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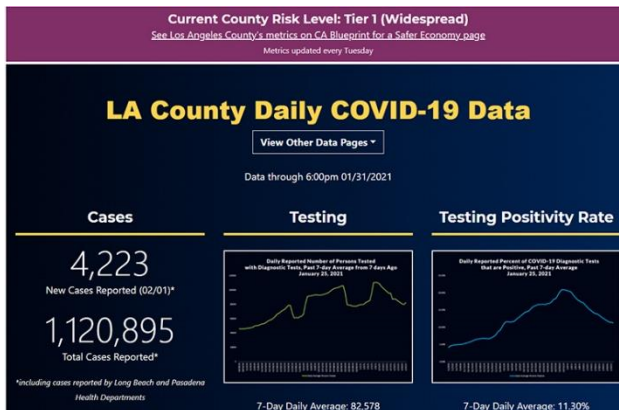
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The LACCD Chancellor's Monthly Report for February 2021 includes brief updates on the following:

- I. District Status on COVID-19 Public Health Emergency & Recovery
- II. Update on the LACCD Enrollment & Marketing
- III. Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges
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I. District Status on COVID-19 Public Health Emergency & Recovery

In January, Los Angeles County marked the one-year anniversary since the first case of the COVID-19 coronavirus was reported. The County has since logged more than 1.12 million positive cases but the alarming, out-of-control surge of positive cases during the past several months appears to have peaked as daily totals are declining, according to officials with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH).



LACDPH also noted that as of February 2, 2021, total deaths were 17,057, with 7,000 of those coming in just about the past 30 days. By comparison, on December 30, 2020, LACDPH reported a total of 10,000 COVID-19 deaths since the pandemic began.

As daily cases have declined, the Stay-at-Home Health Orders were lifted and replaced with the [Safer At Work and the Community](#) protocols. Some activities like outdoor dining have been allowed to return under the revised [Health Orders](#) effective January 29, 2021. The

County, however, remains in the most restrictive, Tier 1/Purple Level and it is unknown when the County will move out of this restrictive tier to allow for more activities. [Protocols for Institutes of Higher Education](#) continue to be posted online and were last revised by LACDPH on December 20, 2020.

While prevention, contact tracing and control remains key to the LACDPH COVID-19 response, Health Officials tell the District the focus is now on vaccinations. The challenge is receiving enough supplies to meet demand. The County is receiving about 150,000 doses of vaccine weekly and is still working through Phase 1A (healthcare and long-term care homes) and the pool of people ages 65 or older. These groups represent about 2 million people locally with a total need of 4 million doses, but only less than 1 million does have been received. Of the vaccines received, about 800,000 people have received their first dose and about 125,000 have now received both doses.

County officials tell the District that LACDPH will be opening appointments to Phase 1B, including the Education category, sometime in February. Although no specific dates have been announced, appointments for Education could begin in mid- to late-February. Appointment information is online at: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/vaccine/>

LACDPH information online about vaccination distributions is posted online, but numbers are trending about a week old: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/vaccine/vaccine-dashboard.htm>

COVID-19 VACCINE

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COVID-19 VACCINATIONS IN LA COUNTY

AS OF JANUARY 29, 2021 (UPDATED WEEKLY)



DOSES REPORTED THROUGH SURVEYS OF INVENTORY AT FACILITIES

As of	Cumulative Doses Allocated to the County*	Number of Doses Administered Based on Surveys of Facilities**	% of Doses Administered Based on Surveys
1/12/21	685,075	525,747	76.7%
1/25/21	991,375	790,902	79.8%

During this time, LACDPH urges all to have patience while supplies and other logistic issues are resolved. In addition, there is a renewed emphasis on the basics of protection, including staying home if sick, wearing facial coverings/masks outdoors, social distancing, frequent hand washing and avoiding any large crowds or gatherings.

Coronavirus can be stopped if we all do our part



Stay home if you feel sick, keep 6 feet apart, wear a face cloth, & wash your hands often

