



**OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR**

**TO:** LACCD Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez  
**DATE:** December 4, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** December 2019 - Chancellor's Monthly Report

The LACCD December report includes brief updates on the following:

- I. District Updates
- II. District Updates for Basic Student Needs
- III. Reports from the College Presidents
- IV. Community Engagement and Partnerships
- V. LACCD Media Outreach and Coverage

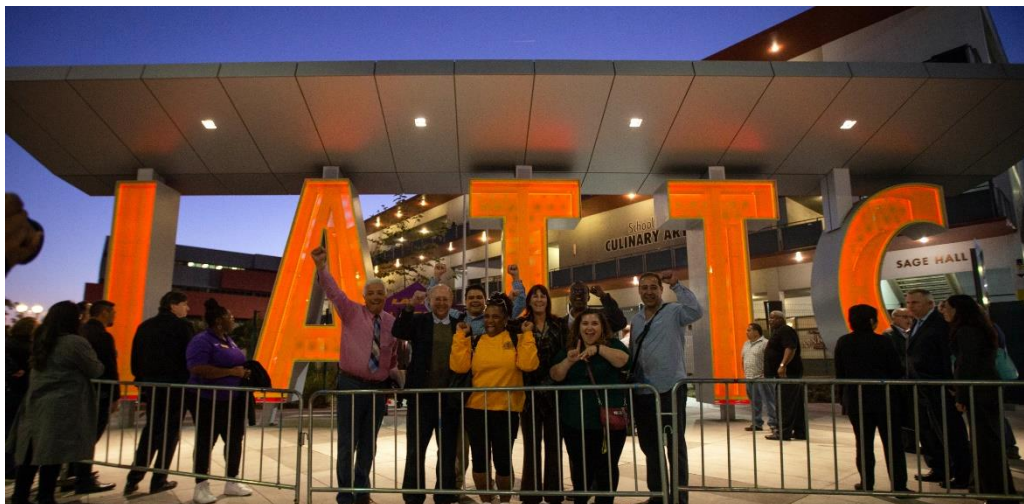
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**I. District Updates**

**Dr. Rueben Smith** officially began his role as the District's Chief Facilities Executive on November 18, 2019, succeeding Tom Hall, who retires from the District on December 31, 2019.

**Dr. Bob Miller**, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Business Services, retires from the District on December 31, 2019. Dr. Miller will begin his role as President of the Board of Directors for the Tournament of Roses on January 1, 2020.

**The switch was officially turned on** Nov. 5 for the giant new illuminated letters—"LATTC"—marking the festive new entrance to the college at Washington Boulevard and Grand Avenue. Chancellor Dr. Francisco C. Rodriguez joined Los Angeles Trade-Technical College President Dr. Andrew Jones, Chief Facilities Executive Tom Hall, BuildLACCD officials and several dozen



college staff and students in lighting the giant letters, which can change colors. The project is part of the Grand Avenue Enhancement effort to create a welcoming entrance to the college adjacent to the Metro light rail station.

**Los Angeles Harbor College's Women's Cross-Country Team has done it again!** The Team was named 2019 SCC Conference Champions for the third year in a row. They now move on to state competitions. Harbor's Men's Team came in 3rd in the SCC.

**LACCD Colleges Featured in PBS Series:** Los Angeles Southwest and Los Angeles Harbor colleges are featured in a new PBS series starting in November that looks at the important role of California's community colleges. Promotion video about the new series is online at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qbxzS2xZpvl>.

KVIE, the PBS station serving the Sacramento region, produced the episodes and premiered them first as part of the three, 30-minute episodes of **Inside California Education**. The community college episodes of **Inside California Education** aired on KVIE Nov. 6, 13 and 20 and will soon appear on PBS stations throughout California (check local listings). Individual stories and full episodes will be available at [www.kvie.org](http://www.kvie.org) and [www.insidecaled.org](http://www.insidecaled.org).

**The HireLAX Apprenticeship Readiness Program at Southwest first aired on Nov. 6, and the Harbor College's Nursing Program story aired Nov. 20.** HireLAX is a unique collaboration between Southwest and Los Angeles World Airports, designed to train local residents to work on in-demand construction projects at LAX and elsewhere. It's an 8-week program that's free for students, with more than 70 percent of graduates going on to start construction careers at LAX or other nearby projects. Harbor's Nursing Program has a historic legacy spanning decades, and provides a well-paying jobs pipeline for the local healthcare industry. The program recently had a 100-percent success rate for students taking their exams with the State Nursing Board.

