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HINDU CHARITIES DONATES FUNDING FOR FIVE LACCD SCHOLARSHIPS

LOS ANGELES— Representatives of Hindu Charities for America (HC4A) have donated $5,000 to fund STEM scholarships within the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD). Part of HC4A’s mission is to “bridge income disparity through education in the spirit of serving the communities where you live.” The HC4A funds will provide five scholarships for students in STEM-related fields at LACCD’s Harbor, Pierce and Valley Colleges. HC4A has been active in supporting colleges in Texas, and chose the LACCD as its first beneficiary in the Los Angeles region.

Founder Harish Kotecha led a delegation from the organization that presented a check to LACCD Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D., members of the District’s executive team and members of the Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges at the District’s headquarters.

“We chose the LACCD because there is a significant need here and we want to help,” said Kotecha, “and we hope that giving to the Los Angeles Community College District will ignite the community to support our cause and help more students succeed. By giving to the Los Angeles Community College District, we know where the money is going. You have a system and a process in place for providing scholarships. By working with community college districts, we know we can maximize the positive impact on students’ lives.”

“We cherish all donations on behalf of our students,” said LACCD Chancellor Rodriguez, “and we thank Hindu Charities for entrusting us with a donation that will provide students with real support in reaching their educational goals.”

Kotecha spoke to District and Foundation representatives about his life, specifically about fleeing from Uganda as a young electrical engineer, during the rise of Idi Amin. Those experiences, led him to create HC4A in 2010 and to place focus on helping economically-disadvantaged students with school supplies and vocational scholarships.

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About the Los Angeles Community College District

LACCD (www.laccd.edu) is the nation’s largest community college district, educating about 230,000 full-and part-time students annually at its nine colleges that serve the residents of more than 36 cities and communities from 900 square miles of Los Angeles County. Since 1969, the District has been providing important learning pathways for students seeking transfer to four-year colleges or universities, two-year degrees and/or professional certificated training. Follow us on Facebook, https://www.facebook.com/LACCD, @LACCD, on Twitter, https://twitter.com/laccd @laccd and Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/laccd_edu, laccd_edu.

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