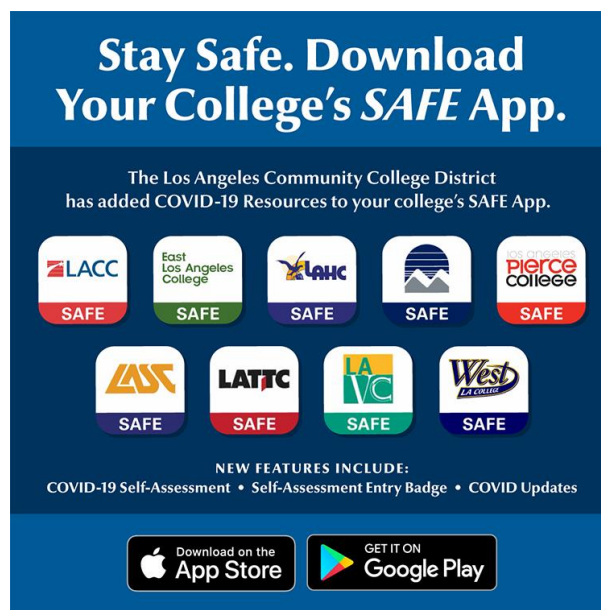
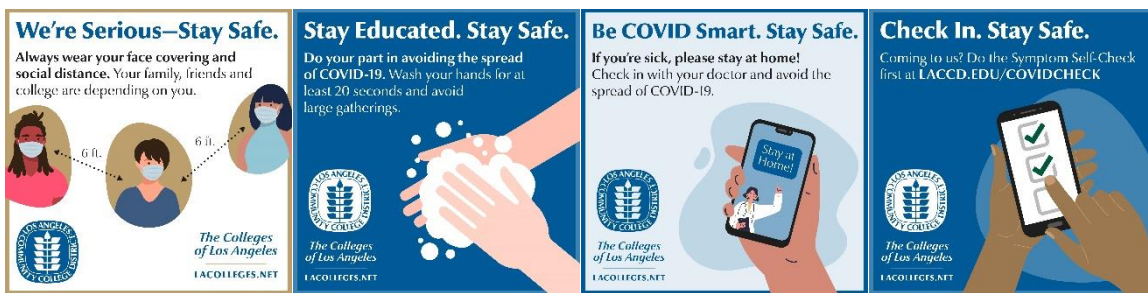
Overall, the District and its nine colleges continue to remain open with business operations primarily online. Educational efforts continue to be done in remote learning platforms with some limited, in-person instruction for essential workforce classes. The situation remains status quo for the Spring 2021 Semester that begins Monday, February 8, 2021. No announcements have been made yet for the Summer Session or Fall 2021 Semester.

The District's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the colleges' Incident Command Centers (ICCs) remain activated and are meeting on a weekly to twice-weekly basis as needed for emergency supplies and procurement, logistics, recovery, communications and financial purposes.

A new recovery ["Re-engagement Grid"](#) document for the District and the colleges has been developed to help guide the resumption of activities as the County is able to move out of the Purple/Tier 1 restrictions. A [companion memo](#) was also developed and posted online.

The EOC is also reviewing all 21 [Safety Advisories](#) issued since the pandemic was declared in March 2020 to update and revise as appropriate.

Promotion of the SAFE app for the colleges, including check-in protocols on college access, continues, along with the general safety messages.



The District continues to provide important representation for the higher education sector within Los Angeles County with the LACDPH Vaccine Advisory Work Group. The Group has now finalized draft documents under review by LACDPH executives for presentation soon to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

The District and the colleges continue to cooperate and provide assistance to the County and its agency partners as both testing sites and now as potential sites as Points of Distribution (PODs)

for vaccinations. These proposals go through the colleges' ICCs up to the EOC for review and approval before operations are allowed to begin.

Also, under review are MOUs that will allow LACCD healthcare students to help administer vaccinations as PODs continue to expand and more personnel are need to serve the public.

II. Updates on LACCD Enrollment / Marketing for Enrollment

A. Winter 2021 Enrollment

Comparing Winter 2021 (1/28/21) to Winter 2020 (1/30/20) as of Day +24 of the semester, for the District as a whole:

- Headcount is at 98%,
- Duplicated Enrollment is at 98%,
- Credit Section Count is at 98%, and
- Enrollment per Section is at 100%

B. Spring 2021 Enrollment

Comparing Spring 2021 (2/1/21) to Spring 2020 (2/3/20) as of Day -7 of the semester, for the District as a whole:

- Headcount is at 87%,
- Duplicated Enrollment is at 82%,
- Credit Section Count is at 90%, and
- Enrollment per Section is at 91%

Spring enrollment has increased at a lower rate likely due to a multitude of factors, especially due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the burgeoning surge of cases and deaths during the past few months. Uncertainty about the economy and the extension of unemployment benefits; childcare issues and no in-classroom education at the K-12 level; mental fatigue; and other societal or political impacts may also be contributing factors.

Class offerings are also declining as colleges continue to cancel classes at a rate that is approaching that for Fall 2020

Districtwide enrollment marketing and advertising for the Spring Semester will continue through next week to help capture additional student enrollments.

