



OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

TO: LACCD Board of Trustees
FROM: Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D.
DATE: December 15, 2021
SUBJECT: Chancellor’s Monthly Report December 2021

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The LACCD Chancellor’s Monthly Report for December 2021 includes brief updates on the following:

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I. Status on COVID-19 Public Health Emergency & District Recovery

December 2021 marks the 21st month of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic that was declared a public health emergency in March 2020. Our nation will close out 2021 with a very somber statistic that more than 800,000 people in the U.S. have now died from the disease and more than 5.3 million deaths have been recorded globally in less than two years, according to the Johns Hopkins University [website](#).

The newly emerged, highly contagious Omicron variant of COVID-19 has now raised alarm bells throughout the world. Local, state and national public health officials are expressing concern that they are also seeing signs of another winter surge of COVID-19 cases (attributed to both the Omicron and the Delta variants). In fact, due to a rise in cases in California since Thanksgiving, state health officials on December 13, 2021 announced they [have issued a new indoor masking mandate for the entire state](#) effective for at least 30 days, from December 15 to January 15, 2022, regardless of a person’s vaccination status. Although included, Los Angeles County is one of the few areas in California that will not be directly impacted by the new state directive thanks to pre-existing local legal mandates for indoor masking already in place via the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) as well as the District’s own Board Policy 2800 mandating indoor masking for the past several months. County health officials have said local indoor masking mandates will remain in place at least through early 2022 especially with two variants of concern (Omicron and Delta) still circulating.

The state, meanwhile, also has now [issued new requirements for travel](#) as part of its latest efforts to stop the disease, including:

- All travelers arriving in or returning to California from other states or countries should follow [CDC travel guidance](#).
- All travelers arriving in or returning to California from other states or countries should test three to five days upon arrival here.

- All travelers who test positive or develop [symptoms of COVID-19](#) should [isolate](#) and follow [public health recommendations](#).

The Delta variant continues to reign supreme as the dominant, deadly form of the COVID-19 virus mutation, accounting for more than 95 percent of all new cases, however, county health officials recently told LACCD Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Command Staff representatives that community transmission of Omicron is likely occurring within the county. It is too soon to say whether or not Omicron will crowd out Delta and how lethal it will be, but the situation is being monitored closely. Fully vaccinated people who have also received a booster shot appear to be vulnerable to Omicron infection, but their illness appears to be mild. Nearly all hospitalizations—and deaths—that are currently occurring are with people who are not vaccinated.

County health officials remain firm in urging all eligible people to get vaccinated or to get boosters now. Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, should be regularly tested, especially if they show signs of illness or if they believe they have been in situations where they could have been exposed to the disease by others. Officials urge extra caution as we enter the year-end holiday celebrations and advise against travel or gatherings for anyone who is not vaccinated. Frequent handwashing; indoor masking; vaccinations/boosters; avoiding crowds (indoors and outdoors) and sensible distancing are all considered best practices to avoid illness, according to county health officials.



Regarding vaccinations, the good news is that on the one-year anniversary of the first COVID-19 vaccination that was given in California, more than 62.7 million doses of the vaccine have now been administered in California since the vaccinations first became available, according to a December 14, 2021 [announcement by Governor Newsom](#). Those doses mean 86 percent of all eligible Californians have received at least one dose. Additional statewide data can be found [here](#).

Locally, LACDPH reports more than 15.2 million doses of vaccine have been administered, including about 7.5 million people with at least one dose; 6 million who are fully vaccinated and 1.7 million people who have received a booster shot. Now that everyone ages 5 and up can receive the vaccination, these numbers equal about 77 percent of all eligible persons (9.7 million people) in the county having received at least one dose of the vaccine. If looking at data included in last month's report for all eligible persons, ages 12 and older, (8.8 million people), the vaccination rate has climbed from about 80 percent who have received at least one dose to 83.4 percent with one dose; and the county's fully vaccinated rate has gone from about 72 percent to 75 percent.

For LACCD, improvements continue in terms of compliance by both employees and students regarding [Board Policy 2900](#) for vaccinations, exemptions and testing. The number of employees who are not in compliance has dropped below 1,500 and the Human Resources Division plans to send more follow-up compliance notices to them in December and January as part of the process for progressive discipline. Any student who wishes to enroll in in-person, on-campus classes for the Spring 2022 semester will not be allowed to do so until they are in compliance.