Former Vice President Joseph Biden launched his first Southern California presidential campaign swing with a special stop at Trade Tech on November 14. Biden was introduced by President Andra Hoffman, the LATTCC ASO Vice President and L.A. County Supervisor Hilda Solis. Extensive media coverage occurred, including:

<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/biden-speak-trade-college-fundraisers-564941802.html>

## II. District Updates for Basic Student Needs

All nine colleges are busy distributing more than 1,800 \$50 food gift cards to students in need from the \$105,000 donation recently received from Food4Less and Ralphs to help combat student hunger issues. Dozens of "Thank You" notes and emails have been received from students, including this one:

*"I am writing this as a way of thanking you for your generous donation. This is proof that there are still good and nice people out in this world. Lately the world is filled with hate and negativity, it is joyful to see that people still give and care for their fellow man. I can't begin to thank you enough this will help me get through the holiday month. I live with my father for who I am a caregiver for. He was robbed and beaten into a coma in 2012, since then he needs assistance to do his daily tasks.*

*“My priority is to feed him. I barely get by on feeding him and getting a meal or two for myself. The help we receive is enough sometimes, but most times I have to skip a meal. Sometimes my fellow friends/classmates are generous and kind enough to buy me lunch but other days I sit in class hungry. Once again thank you so much this will definitely make my holiday more joyous. I hope to pass this act of kindness on to someone else, I will always remember this generosity and carry it with me to give the extra I have. Thank you.”*

Los Angeles City College’s Foundation and the Associated Student Government hosted “A Day of Gratitude,” a sit-down holiday meal on November 14 for students from LACC’s most vulnerable populations, including undocumented students, military veterans and active duty students, former foster youth students, formerly incarcerated students, homeless students and single parents. Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell, Hollywood Chamber of Commerce CEO Rana Ghadba and community representatives joined LACC faculty, staff and students for the holiday meal. More than 700 meals were served.

A “Hunger Free Campus” event at Los Angeles Harbor College was held November 20. The college’s Culinary Arts Department cooked meals for students while the ASO, Faculty and Staff volunteers, CAYFES and the Outreach office created and distributed 200 bags of groceries.

### **III. Reports from the College Presidents (based on the District Strategic Plan 2018-2023)**

#### Goal 1: Access to Educational Opportunities

- Los Angeles City College – On November 4-6, the Financial Aid Office hosted a series of workshops where attendees were able to complete financial aid related processes with the guidance of LACC’s financial staff including FAFSA and DREAM applications and financial aid appeals.
- Los Angeles City College – On November 14, a draft partnership proposal was sent to the UCLA-CESMII (Clean Energy Smart Manufacturing Innovation Institute) to partner on their project to reinvent how manufacturing is done. It was positively received.
- Los Angeles Valley College – On November 8, *Mi Comunidad* hosted a Youth Leadership Conference for local high school students.
- Los Angeles Valley College – On November 8, Senior Staff from the college met with Burbank Blvd. Elementary leadership about developing partnerships to create a college-going culture beginning in elementary school.
- Los Angeles Pierce College – On November 21, the college sponsored Financial Literacy Day where hundreds of students learned financial fitness tips.
- Los Angeles Mission College – Students from the Pathway to Law program visited UCLA Law School on Friday, November 1. The group was led by assistant professor of law, Sylvia Macias, Coordinator of the Pathway Program.

- Los Angeles Trade-Technical College – For the fourth consecutive year, LATTC was the location for the free health care event by the County of Los Angeles and the Care Harbor non-profit agency. Thousands of people sought free medical help at the event.
- Los Angeles Southwest College – A new pilot program introduced by LASC's Library is offering tablets for up to a week to students. Students use the tablet to type up their next paper, create a presentation, do research and more.
- Los Angeles Southwest College – LASC is officially a GED testing center, which will be overseen by the Noncredit Adult and Continuing Education Services office in SSEC building, Room 116A. The GED Testing Service helps adults gain their high school equivalency diploma. Sign up at [www.GED.com](http://www.GED.com)