The current marketing strategy was developed with input from the colleges and focused on retaining current students, supporting college enrollment and recruiting diverse students. At the colleges' request, special emphasis was developed to students who had applied but not yet enrolled. The external marketing and outreach activities targeted the following: a) Latinos (bilingual), African Americans, Asian American, and Pacific Islander students ages 18 to 35 and their parents; b) L.A. County residents searching online with the intent to enroll in community college; and c) 4-year college students looking for higher education alternatives.

The multiplatform campaign is using social media, emails, geofencing, website landing pages, college-branding messaging, traditional advertising (print, TV and radio).



This month, the District is once again working with the Los Angeles Unified School District to mail out the “L.A. College Promise Digital Welcome Kit” to all seniors with an emphasis to apply now for priority registration May 1, 2021 to join the [L.A. College Promise Program](#) for the Fall 2021 Semester. The kit has been updated and is now published in English and Spanish.



As LAUSD does its mailing, the District will be publishing the kit online and via social media in addition to working with other area school districts to distribute to their seniors.

III. Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges

Michael Fuller, LACCD Director for Institutional Advancement, shared the following report with Board of Directors for the Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges:

Dear Foundation Board Members,

In normal times, we would have seen each other at events or crossed paths in other ways during the Fall season. We would have connected in December for our annual Foundation holiday gathering. I certainly miss the human-to-human connections and seeing everyone in person.

But during this time, our tiny-but-mighty Advancement Team has been able to maximize our remote environments to provide an unprecedented level of assistance to students and their families. Just yesterday, we sent the final list for the Food for Families program to have boxes of food delivered directly to the homes of students.

As Directors of the Foundation, you are part of something larger than any one of us as individuals. You are the part of the vital thread that holds together the fabric of our society. In the past three months alone, your Foundation did this.

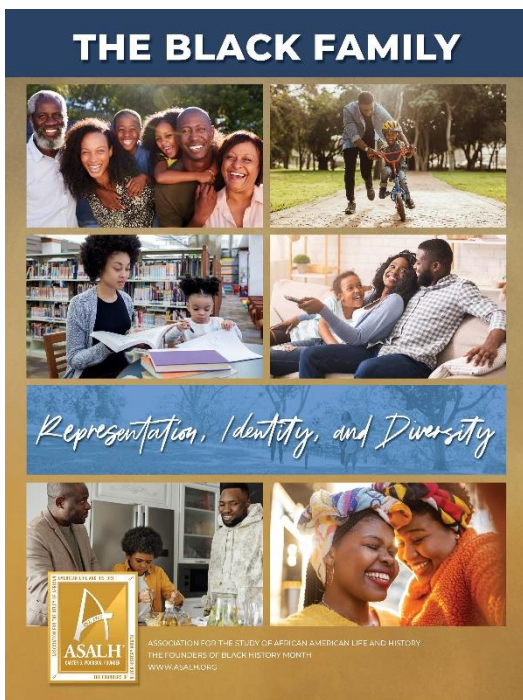
- *We mailed 2,700 Grocery Cards to students' homes.*
- *Collaborating with Imperfect Foods Inc., we delivered:*
 - *970 Boxes of Food and Groceries to students' homes in December and,*
 - *2,442 Boxes of Food and Groceries to students' homes in January.*
- *We disbursed:*
 - *201 Vicky Chang NCLEX awards to Nursing Students.*
 - *105 Ann and Robert Ronus Nursing Persistence Grants.*
 - *13 scholarships to respiratory therapy students.*

- 123 Emergency Grants.
- 183 LA College Promise Grants.
- With help from College faculty and staff, we processed and evaluated more than 11,000 applications for assistance.
- In addition to the \$1 Million grant from the California Community Foundation, we generated \$410,000 in contributions.

While we have certainly tested the limits of our capacity, the motivation to help students has never waned. A great spirit of collaboration with the Los Angeles Valley College Family Resource Center Team got us through the long hours and weekends. But we know that none of this would have been possible without your steadfast help and support.

As January draws to a close and a new semester begins, we look forward to the hopeful year ahead that brings the possibility of connecting in person. Thank you for all that you do. I look forward connecting with you virtually at our next Board meeting on Tuesday, February 23. In the meantime, I'll be reaching out to you individually to get your thoughts on new projects, and to follow up on committee business.