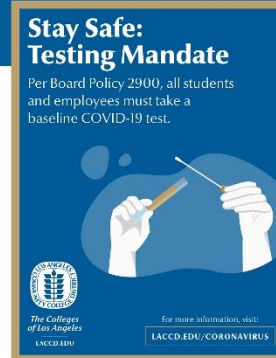
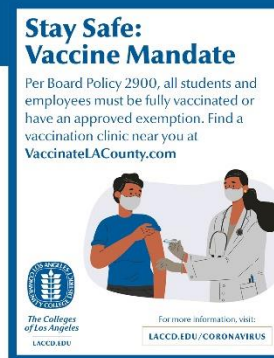
The District's Office of Information Technology has installed electronic scanning stations at all district facilities and the colleges where employees and students can now scan their Cleared4 QR code pass prior to entering any campus or at the District's downtown office building. Testing locations for employees and students with Biocept continues to be provided. Most of the colleges also continue to partner with healthcare providers for free vaccination clinics and East Los Angeles College will continue its partnership with the County as a public testing site through May 2022. This [link](#) provides searchable locations for vaccination clinics throughout the county.

New signage has been developed by the EOC for use throughout the District regarding the policies, check-in reminders and self-check notice for visitors:



Notice to All District Employees and Students:

- » **Indoor masking is mandatory**
- » **Vaccinations or exemptions & testing required**
- » **Complete your Cleared4 self check**
- » **Scan your QR code to check in**



Notice to the General Public:

- » **Indoor masking is legally required per Los Angeles County Health Orders**

Face Masks: All individuals must follow the indoor masking requirements of the Los Angeles County Health Orders, including for all indoor public settings of state and local government offices serving the public.



II. Updates on LACCD Enrollment & Marketing
Winter 2022 Enrollment Information

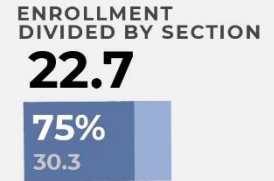
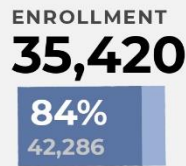


LACCD Enrollment Update

WINTER 2022 TO WINTER 2021 COMPARISONS

DAY -29 - RELATIVE TO THE BEGINNING OF INSTRUCTION

Relative Day Comparisons for Day -29, comparing Winter 2022 (Monday, December 6, 2021) to Winter 2021 (Sunday, December 6, 2020). Data source: LACCD PS Student Information System.



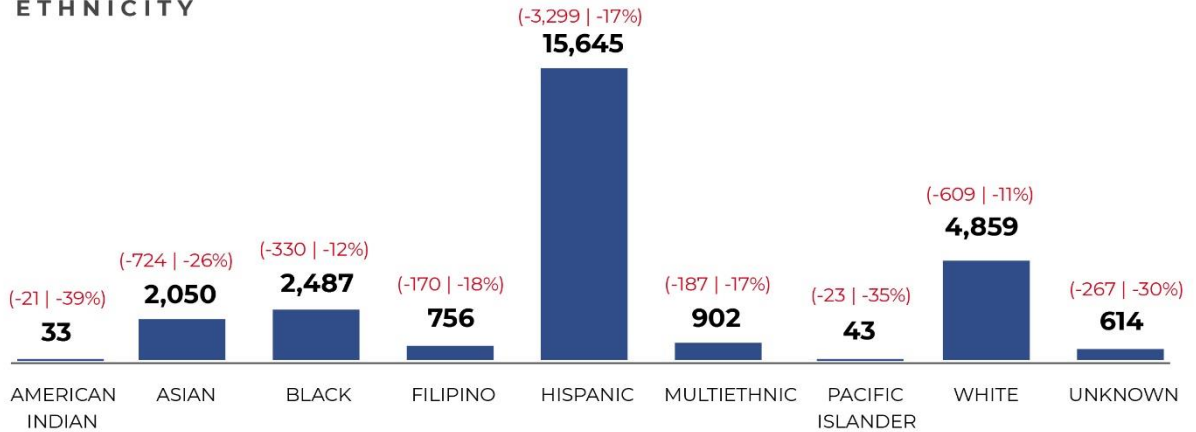
GENDER

	Winter 2022	Change from 2021
FEMALE	17,453	↓ -4,395 -20%
MALE	9,660	↓ -1,404 -13%
NON-BINARY	99	↑ +69 N/A
UNKNOWN	177	↑ +100 N/A

