

Dolores Huerta Labor Institute:

2012-13 Executive Summary

DHLI Vision: To educate all Los Angeles Community College District students about the labor movement.

The Dolores Huerta Labor Institute (DHLI) had an outstanding year reaching **5836 students** (2640 compared to last year) in 2012-13 in its efforts to promote labor studies. This was achieved through different vehicles including labor courses taught (1211 students reached) and events organized (4625 students reached). The events organized took many different shapes; they included L-StEP events (1336 students reached) where faculty work with their students to organize campus-wide events that promote labor studies, Voices & Images events (2561 students reached) that are put together by faculty but do not require student involvement in the organizing efforts the way L-StEP does, and Collective Bargaining Educational Projects (728 students reached) where students in their classes simulate union contract negotiations and NLRB union elections to learn about the work unions do.

This year, DHLI collaborated with 49 faculty members and administrators (31 compared to last year), a number that includes the Institute's Steering Committee. DHLI worked with this faculty to put together 111 different events both inside and outside of the classroom. These events primarily involved bringing in guest speakers who were mostly from unions and different organizing campaigns, but also included others such as State Controller John Chiang and LACCD trustee-elect Mike Eng. LACCD faculty was also involved in creating new labor courses such as Philosophy of Labor at Valley and Sociology 35--The Labor Movement currently being developed at Southwest. Our Faculty Action Committee also met at the end of each semester to debrief and plan our work for the following semester.

DHLI was also highly successful in connecting our students with organizations from our community. This year, DHLI connected with a total of 61 organizations (34 last year). The level of collaboration with each organization varied. Ten organizations worked closely with DHLI by helping organize events or even funding them; forty-six organizations were represented by speakers (mostly unions and workers centers) at events. Lastly, ten speakers did not represent their particular organizations, but their connection to such organizations is more than worth mentioning. These speakers included faculty from different universities (CSULB, CSUN, UCLA) and some elected officials (John Chiang, Mike Eng). Also, some organizations provided general support through their representatives in DHLI's steering committee.

Lastly, DHLI worked closely with faculty at East Los Angeles College to commemorate May as California Labor History Month as encouraged by Assembly Bill 2269. This special effort produced the exhibit "One Hundred Years of Labor" (on loan from the California Labor Federation) at the Vincent Price Art Museum, a special panel on "Labor, Immigration & Education", and a student labor video exhibit (an addition to the "100 Years" exhibit).