IV. Black History Month Activities

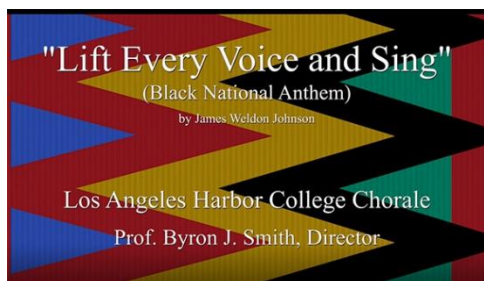


All nine colleges are hosting, promoting and participating in a wide range of events and special activities in honor of Black History Month. The District's Black Faculty and Staff Association (BFSA) is also working with the colleges on the month-long celebration.

Each February, the LACCD BFSA celebrates the national theme of the [Association for the Study of African American Life and History \(ASALH\)](#), which was established on September 9, 1915 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the founder of Black History Week (turned Month). This year, the theme is The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the BFSA was not able to host its annual marquee event, the African American Heritage Bus Tour, this year. However, the BFSA highlighted a list of local and national virtual activities on the flyer below that it is supporting and BFSA-sponsored virtual

activities (listed below) that our colleges are offering. The BFSA has combined them into its first 2021 Black History Month Virtual Festival. (on next page)



This year, the Los Angeles Harbor College Chorale led by Professor Byron Smith sings a beautiful rendition of the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" that can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CN1yfEhkFgU>



The Los Angeles Community College District Black Faculty & Staff Association

CELEBRATES THE 95TH BLACK HISTORY MONTH THEME OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LIFE & HISTORY

VIRTUAL FESTIVAL

2021 BLACK HISTORY MONTH THEME

The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity

Monday, February 1-28, 2021

West LA College Black History Month Digital Display of African American Authors, Leaders, Activists, and More ([WLAC Padlet](#))

Thursday, February 4, 2021 • 6:00 PM

Roundtable Discussion, "The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity" Moderated by Marc Brown, Co-Anchor, ABC7 Eyewitness News (Our Authors Study Club, OASC | [BFSA](#))

Friday, February 5, 2021 • 10:00 AM

City of LA Virtual Opening Ceremony Honoring Living Legends: Recording Artists, The Manhattans; Honorable Maxine Waters, US Representative for California's 43rd Congressional District; Kizzmekia Corbett, Viral Immunologist Center; and Benjamin Crump, Esq., Law, "Black America's Attorney General" (OASC | [BFSA](#))

Sunday, February 7, 2021 • 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panel Discussion, "How African American Families Have Been Portrayed in the Media" ([ASALH](#))

Wednesday, February 10-20, 2021

All Dolled Up: 40-Years honoring the diversity and uniqueness of the Black family through an exhibit of historic, artistic, and commercial black dolls. ([William Grant Still Arts Center](#))

Friday, February 19, 2021 • 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

We are Family: Using the power of DNA to Trace our African Ancestry | District employees are invited to join students in tracing their ancestry. In a couple of months, we will come back together virtually and share our results. ([BFSA](#))

Saturday, February 20, 2021 • 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Finding Our Roots in African American History: A Conversation with Henry Louis Gates and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham ([Ticketed Event: ASALH](#))

Friday, February 26, 2021 • 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Taking Care of our LACCD Family: Black students are the minority in LACCD enrollment, but the majority experiencing homelessness | Trustee Gabriel Buelna and colleagues will share plans to hear student voices. ([BFSA](#))

Friday, February 26, 2021 • 4:00 PM

Family Reading Time: Diversity, Inclusion and Equity in Children's Picture Books | Hear from a panel of experts— ([BFSA](#))

Sunday, February 28, 2021 • 2:00 PM-3:00 PM

Black Family in Film & TV Trivia | Join the BFSA in a Sunday fun day of trivia and scavenger hunting all around the topic of Black families in film and television. Start preparing now! ([BFSA](#))



From the Continent to the Americas: Foodways, Culture and Traditions in the African American Family



Thursday, February 25, 2021, 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Viewing of the 20-minute documentary, "God Bless the Cook," featuring Cordon Bleu-trained chef and LA Trade-Tech College professor, Roslyn Spence— In the video, Chef Spence introduces her greatest mentor and challenge: her mother. At 94 years old (now 96), Edith Bell is still cooking, dancing, and sharing stories of when she cooked for Hollywood's biggest stars. With two chefs in the kitchen, loving sparks fly between their big personalities and different life experiences.



