

First Week of Classes Across LACCD (cont'd)



More photos from our colleges: top left, East L.A. College, top right, L.A. Trade-Technical College; bottom left, L.A. Valley College, and, bottom right, L.A. Southwest College.

PBS Series to Highlight Harbor, Southwest Colleges

A special series of television programming being developed by KVIE, Sacramento, for the PBS show, *Inside California Education*, will highlight the Nursing Program at Los Angeles Harbor College, and the construction training program at Los Angeles Southwest College, the HireLAX Apprenticeship Readiness Program.

Thousands of students have graduated from Harbor's Nursing program, which is in its 50th year and has some of the highest state testing rates of any community college in California. The HireLAX program is an intensive, eight-week program that directly leads to well-paying construction jobs at the Los Angeles World Airports (LAX) complex or other nearby worksites.

Both programs will be featured in the PBS series with stand-alone segments lasting about six minutes. Filming for the HireLAX program has already been completed at Southwest, while a production team is set to visit Harbor near the end of September. Both segments will be part of a three-part special edition of *Inside California Education* that takes a close-up look at the positive impact of community colleges throughout California. The series is expected to air later this year.

LACCD At-A-Glance

- LACCD is the **largest community college district in the nation**. The District's **nine colleges** serve the residents of **more than 36 cities and communities** from about **900 square miles** of Los Angeles County.
- An average of about **230,000** full- and part-time students per year are educated at LACCD's nine colleges.
- L.A. College Promise Program** first-ever cohort of about 500 students graduated in June 2019. Program enters third year with Fall 2019 term and now provides two years of free tuition.
- West L.A. College** in June 2019 awarded **49 four-year bachelor's degrees** in dental hygiene. This was the second year that West awarded bachelor's degrees.
- LA Weekly* names East L.A. College's **Vincent Price Art Museum** and **L.A. Pierce College's Art and Architecture Gallery** two of the top 15 college art galleries in Southern California.
- East L.A. College** ranked **Number 2** among two-year colleges on the "**Top 100 Colleges and Universities for Hispanics**" by *The Hispanic Outlook on Education's* 2018 annual rankings.
- L.A. Mission College** recognized as having one of the **best online paralegal studies programs in the nation** by Affordable Colleges Online (AC Online), a leader in higher education rankings.

West Receives National, \$12 Million Grant

West Los Angeles College has been awarded a \$12 million federal grant—the single largest grant in the college's history—to develop and oversee a variety of apprenticeship programs across the country for as many as 5,000 students during the next four years. WLAC will be the lead college on the grant from the U.S. Department of Labor and will work with five other colleges across the country, the South Bay Workforce Investment Board, plus numerous private-sector employers and professional organizations.

Prepare for Emergencies!

September is traditionally considered to be National Emergency Preparedness Month and everybody needs to be prepared for disasters and emergencies. One of the best places to start planning is with the County of Los Angeles website, <https://www.lacounty.gov/emergency/>

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