### Goal 2: Premier Learning Environments

- Los Angeles City College – On November 7, LACC's English/ESL Department celebrated the 2019 publication of *The Citadel*, a journal of stories, poetry and art. For more than 50 years, *The Citadel* has highlighted students' literary work in fiction, non-fiction and poetry.
- Los Angeles City College – On November 13, LACC hosted a Pathway to Law School: Attorney Night event. The event featured 10 attorneys who spoke about working in various legal fields.
- Los Angeles City College – LACC's Theatre Academy presented "Post Pinocchio," inspired by the characters in Collodi's 19<sup>th</sup> century tale.
- Los Angeles City College – LACC hosted numerous great music events in November, including, among others, musician Gerald Clayton, as part of LACC's Yamaha Artist Concert Series; a jazz performance by Chord Four; a percussion ensemble concert and chamber and contemporary ensembles.
- Los Angeles Pierce College – The second annual French Film Festival was held from November 6 – 14 and was well-attended by students and staff.
- Los Angeles City College – LACC's Visual and Media Arts Department (VAMA) hosted a lecture by artist Mat Gleason. On November 26, students from Visual Arts, Communication and History departments held a showcase of their final projects.
- Los Angeles Harbor College – Harbor hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual First Gen event that brought awareness to the challenges our first-generation college students face when navigating post-secondary education.
- East Los Angeles College – Trustee Gabriel Buelna and Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez attended the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Día de Los Muertos Altar Exhibit grand opening Saturday November 2, hosted by the East Los Angeles College's (ELAC) Chicano Studies Department at the Vincent Price Art Museum (VPAM). . The altars will be displayed in the museum's Community Gallery until December 6 and were created

by students enrolled in Chicano Studies 54: Mexican American in the Arts in American Culture.

- East Los Angeles College – The ELAC Kinesiology Department hosted its 5th annual Turkey Trot & Food Drive on Nov. 21. The 1.5 mile fun run/walk started in Weingart Stadium and students, faculty and community members participated. Hundreds of food items were donated and all of the donations will go to the ELAC Student Food Bank.
- Los Angeles Mission College – Students from the Elementary Education and Child Development programs attended the LAUSD STEP Up Forum at Mulholland Middle School. The forum included various topics related to entering teaching careers.
- Los Angeles Valley College – On November 22, the Business Administration Department held an Entrepreneurship Conference with over 250 students attending.
- Los Angeles Southwest College – The HireLAX Apprenticeship Readiness Program (ARP) has won the prestigious Construction Users Roundtable Workforce Development Award. HireLAX ARP is instructed by LASC faculty and housed at West Campus. Work is done in conjunction with industry leaders.
- West Los Angeles College - West is developing a partnership proposal with Gateway Academy to enable South Korean students to complete their Associate degrees primarily through West's online program. Students will also attend on-campus classes during the Winter and Summer intersessions.
- West Los Angeles College - West has joined the other LACCD campuses in bringing on board College Central Network's online job placement platform. West has also launched its new virtual Career Connections Center where career exploration, employment readiness and employment/work experience placement assistance for students and alumni is integrated into one website at [www.wlac.edu/Career-Center](http://www.wlac.edu/Career-Center).

### Goal 3: Student Success and Equity

- Los Angeles City College – LACC's *Collegian Times* magazine won both The Pinnacle Award and The Pacemaker Award for Best Two-Year Feature Magazine at the Associated Collegiate Press/College Media Association in November. The Journalism Department also took third place, Best in Show, for the *Collegian Times* and fifth place for the *Collegian* newspaper.
- Los Angeles City College – LACC hosted its Fall Classic Hiring Spree Job Fair on November 7 with special Honorary Grand Marshall WNBA World Champion Candice Wiggins. More than 50 employers were there, holding interviews and several students were hired.
- Los Angeles Pierce College – The fifth annual Dia de Los Muertos Celebration was held on November 7. This MEChA de Pierce and ASO event featured student altars and special guests from Homeboy Industries.

- Los Angeles City College – LACC hosted a Naturalization Information Session on November 20 featuring a USCIS Community Relations Officer who discussed the naturalization process and requirements for naturalization.
- Los Angeles Pierce College – On November 19, veterans, veteran dependents, administrators, faculty and staff joined the Veteran’s Resource Center in welcoming our veteran students to Pierce College.
- Los Angeles Harbor College - Harbor’s Career and Job Placement Center has assisted 82 students to gain employment and 16 students to begin internships. Internships partners are: BuildLACCD, L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce, United Airlines, Port of Los Angeles, KPFF Consulting Engineers and AEC Technologies.
- East Los Angeles College – Student journalists won multiple awards from the Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC) for their work in 2019. They earned First Place in Front Page Layout as well as earning general excellence awards for both print and online.
- East Los Angeles College - The ELAC LAW Program hosted a free Legal Clinic for students and their families on Nov. 21. Lawyers provided free one on one consultations to help students and their families with Immigration (DACA, visas, public charge, green card, work permits, etc.) and Family Law (custody, support, divorce, restraining orders, domestic violence, guardianship, etc.) issues.
- Los Angeles Valley College – On November 12, EOPS held an open house welcoming students and staff into the center and on November 15, the college hosted its Student Success Initiative Guided Pathways Summit 2.
- Los Angeles Trade-Technical College – The campus hosted more than 20 HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) representatives offering transfer information to their institutions during a special campus fair November 18. Dozens of students participated.
- Los Angeles Trade-Technical College – ASO hosted a clothing and food giveaway on November 23, giving away dozens of bags of clothing to students and their families. Following the clothing dispersal, the ASO then serves dozens of free meals to students and their families as part of its Thanksgiving feast.
- West Los Angeles College – Outreach representatives attended a large “college night” for African-American youth and their families sponsored by the Brotherhood Crusade in mid-November. Additionally, West’s long-time partner, 100 Black Men of Los Angeles, held another well-attended college night workshop for high school students at the college. The discussion covered how to improve your time management skills in an effort to improve your grades.