Afterwards, join Chef Spence as she leads guests through a cooking demonstration of a healthy and clean twist on collard greens and black eyed peas. Watch or cook along she marries together Hop-pin' John and stuffed collard greens and transforms these African American traditional foods into a southern comfort casserole dish. Participants will have a chance to show and celebrate their kitchens spaces, and cooking processes and products. Visit laccdbfsa.com for a simple ingredients list, preparation instructions, and more information.

laccdbfsa.com

All of the colleges are helping to promote participation in the events on the next flyer honoring the nation's Historically Black Colleges:



Honoring our Nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities

The CCC Transfer Guarantee to HBCUs in partnership with **National College Resources Foundation** invite you to join us for a week of virtual events in honor of Black History Month!

Monday February 1st, 2021 thru Friday February 5th 2021

Monday February 1st

The History of HBCU: The Mecca of Black Excellence 11AM -12:30PM
When Academic Preparation meets Opportunity = ACCESS! 1PM – 2PM

Tuesday February 2nd

Come Visit our HBCUs! A Virtual Tour Event 11AM - 12:30PM
Our Choice, Our Voice! A Panel of CCC to HBCU Transfer Students 4PM -5:30PM

Wednesday February 3rd

HBCU Financial Aid Offices Present – The A, B, Cs of Financial Aid 9AM - 11AM
How to Fund Your HBCU Education 11AM - 12PM
Attending Your HBCU w a Family 1:00PM - 2PM
Career Fair Event 3PM – 6PM

Thursday February 4th

Leading HBCUs in the 21st Century: Presidents Panel 10AM -11:30AM
HBCU Life: Exploring Campus Culture 1PM - 2PM
California Clubs, Alumni Assoc, Black Greek Life Presentations 4PM – 6PM

Friday February 5th

HBCU Transfer Fair 12PM – 3PM

To register for each of these events—Use the Link [Here](#)



Also, the annual Black College Expo returns to California this month, February 19-20. Event info online at:

<https://www.thecollegeexpo.org/events/black-college-expo-california-westcoast>

A promotional poster for the Black College Expo in California. The top left features a circular logo with 'BLACK COLLEGE EXPO' and a list of cities: Chicago, Los Angeles, Oakland, San Diego, Dallas, DC/Maryland, Atlanta, Houston, Sacramento, New York, and Seattle. The main text reads 'Coming virtual to California' in large, bold letters. Below this, the dates are listed: 'FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19 - 3-7pm (pst)' and 'SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20 - 12-3pm (pst)'. The bottom section contains logos for various sponsors: UnionBank, SoCalGas, Comerica, FDUND, NCRF, JAP Student Athlete Program, HBCUstartups, and the U.S. Army. The background features a stylized map of California and a silhouette of a person's head.

Additional highlighted Black History Month event information from each of the colleges includes:

City

Bernice Albertine King will be the special guest speaker for the Black Lives Matter Town Hall, on Feb. 19, noon to 2 p.m. She is an American minister and the youngest child of civil rights leaders Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King.

https://lacitycollege.edu/getattachment/a5fe8121-cbfe-4c43-a7fa-8f6b488a56f3/LACC_CityChatter_002_web

Full listing of other activities online at:

<https://www.lacitycollege.edu/About/News/This-Week/February-2021/1326>

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2021
HISTORY HAS ITS EYES ON US
BOLD, FEARLESS, AMBITIOUS

Wednesday, February 24th 3pm
Treesje M. Thomas
Psychologist and Spoken Word Artist

Write Your Way Through
Poetic Expression as a Therapeutic Tool
Curating a space for students to explore this timeless form of expression, to equip them with a therapeutic tool that is both introspective and entertaining
Featuring highlights from the inaugural poem by Amanda Gorman
Register in advance for this meeting:
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Special thanks to the LACC Black History Month, LACC, Alameda College, LACC and CMC.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2021
HISTORY HAS ITS EYES ON US
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Monday, February 22nd 1pm
Mr. Howard Cash
LA City College Alumnus and Photographer
Virtual Art Gallery Exhibit

Celebrating the Spirit of Nigeria, Ghana, and African Americans
Journey with Mr. Cash as he shares his beautiful photography highlighting his extensive experiences in Nigeria and Ghana.
Register in advance for this webinar:
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Special thanks to the LACC Black History Month, LACC, and LACC Professor

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2021
HISTORY HAS ITS EYES ON US
BOLD, FEARLESS, AMBITIOUS

Tuesday, February 23rd 12:30pm
Dr. Tyrone Howard
UCLA Graduate Professor, School of Education and Information Studies'

Keynote Speaker
Dr. Howard is the Director and Founder of the Black Male Institute at UCLA and Inaugural Director of the UCLA Pritzker Center for Strengthening Children and Families. During the last five years, Dr. Howard has been listed by Education Week as one of the 60 most influential scholars in the nation informing educational policy, practice and reform.
Register in advance for this meeting:
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Special thanks to the LACC Black History Month, LACC, Alameda College, LACC and CMC.