AGE



ETHNICITY



CLASS MODALITY & FILL RATE



SOURCE: LACCD Office of Institutional Effectiveness

Enrollment Marketing

Onboarding meetings and initial work with Elder Tree as the new Agency of Record for enrollment marketing and advertising began in November. Elder Tree and the colleges have already initiated some campaigns for Spring 2022 semester while the District is focusing on a comprehensive campaign for L.A. College Promise enrollment in 2022. More details will be reported in 2022 as work on the campaigns occurs.

III. Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges

Max the Vax Campaign Update

The Foundation continues to support the District's vaccination efforts for LACCD students with the "Max the Vax" incentive campaign generously funded a grant from Kaiser Permanente.

The Max the Vax incentive campaign provides incentives of \$75 to each student who gets vaccinated and submits an application to the Foundation. Students are eligible for an additional \$75 if they bring a friend or family member to get vaccinated too, while funds remain available. To date, more than 2,000 incentive applications have been received.

Donor & Fundraising Info

The Foundation is processing scholarships, grant awards, and donor reports for the 2021-22 Academic Year. The Foundation is also soliciting new philanthropic contributions and developing initiatives that will support LACCD students during year.

- In partnership with Southern California Edison, the Foundation has awarded 25 students \$1,000 each to support their educational pursuits in Science Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) majors.
- The Foundation launched the Umoja– AAOI Scholarship to support students participating in Umoja programs
- The Foundation continues to support LACCD nursing students through its Persistence and NCLEX scholarships. These scholarships are designed to remove barriers for nursing students and help them complete their studies.
- In partnership with human-IT, the Foundation has awarded more than 200 mobile hotspots and six months of free internet service to LACCD students. Human-it also hosted a mobile hotspot giveaway at Los Angeles Southwest College. (see photo, right)



The Foundation is currently fundraising for the following programs and encourages all to consider donating:

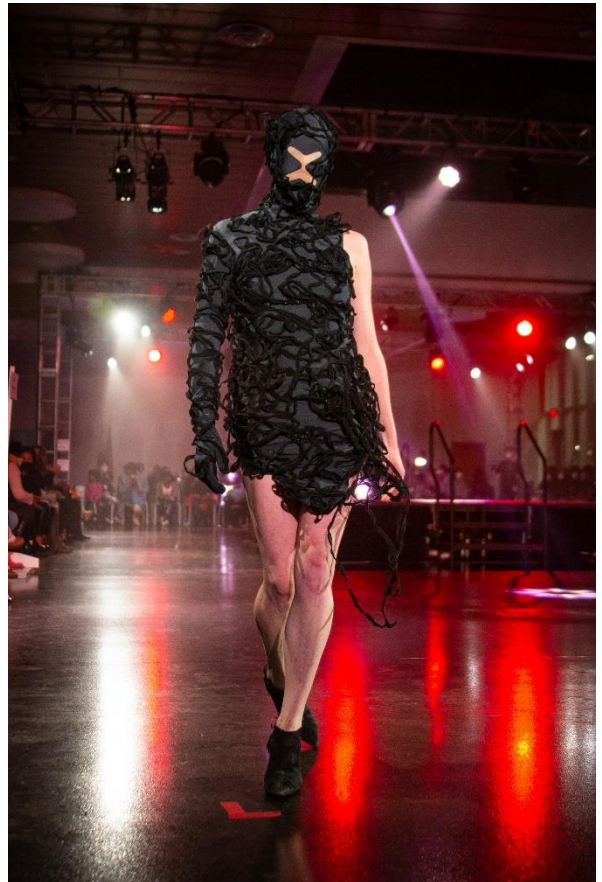
- Food for Families program <https://www.giveeffect.com/campaigns/14483-food-for-families>
- African American Student Success Fund <https://www.giveeffect.com/campaigns/17101-african-american-student-success-fund>
- Undocumented Student Success Fund <https://www.giveeffect.com/campaigns/16055-undocumented-students-success-fund>

IV. Gold Thimble Special Runway Edition

The latest *haute couture* edition of the “Gold Thimble” fashion design show at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College occurred December 10. A dazzling sensory display of fashion design by LATTC students streamed down the runway and is captured in the following photos. More complete photos and video will be provided online in January.