#### Goal 4: Organizational Effectiveness

- Los Angeles City College – President Mary Gallagher attended the EAB Connected Conference in Washington, D.C. on November 4-5 focused on student success.

- East Los Angeles College – The Professional Development Department hosted a Community of Practice meeting on Nov. 12 to help create a community that supports educators in the implementation of new skills and best practices in their courses. ELAC faculty shared and implemented best practices and new skills.

**Upcoming Campus Events and Activities for December**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>COLLEGE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
12/1	LAPC	Automotive and Motor 4 Toys Charity Car Show and Toy Drive
12/3	LAVC	MTA Bus Operators Graduation
12/4	LAPC	All employees are invited to “Adopt-a-Pierce CalWorks/CARE Child” and to celebrate the winter season by giving to the children of our low-income students.
12/5	LACC	Communities of Hope Event
12/5	LACC	Umoja Kwanzaa Celebration
12/5	LATTC	Nursing Pinning Ceremony
12/5	LAMC	Holidays Around the World Musical Performance
12/6	LAVC	Fall Dance Showcase
12/6-7	LAMC	Amahl and the Night Visitors Opera
12/6	LASC	LASC's Dream Resource Center will provide UndocuAlly (Undocumented Ally) Training from 9 a.m. to noon., Friday, Dec. 6.
12/6-7	LAPC	LAPC Theatre’s production of “Our Town” will play for one weekend only.
12/7	LATTC	Fall 2019 Gold Thimble Fashion Show based on the theme “Game of Thrones” with six categories of fashion designs.
12/10	LAVC	Holiday Concert
12/12	LACC	Nursing Pinning Ceremony
12/12	LAVC	Biotech Graduation

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12/14	LAPC	Pierce College Choir Presents “Brightest and Best”
12/14	LASC	The next cohort for the LASC and the HireLAX Apprenticeship Readiness Program have a mandatory orientation from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. December 14 in the Little Theatre.
12/14	LASC	Nursing Pinning Ceremony, 4 p.m. December 14 in the Little Theatre.
12/14	LAPC	Pierce College Symphonic Band Presents “Holiday Mash-Up” celebrating the eerie and cheery music of the October and December holidays.

#### IV. Community Engagement and Partnerships

Chancellor and executive staff community outreach for the months of November and December:

DATE	EVENT
November 5	Chancellor Rodriguez and the District Academic Senate held their monthly consultation.
November 5	Vice Chancellor Cornner participated in the L.A. Compact Student Success Group’s Meeting on <i>Scaling Reverse Transfer</i> , about expanding reverse transfer pathways with LACCD colleges and 4-year institutions.
November 7 and 8	Chancellor Rodriguez attended the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE) fall meeting in Denver, CO. The Chancellor was appointed by former Gov. Jerry Brown to serve a three-year term as one of three California representatives. The appointment is Senate confirmed: <a href="http://www.wiche.edu">www.wiche.edu</a>
November 8	Vice Chancellor Cornner met the French Consulate, Los Angeles Mayor’s Office of International Affairs, n + i, and other colleagues to plan the Mayor’s Young Ambassador Initiative (MaYA)’s <i>LA Paris Summer 2020</i> trip for LACCD students.