East

Use the following link to register for the these special events:

www.tinyurl.com/ELACBlackHistoryMonth

- Black History Month Kickoff, February 11, 12:15 -1:30 p.m.
- Speaker Series Panel: “The Power of Our Stories”, February 18, 4:00– 5:30 p.m.
- Movie Screening: “Black Wall Street Burning”, February 24, 12:15–1:30 p.m.
- HBCU Student Panel: “How Black Creativity Influences Social Transformation”, February 25th, 12:15-1:45 p.m.

Harbor

The college’s Umoja program is hosting a Read In on February 12, and you can test your Black History knowledge on February 24, at the Black History Game Night. For more information on all of Harbor College’s Black History events contact Brittany Gray at grayb@lahc.edu

BLACK HISTORY
GAME NIGHT!

Join us for a lively game of Black history trivia! Questions from the popular Black Card Revoked game will be mixed in for extra fun and laughter. Bring your cell phone to play with us virtually on Kahoot!

Wednesday, February 24th
4pm - 5:30pm

RSVP: bit.ly/3t4cvNS

Prizes given to the top 5 players!

Questions? Contact us at (310) 233-4348 or umoja@lahc.edu

https://effectiveness.lahc.edu/student_services/Umoja/SitePages/Black%20History%20Month.aspx

Mission

The college’s Transfer Center is helping to coordinate participation in the events supporting the Historically Black Colleges. More info at: <http://www.lamission.edu/Transfer-Center/Home.aspx>

Pierce


Many activities are featured this month on the flyers shown here.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY 2021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Wednesday 2/3/21 11am-12pm** *How to Fund Your HBCU Education* Find out how best to pay for school and navigate the scholarship and grant process. Pre-registration required: https://elcamino.formstack.com/forms/hbcu_black_history_month_registration
- **Wednesday 2/3/21 1-3pm** *Building a Blueprint for Black Transfer Student Success* Join UC Irvine as faculty give Black transfer students insight into UC transfer requirements. Pre-registration required: https://apply.admissions.uci.edu/register/UC-Umoja_PD2
- **Thursday 2/4/21 5-6:30pm** *CAAM Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019*. California African American Museum invites you on a journey into the history of African Americans dating back to 1619. Location: Zoom. <https://caamuseum.org/programs/talks-and-workshops/four-hundred-souls-a-community-history-of-african-america-1619-2019>
- **Tuesday 2/9/21 Umoja Practices 1-2pm**. This event offers the opportunity to learn about our Umoja Practices and how they inform the curriculum in the classes, the way the program is designed, and the services offered. Location: <https://laccd.zoom.us/j/95855380625>
- **Thursday 2/11/21 1-2pm** *Pleasure Noir: Unpacking Pleasure in Black Bodies and Other Marginalized Persons* Focused on political climate, effects on black people, and how black people understand and experience joy despite it all. Location: <https://laccd.zoom.us/j/96311096999>
- **Tuesday 2/16/21 4pm** *Umoja Village Voices: Point Night* Join us for a night of vibes, art, and community...WITH FREE SUPPLIES! Pre-registration required at: <https://forms.gle/YRC6eHaxKksKgrAQ7>




BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY 2021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Wednesday 2/17/21 2-4pm** *Harambee Conference* Get a glimpse into life at CSUN and resources for Black students at this student conference. Location: <https://csun.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcofu2ogDMvHNMkslXwZzLTc3kfxIZFj95p>
- **Thursday 2/18/21 1-2pm** *Cocoa, Cookies, and Culture* Bring your cocoa and cookies and we will provide the culture! Co-sponsored by ASO. Location: Zoom. <https://laccd.zoom.us/j/97409010640>
- **Friday 2/19/21 1-2:30pm** *BFSA/Umoja BHM Luncheon* Gather around our virtual table as we honor our rich ancestry in commemorating the paths taken that paved the way for our present and future. Location: Zoom Link TBA
- **Friday & Saturday 2/19-20/21** *Virtual Black College Expo*. 2/19 3-7pm and 2/20 12-3pm. This 2-Day event is an ONLINE experience for students to get access to over 100 colleges, highlighting HBCUs and other educational programs. Students can get ACCEPTED on the SPOT! College Application FEES Waived, and get SCHOLARSHIPS on the spot! Pre-registration required at: <https://hopin.com/events/black-college-expo-california-virtual-experience>
- **Tuesday 2/23/21 Umoja Spring Kick Off 1-2:30pm**. The Spring Kickoff event is mandatory for all Umoja students. Join us to find out more about the program services, resources, and semester updates. It is another opportunity to be in community as we start the new semester! Location: <https://laccd.zoom.us/j/96336520700>
- **Tuesday 2/23/21 11am-12:30pm** *Get You Mind Right with Cerritos College* Join our group discussion with TED Talk speaker and therapist Thea Monyee about ways to get peace of mind and mental health strategies. Location: Zoom. <https://cerritosedu.zoom.us/j/96744398878>



