](#) that are designed to increase awareness of our STEM programs, transfer and University options, as well as career opportunities within the vast field of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.



## Women in STEM Career Day

[Women in STEM](#) - Harbor, in partnership with [EXPFuture.org](#) proudly hosted a Women in STEM Career Day event where 500 high school-age young women attended to hear from a Harbor Alumnus, [Samantha Huerta](#), a first-generation college graduate and Latina Tech Professional who wants to give back to her community, share her story and inspire the next generation to strive for more.

## Economic Workforce Development is on the Move at Harbor!

The Economic and Workforce Development Leadership Team is invested in validating and supporting each student, reducing equity gaps to emphasize the success of our diverse student population while meeting the needs of our regional workforce.

Program Specific Highlights:

- [Adult and Community Education](#)  
The [LAHC School of Extended Learning](#) is on campus ready to serve current and potential adult learners, parents, youth, and individuals in the workforce. The innovation hub provides adult learners with hope and opportunity for social mobility. Additionally, a bridge from non-credit to credit programming is offered to further the aspirations of adult learners.



- **Perkins/Strong Workforce Programming**

A total of \$1.5M in funding has been requested to develop a new **Hydrogen Energy Program**. The program is part of the BECAP proposal funded with SWP regional dollars. We would have the budget for a program director to oversee the new grant program and the existing BECAP project.

- **LAHC MESA program** is one of the newest MESA Programs in LACCD. Activities and connection points have been planned to engage students:

- MESA Information Sessions for Students: March 7 @ 1pm, March 21 @ 12pm, April 9 @ 12pm, April 25 @ 10am and 2:30pm
- Professionalism for STEM Majors: March 11 in SU 135 (collaboration with Career Center)
- MESA Student Leadership Retreat: April 5-7; 3 Students & Chaperone attending
- MESA university field trip (in the works)
- MESA End of the Year Celebration – tentative date May 23
- Summer 2024 Research Exchange Program - New York and Illinois
- USC Engineering Mentorship Program



## **ELAC Model UN Defies Odds, Wins Big at Pomona College Conference**

The East Los Angeles College (ELAC) Model United Nations team achieved impressive wins at the 2024 Pomona College Model United Nations Conference. Samuel Pacheco Villegas won Outstanding Delegate for his work representing the country of Qatar and Jason Wang won ELAC MUN President

Jason Wang was recognized during the closing ceremony with an honorable mention for his work representing the country of Turkey.

Despite being the only community college competing against major four-year research universities and private schools, under the guidance of co-club advisors Rogelio Garcia and Kelly Velasquez the ELAC team emerged victorious, showcasing their dedication, research skills, and diplomatic prowess.

Teams in the conference were asked to play out the following scenarios for the judges. a crisis committee where staffers can pay full attention to all the characters and their arcs, a specialized committee that encourages all delegates to lead and thoroughly engage with their committee members, General Assemblies (GAs) where more delegates can be recognized to speak, and an International Court of Justice (ICJ) that fully follows ICJ procedure and mimics a small ICJ courtroom setting.



## **ELAC Theater Arts Students Shine at Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival**

East Los Angeles College (ELAC) Theater Arts students showcased their talent and dedication at the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) for Region 8, garnering numerous awards and accolades. The festival was hosted at Glendale Community College and community colleges and universities from Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and Utah participated.

25 total ELAC students participated in the festival with many of them winning awards. Among the standout winners, Krystyna Colocho emerged victorious, clinching the prestigious National KCACTF Award for Theatrical Design Excellence in Scenic Design. Krystyna will be representing Region 8 at the Kennedy Center in the Spring, a testament to their outstanding creativity and skill.

**In addition to Krystyna's triumph, ELAC students claimed several other notable awards:**

- Cindy Campos received the Heart of the Art Award for Theatrical Design Excellence in Props, showcasing her exceptional talent and attention to detail.
- Maribel Chavez earned the Randy Lutz Allied Design and Technology Award Regional Honorable Mention in Makeup Design, demonstrating her innovative approach and artistic flair.
- Miriam Cervantes was honored with the LMDA Early Career Dramaturgy Award, recognizing her insightful contributions to dramatic literature and analysis.
- Giovanni Benavente was recognized with the Next Steps Rising Star Award in Acting, highlighting his promising talent and dedication to the craft.
- Alexis Castro received the Aspire Arts Leadership Alternate Award for Region 8, acknowledging her exemplary leadership qualities and commitment to the arts.

