Amazon Partners with LACCD
LACCD’s nine colleges are partnering with Amazon Web Services to create a new, 15-unit cloud computing certificate program to train students with in-demand computing skills as part of the “California Cloud Workforce Project.” The District, plus 10 other Southern California community colleges, are part of the nation’s first regional partnership to meet the burgeoning demand for skilled workers in the rapidly expanding cloud computing sector. In Los Angeles County alone, economic forecasts show more than 12,000 new IT-related jobs will need to be filled in the next five years. More info at: http://www.elac.edu/newsandevents/news-feed/2018/awsImagine2018.htm

AB 3101 Update; Streamlining the Application Process
New, pending legislation to streamline the application process for admission into California’s community colleges was unanimously approved by the State Legislature on Aug. 30, 2018 and is now at Governor Brown’s desk for his signature. Assembly Bill 3101 (Carrillo), sponsored by LACCD, will help simplify the community college application process for all in the state. It could also have a significant positive impact on enrollments within the District where an estimated 10,000 student applications per year are not completed due to the complexity of the process.

NASA, NSF Grants Announced for LACCD Colleges

Back to School with L.A. College Promise
The word is out: free tuition is a hit at LACCD’s nine colleges! Preliminary enrollment numbers from the first week of the Fall 2018 term show there has been about a 25-percent increase in students enrolled via the L.A. College Promise program over last year’s enrollment numbers. For Fall 2018, about 5,000 students have enrolled full-time to receive free tuition under the L.A. College Promise program, now in its second year. That number is up by about 1,000 students from the 4,000 who took advantage of the program when it first began in Fall 2017. To qualify, L.A. College Promise students must enroll full time at an LACCD college beginning in the fall term, taking between 12 to 15 units per semester. They also must participate in summer transition sessions immediately prior to the Fall semester; take a structured educational schedule including required classes and participate in success coaching. For more information, visit: collegepromise.org
Successful Emergency Training at Los Angeles Pierce College

The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department (LASD), Los Angeles Police and Fire departments coordinated a well-planned, unified command exercise at Pierce College on Aug. 23, 2018 to train more than 100 first-responders should the need be real at any of LACCD’s nine colleges.

It’s part of the overall strategy by the LACCD Board of Trustees, Chancellor Rodriguez and the college presidents that safety for students, faculty, staff and visitors is a top priority. LASD provides police security at all District facilities and rotates training like this at all of the colleges. The District is also doing its part too with a comprehensive effort to upgrade all door locks and security cameras at LACCD buildings with scheduled completion in 2019.