Southwest

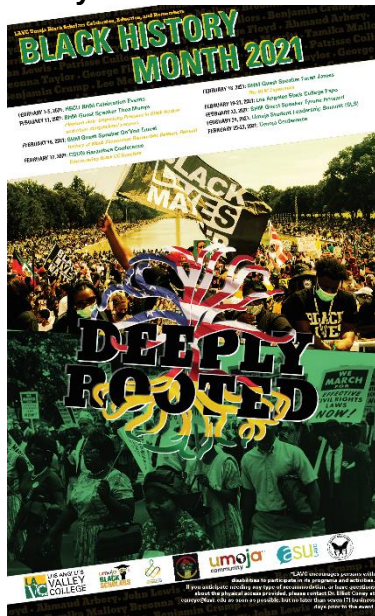
Black History Month festivities kick off at 11 a.m. February 11 on Zoom with poetry, music, imagery, and brief testimonials from community members and LASC alumni that will focus on Black Joy and Black Resilience. Learn about all the events at <https://www.lasc.edu/news/LASC-Celebrates-Black-History-Month>

Trade

Members of the college community have put together a series of spotlights on Black cultural and educational icons whose lives have had an effect on the students and employees, including this feature on author Langston Hughes.

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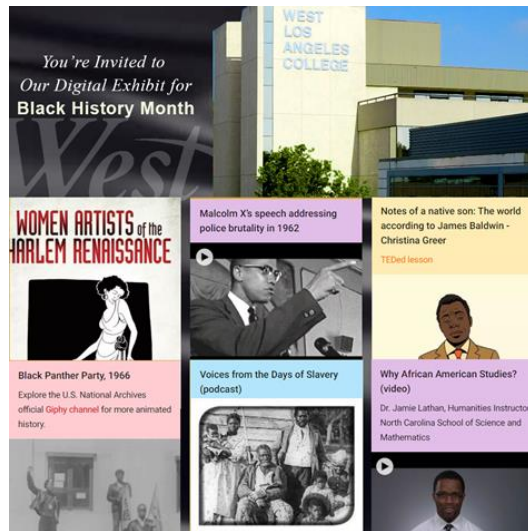
Full event information on the website at:

<https://www.lavc.edu/Antiracism/Events.aspx>

To register for events go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/umoja-community-region-4-black-history-month-events-tickets-138738455455>

West



The WLAC Library team has assembled a virtual exhibit where visitors can link to videos, articles, poems, virtual books and more.

The WLAC Library celebrates Black History Month 2021 by highlighting the work of African American authors, leaders, activists, curators, creators and experts in their respective fields on this Padlet page (link below).

This includes library e-books, databases, and other open web resources. We hope you will interact with this digital exhibit with your comments.

[Black History Month 2021 \(padlet.com\)](https://www.padlet.com)

V. Special Notes and Updates

Districtwide Security

The District is moving forward with its plans for a comprehensive and inclusive assessment of campus safety and security needs for the District. The Board of Trustees previously approved a short-term contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for such services during this time. The goal is to have the assessment completed during the next four to five months. This assessment will serve as the foundation for a request for proposals for campus safety and security services in order to have a new districtwide provider no later than January 1, 2022. More details about the assessment will be announced later this month.

District State Legislative Agenda for 2021 Announced

LACCD is pursuing an ambitious state legislative and budgetary agenda in 2021. The District is prioritizing solutions to systemic issues impacting student success across all nine colleges and supporting measures and budget items to implement equitable programming reflective of its diverse student population.

There are six legislative policy priorities and seven budget priorities which focus on issues such as housing insecurity and homelessness; funding for Ethnic Studies programs to meet associate and bachelor's degree requirements in LACCD and the CSU system, and four years of tuition-free education at CSU campuses for some students.

More details on specific initiatives can be found in the [news release and data sheet](#) distributed February 1, 2021.