V. Special News, Events and Announcements

LACCD Fareless “GoPass” Partnership With L.A. Metro Announced



The nation’s largest fareless public transit program for college students was announced December 7, 2021 at a press conference at Los Angeles City College (LACC) by Board President Steve Veres, Chancellor Rodriguez, Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins, LACC President Mary Gallagher and LACCD Student Trustee Coraima Martinez.

News releases in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) are posted online. The one-year program provides significant benefits to all LACCD students and eliminates one more barrier for them to complete and achieve their educational goals. The District will continue to advocate for funding at the state and federal levels to make the program permanent for all LACCD students. Special TAP cards and unique access codes have been delivered to all colleges to make the fareless transit option available now. The colleges will be posting distribution info on their websites and sending messaging to students.

Extensive news media coverage occurred from the press conference and in follow-up stories and broadcasts. The story was picked up by about 40 print and online news outlets in addition to more than 50 broadcast clips that can be accessed from this [link](#). The event was livestreamed on Facebook by Metro and LACCD. Full coverage begins about two minutes into the stream [link here](#).



Groundbreaking Event December 17, 2021 at Los Angeles Southwest College (LASC)
 The much-anticipated construction of the new, two-story, 31,000-square-foot Student Union building at LASC will be held 1-3 p.m., Friday, December 17, 2021. Event details and other information included below.

SAVE THE DATE

LOS ANGELES SOUTHWEST COLLEGE
 INVITES YOU TO ATTEND ITS

Student Union
GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY



DATE: Friday, December 17, 2021
TIME: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: School of Career and Technical Education Building (SoCTE) Multipurpose Room 127 and Student Union site

The dynamic Student Union, a 2-story, 31,000-square-foot building, will serve as the heart of student life at Los Angeles Southwest College. This much awaited facility will enable social interaction, provide flexible and contemporary spaces to work, study and play as well as add student lounge spaces, a gaming room, conference and meeting spaces and offices for the Associated Student Organization, Student Life and Administration.

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[@LASCCougars](https://instagram.com/LASCCougars)
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The 7th Annual LACCD Disability Summit Sponsored by the Chancellor's Office

Keynote speakers will be sharing strategies for institutions of higher education to ensure they are providing an inclusive and equitable environment for students and employees with disabilities.

- **STARTS: 9 a.m., Friday, January 21, 2022**
- **LOCATION: Los Angeles Mission College and Online**
- **MORE DETAILS TO COME**

New Cohort for Popular HireLAX Program at LASC Begins January 31, 2022



Apprenticeship Readiness Program (ARP)

Free Construction Job Training

Start your journey toward a rewarding construction career in support of LAX's multi-billion dollar Capital Improvement Program!

<p>Are you ready for a life changing opportunity?</p> <p>Have you considered a career in construction?</p> <p>If yes, then this program is for you!</p>	<p>The HireLAX ARP provides you with...</p> <p>An introduction to construction careers and assistance with everything you need to start a union construction career.</p> <p>Flip over this flier to learn more about what we have to offer!</p>
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Mask & Proof of Vaccination Required to Attend Orientation

How Do I Qualify?

Strong interest in a construction career

17 ¾ or older

California ID Card

Social Security Card

Mandatory Orientation

Saturday, Jan 8, 2022

7:00am - 1pm

Class Information

8 week program

7am-2pm / Monday-Friday

Class Start: Jan 31, 2022

Location

Los Angeles Southwest College
1600 West Imperial Highway, Los Angeles, 90047
The Little Theater

To Register and for further instructions go to:

<https://hirelax2022-01-08.eventbrite.com>



For more information on program orientation and registration, contact: HireLAX@lawa.org



The “Meeting Owl” Has Landed at Los Angeles Pierce College (LAPC)!



The Owl is here! LAPC is working with the District’s Office of Information Technology to provide more options for students to learn and faculty to teach with a dual delivery option of taking the same class either in person or remotely by utilizing [Owl technology](#).