November 9	LACCD served as a Sponsor for the 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Prop 187, California’s landmark anti-immigrant legislation in 1994. Trustees Veres and Buelna participated in the day-long program at the Los Angeles State Historic Park, near Chinatown, was filled with speakers, music and informational booths. As a sponsor, LACCD’s colleges staffed several booths to distribute admission and recruitment info.
November 12	Chancellor Rodriguez participated in a pro-DACA press conference at the invitation of Supervisor Hilda Solis.
November 12	Vice Chancellor Cornner met with Shout Factory, an American home video and music company, to discuss partnership opportunities.
November 12	Chancellor Rodriguez and the AFT Faculty held their monthly consultation meeting.
November 15	Chancellor Rodriguez and the college presidents hosted a joint leadership summit with the vice presidents at all nine colleges at L.A. City College to discuss action plans in response to the “LA Area Community Colleges at a Crossroads” report by LAEDC.
November 18	Vice Chancellor Cornner discussed partnership opportunities with the Alliance of Charter Schools
November 19	Chancellor Rodriguez and Brittany Grice were the District representatives to the 2019 Public Summit: Action Collaborative on Preventing Sexual Harassment in Higher Education in Seattle, WA. LACCD is a founding member of this association and the Chancellor serves on its Leadership Group with other national college presidents. The Action Collaborative brings together leaders from academic institutions and key stakeholders to work toward targeted, collective action on addressing and preventing sexual harassment across all disciplines and among all people in higher education: <a href="https://www8.nationalacademies.org/pa/projectview.aspx?key=51817">https://www8.nationalacademies.org/pa/projectview.aspx?key=51817</a>
November 20	Vice Chancellor Cornner met with the Los Angeles Office of Probation to discuss the vocational construction and infrastructure training program at Camp Gonzales.
November	Board President Hoffman, Trustee Buelna, Trustee Fong and Chancellor

21-23	<p>Rodriguez, several LACCD college presidents and LACCD executive staff attended the CCLC Annual Convention in Riverside. While there, the Chancellor participated in the statewide CEO meeting, and the California Association of Latino Community College Trustees and Administrators (CALCCTA) caucus meeting.</p> <p>President Hoffman, Chancellor Rodriguez, Vice Chancellor Cornner and Dean Deborah Harrington presented on <i>College Promise: Beyond Free Tuition</i>. This panel discussion covered how the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) has partnered with the Mayor’s Office and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce to create the Los Angeles College Promise (LACP).</p>
December 1 - 2	<p>Vice Chancellor Cornner attended the Lumina Talent Hub in Sacramento, which brought together CSU and community college leaders from the three California Talent Hub sites (Los Angeles, Fresno, and Shasta County) to connect and exchange lessons peer-to-peer on addressing student success on an individual, communal, and institutional level.</p>
December 2	<p>Chancellor Rodriguez, along with President Andrew Jones and LAUSD Local District Superintendent Robert Martinez, visited the Early College Academy at LA Trade-Tech.</p>
December 2	<p>Chancellor Rodriguez and the AFT Faculty Guild held their monthly consultation meeting.</p>
December 3	<p>Chancellor Rodriguez and Vice Chancellor Ryan Cornner met with Regional Affairs Director of Campaign for College Opportunity to discuss efforts to implement AB705.</p>
December 3	<p>Trustee Vela chaired the LGBTQ Advisory Committee meeting with several members of the LACCD executive staff, college personnel and community and civic agencies in attendance where the forthcoming LGBTQ+ Bill of Rights was discussed.</p>

**V. LACCD Media Outreach and Coverage**

ELAC Foundation’s Small Business Incubator on Spectrum News 1  
<https://spectrumnews1.com/ca/la-west/news/2019/11/19/entrepreneurs-growing-small-businesses-with-help-from-industry-leaders>

Biden at Trade-Tech

<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/biden-speak-trade-college-fundraisers-564941802.html>

<https://dailybruin.com/2019/11/14/biden-visits-downtown-la-condemns-gun-violence-in-wake-of-santa-clarita-shooting/>

LACCD Bond Rating

<https://markets.businessinsider.com/news/bonds/los-angeles-community-college-district-ca-moody-s-upgrades-los-angeles-ccd-s-ca-gos-to-aaa-and-assigns-aaa-to-series-k-b-1-and-b-2-outlook-is-stable-1028690937>

Chancellor to Speak at UC Davis Commencement

<https://www.ucdavis.edu/news/speakers-named-spring-undergraduate-commencements>

Prop 187 Anniversary

<https://pressfrom.info/us/news/us/-350452-activists-reunite-to-remember-campaign-against-prop-187-californias-anti-illegal-immigrant-initiative.html>

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-11-09/prop-187-anniversary-commemoration>

College Promise Program

<https://www.modbee.com/news/local/education/article236570088.html>