Free WiFi Connections for Students at LACCD Colleges

The District's Facilities Division, the Office of Information Technology and the [BuildLACCD](#) program have been collaborating with the colleges to bring free WiFi connectivity to the nine colleges for students on a limited basis. First up was [Los Angeles Valley College](#) and the other colleges will be brought online in phases during the Spring 2021 semester. The WiFi will be for students only while in their cars in order to access their student portal for services and learning. More information about the rollout, reservations and other safety logistics will be announced as soon as possible.

The first phase is a temporary solution to provide WiFi access while BuildLACCD, Facilities, IT pursue expanded and more permanent solutions for reliable outdoor WiFi access for students. Parking structures and lots were identified for use to enable students to drive to the colleges and stay in their vehicles while

L.A. Valley College Women Athletes Honored

Five women student-athletes from L.A. Valley College were named to the statewide 2020-2021 Women's Basketball Academic All-State Team by the California Community College Women's Basketball Coaches Association (CCCWBCA).

In all, 116 players from 41 California community colleges were named to this year's team, including:

- Sophia Hughes, Sophomore, 3.56 GPA
- Nhi Nguyen, Freshman, 3.77 GPA
- Kathleen Phan, Freshman, 4.00 GPA

- Yunuhen Plata, Freshman, 3.58 GPA
- Taylor Vuong, Freshman, 4.00 GPA



Sophia Hughes



Nhi Nguyen



Kathleen Phan



Yunuhen Plata



Taylor Vuong

The student-athletes had to compete for a year at their colleges, earn at least 24 units of credit and maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA. More information is in the [news release](#) online.

Outstanding Performances by Los Angeles Southwest College Performers and Los Angeles City College

The Los Angeles City College (LACC) Theatre Academy has won a rare spot to perform its production of *Going Mad: Alice in Hollywoodland* at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF)'s Region VIII Festival. The festival will take place virtually, due to COVID-19, on February 10-13.

https://www.lacitycollege.edu/getattachment/15ff38cc-89e3-43d2-9b46-fad692d598f9/LACC_KCACTF_2021

LASC has once again garnered accolades and honors from Kennedy Center American College Region VIII Theatre Festival organizers, this time following the stellar production of "The Threat" in which students confronted recent cases of police brutality against African Americans from the virtual stage. The performances, which were screened from December 19-21 on Zoom due to COVID-19 precautions, featured original music and writing from the college's Experimental Theatre Lab students and artwork by LASC's visual art students.

Following a review of the December 19 performance, Region VIII festival organizers asked LASC art students as well as theater and art faculty members to discuss the creation and

development of a selected portion of the production at the virtual Region VIII festival that will take place in February 10-13, 2021. Several LASC students were also nominated for awards based on the performance.

Learn more at <https://www.lasc.edu/news/LASC-Honored-For-Virtual-Theater-Performance>

California Community Colleges Board of Governors Recognize District for its Climate Crisis Curriculum

[Awards and recognition](#) recently made on January 19, 2021 by the California Community Colleges Board of Governors to California's community colleges relating to energy and sustainability included LACCD. The District was honored with the Faculty/Student Initiative Award for its Virtual Climate Crisis curriculum, which focuses on promoting climate-conscious behavior and thinking by using virtual materials to engage students who are learning at home.

Materials include a "Save Energy While Schooling at Home" video about the financial and environmental benefits of saving energy at home and tips on how to do so; and the Climate Action & Justice Speaker Series hosted on Zoom for students to learn from different local organizations about the climate action and justice movement and options to get involved.

The Zoom series has been highlighted in a [recent issue](#) of the District's *Sustainability and Climate Change* newsletter.

VI. Communications

News Releases:

LACCD creates LACCD City Connect Partnership with City of L.A. for Student Jobs

<http://laccd.edu/Documents/NewsDocuments/Board%20Approves%20Jobs%20Partnership%20with%20City%20of%20Los%20Angeles.pdf>

Latest Issue of LACCD Sustainability and Climate Change Newsletter

<https://mailchi.mp/682117d2169e/the-new-administrations-plan-to-tackle-the-climate-crisis>

L.A. City College Receives \$1.6 Million Grant to Expand Student Training Capacity

https://www.lacitycollege.edu/getattachment/f319dbc5-18d0-4bba-ac2c-0f1270d3bae6/LACC_DeptLaborGrant_2021

Media Coverage Highlights:

CBS coverage of L.A. Valley College nursing students and faculty are volunteering at the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at Dodger Stadium

<https://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2021/01/27/vaccination-sites-torrance-orange-county-hamstrung-lack-staffing-volunteers/>

ELAC Incubator Highlighted

<https://lapost.us/?p=31234>