According to History Professor and AFT 1521 Chapter President **Brian Walsh**, each dual delivery class will have two sections, one for in-person and one

for remote synchronous delivery. The Meeting Owl makes any classroom a hybrid environment using a camera equipped with a 360-degree lens that captures a panoramic view of the room. Two LAPC instructors piloted the system in their classes this Fall and more classes will be added in the Spring semester. LAPC is the first college in the District to utilize the Owl technology. Assistant Professor of Cinema **Ken Windrum** is seen in photo above using the Owl (circled in red) in his Fall Cinema 3 class. Photo by **David Pashae**.

Tesla Job Fair and \$10,000 Auto Award Events for LAPC



LAPC’s Automotive Service Technology Department hosted a Tesla job fair on campus November 3. About 100

students, dressed professionally and armed with resumes, attended the outdoor event. Four representatives from Tesla attended and showcased five of the popular high-tech Tesla vehicles. Then on November 5, LAPC automotive faculty and students participated in a special luncheon event hosted by Bob Smith from the Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealership Association (GLANCA). Industrial Technology Chair Beth Cheung, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs Donna Mae Villanueva, Alex Villalta and seven students enjoyed a luncheon and ceremony featuring recent merits and endeavors from the automotive industry. Students who attended included **Alejandro Sosa, Alex Orellana, Mario Munoz, Marquis Anthony, Brian Olivarez, Yahir Barraza, and Mike Lopez**. The money will be used to enhance the automotive program.

Los Angeles City College's *Collegian Times* Wins Journalism Award

The college's magazine won the best Two-Year College Student Magazine Feature/General Magazine award at the virtual Associated Collegiate Press Pacemaker Awards presented on October 14, 2021. The magazine was among 12 student-produced collegiate magazine winners.

Los Angeles City College (LACC) Launches New "Pathways for Women in Mammography" Program

Thanks to a \$71,000 grant from Union Bank, the program is designed to enable low-income women of color to complete the mammography program and earn an American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) certification in mammographic radiologic technology. The pilot program is being offered through LACC Extension and more information is on the college's website.

Los Angeles Valley College Enrollment Update



registration assistance, talked with a counselor, toured the campus, connected with academic programs and student services, and got their COVID vaccination (with \$150 Bookstore gift card incentive). Students also had chances to win prizes, such as Apple Air Pods, Beats Studio Buds, and Valley T-shirts!

To help boost enrollment and meet student needs, Valley College added 24 Winter session sections for courses that were full; established a Call Center that help students register for in-person classes and its Welcome Center assisted students with expediting Cleared4 holds so they could immediately enroll. The college also held In-Person Registration Fairs on December 8 and 11, where students received

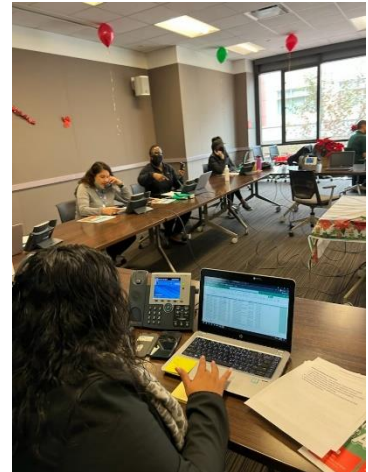


East Los Angeles College (ELAC) Winter Enrollment Fair and Telethons



ELAC hosted two Enrollment Fairs on Wednesday, December 8, at its main Monterey Park campus and on Thursday, December 9, at the South Gate campus. Both events reported strong participation and helped to promote the college's Career and Academic Pathways. Participants also could receive a COVID-19 booster shot from on-campus healthcare provider ViaCare and were eligible for the "Max the Vax" incentive.

ELAC also hosted two in person telethons where faculty and staff volunteers connected with students over the phone to get them the help they need to enroll for the upcoming Winter and Spring semesters. The event was live streamed on the [ELAC YouTube page](#) where participants could virtually join in and make their calls alongside those in attendance physically at the telethon.