**The achievements of these students underscore the outstanding quality of ELAC's Theater Arts program and the dedication of its faculty and staff. Moreover, ELAC Theater Arts students excelled in various competitions and initiatives throughout the festival:**

- Fourteen Irene Ryan nominees, alongside two scene partners, showcased their acting prowess in the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship competition, with Jezmarie Viramontes, Abigail Valdez, David Rangel, and Julia Chavez advancing to the Semi-Finals.
- ELAC students participated in the Musical Theater Initiative (MTI), demonstrating their versatility and passion for musical theater.
- Directing student Paul Galaviz competed in the SDC Directing competition with three talented theater department performers, showcasing his directorial skills and vision.
- Seven design students showcased their creativity in the Design, Technology, and Management competition, with four advancing as Finalists, including Alexa Mora, Maribel Chavez, Cindy Campos, and Krystyna Colocho.
- Three stage management students vied for the National Stage Management Fellowship, demonstrating their organizational prowess and leadership abilities.
- Six students were cast in the Devised Performance projects, showcasing their collaborative spirit and creative ingenuity.
- Additionally, ELAC students participated in Next Step Auditions and Interviews, seizing professional and transfer opportunities to further their careers in the performing arts.

**Faculty members Rodney Scott and Cristina Frias played pivotal roles in the festival, offering workshops and guidance to students:**

- Rodney Scott served as Co-Coordinator for the festival's Devised Performances and conducted the workshop "How to Improve Your Craft," providing invaluable insights and mentorship to aspiring theater artists.
- Cristina Frias facilitated the workshop "Where do we go from here?: A Conversation about Latine/x Representation & Resources," fostering dialogue and promoting diversity and inclusion within the theater community.



## **Black History Month**

### **Black Joy As A Form of Resistance**

On February 21, LACC's RESJ (Race, Equity and Social Justice) in partnership with Umoja hosted a lunch for students, faculty, and staff to explore joy as a form of resistance. The event centered 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 about the theme of Black Joy.

### **Watch Party: Black History Master Class Featuring Dr. Chike Akua**

On February 27, LACC hosted a watch party featuring Dr. Chike Akua for students, faculty and staff.

## **Voting Center**



LACC served as a voting center on March 2 -4 and March 5.

## Upcoming Events

Presented by the Nick Beck Investigative Journalism Lecture Series

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## Nick Beck Lecture Series: An Afternoon with Ira Rosen

On Thursday, March 7, LACC will host the Nick Beck Lecture Series: An Afternoon with Ira Rosen, a moderated discussion with award winning producer Ira Rosen for students and community members to come together and learn more about what it takes to produce impactful, hard-hitting news.

## Inaugural Summit/Professional Development Day

On Wednesday, March 13, LACC is hosting an Inaugural Summit/Professional Development Day.

## Investiture Ceremony

On Thursday, March 14 LACC is hosting the investiture ceremony of President Dr. Amanual Gebru.

## City Senior Days Resource Fair

The week of March 18, LACC will hold their City Senior Resource Fair welcoming high school seniors to our campus

## Women's History Month Celebration Tea

On Wednesday, March 19, LACC will host their Women's History Month Celebration Tea honoring women throughout our District and to celebrate women's contributions to history, culture and society.

## In The News

### [Noncredit citizenship class at Los Angeles City College](#)

Telemundo 52

### [President Biden Thanks Mayor Bass For Her Partnership and Friendship As He Makes Major Announcement Regarding Student Loan Debt](#)

Mayor Karen Bass

**“Tuition-Free Bachelor’s Degree” Press Conference Held by Assembly Member Santiago and Community Partners**

Hacker News

**US Senator Alex Padilla Joins Lief Labs’ 15th Anniversary Celebration Focusing on Community Workforce Development and Health & Wellness**

Associated Press News

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La Opinión

**California Considers ‘Tuition-Free Bachelor’s Degrees’**

Ethnic Media Services

**Reps. Schiff, Carbajal Introduce Legislation to Expand Pell Grant, Improve College Affordability**

The Santa Barbara Independent

**LACCD Seeks Innovative Program Management Services for Future Expansion**

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