ELAC Theatre in the Community presents: The Zombie Code or How Bobbie Z. Beats the Bull 'E's



ELAC Storytheatre is pleased to present, "The Zombie Code or How Bobbie Z. Beats the Bull 'E's" for their 2021-2022 season tour. The play's hero Bobbie Zombie is an ordinary 12-year old, but he is also a zombie... a fact he often forgets. He's excited about middle school and taking the bus, but when he runs into the local gang, The Bull Street 'E's at the bus stop, middle school becomes a lot more complicated. Until he remembers 'The Zombie Code' as the only way to beat a bully.

The play is written for kindergarten to sixth graders and performed by East Los Angeles College theatre students in area elementary schools. The Zombie Code explores acceptance, diversity, and a strategy for 'bully management' in a fun, entertaining, theatrical production. The play lasts approximately 40 minutes, followed by a short question and answer period with the actors.

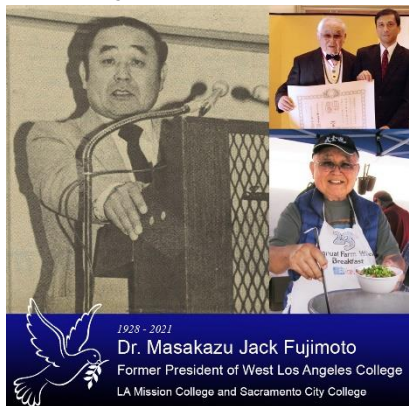
In addition to weekly performances, ELAC Storytheatre also participates weekly in the Robert Hill Lane Elementary after-school program located across the street from the ELAC campus. Students conduct workshops in creative drama and storytelling, gaining valuable workforce experience as teaching artists.

Los Angeles Mission College (LAMC) Winter/Spring Registration Event

LAMC hosted more than 180 students during the Winter and Spring Registration Event on Wednesday, December 1. More than two dozen staff and volunteers provided students with assistance enrolling in winter and spring classes, setting up Cleared4 profiles, counseling, financial aid and more. Students were also able to apply for LAMC's new Mission Cafe and Grill voucher. The event was a great success and resulted in a boost for LAMC's winter enrollment



Jack Fujimoto, Former West Los Angeles College (WLAC) President Dies at Age 93



Jack Fujimoto, Ph.D., a former West Los Angeles College (WLAC) President passed away in November. According to [obituary information](#), in 1969, Mr. Fujimoto was selected as a dean at LAPC and in 1977 he became the president of Sacramento City College, making him the first Asian American to become the president of a mainland U.S. community college. From 1979 to 1986, he was president at WLAC. He became president at LAMC in 1989 and served there until 1996. From 2002 to 2003, he was interim superintendent-president of Imperial Valley College in Imperial County.

Born in California in 1928, Fujimoto and his parents were sent to the Poston War "Relocation Center" in Arizona in 1941 for four years. Following his high school graduation, Fujimoto volunteered for the U.S. Army, where he served in Japan during the Korean War. He became the first in his family to pursue a college education and obtained his A.A. degree at Pasadena City College and his B.S., M.B.A., and Ph.D. at UCLA.

Los Angeles Harbor College Gets the Holiday Spirit



The Los Angeles Harbor College family came together on Monday, December 6, when donors, staff, supporters and prospects attended the inaugural Seahawk Holiday Gathering. The event was hosted by the Los Angeles Harbor College Foundation, and featured fine food from the reigning LACCD Culinary Cup Champions, seasonal music from the college's Collegiate Choir, and donor recognition. Alumna Jeri Kusar won the Individual Philanthropist of the Year, followed by Phillips 66 who won the Corporate Philanthropist of the Year.

The evening goal was to raise \$10,000 to match the new federal Title V annual challenge to establish a \$100,000 Hispanic Equity Endowment Fund by 2027. More than \$16,000 was raised. Video highlight coverage is available [here](#).

The college's CARE and CalWORKs families received gift cards, turkey vouchers, dinner, and toys at the 15th Annual Student Recognition Celebration held December 2, 2021, in front of the college's Child Development Building. The hearts of Angeles Zesati, CalWorks Coordinator, and Blanca Rodriguez, CARE Coordinator were warmed by the generosity of staff, administrators, and Marathon Petroleum Corporation, who funded this drive through their

generous Grant Donation. Over 100 kids and parents experienced a taste of the North Pole as Mr. and Mrs. Claus were on hand to cheerfully greet and wave to all.



Happy Holidays from the Board of Trustees and Chancellor Rodriguez to All!

