## OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

TO: LACCD Board of Trustees

**FROM**: Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez

**DATE**: March 4, 2020

**SUBJECT**: Chancellor's Monthly Report March 2020

The LACCD Chancellor's Monthly Report for March 2020 includes brief updates on the following:

I. District Updates

- II. District Updates for Basic Student Needs
- III. Update on the LACCD Enrollment
- IV. Reports from the College Presidents
- V. Community Engagement and Partnerships
- VI. LACCD Media Outreach and Coverage

## I. District Updates

## Coronavirus / COVID-19 Update

The safety of our students, faculty and staff is a top priority for the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor, the College Presidents and Executive staff and preparedness for this issue is being given the highest level of attention by District officials.

The District and all nine colleges are working together to help prepare for any responses, as appropriate, regarding the spread of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus and the associated COVID-19 respiratory illness. Chancellor Rodriguez announced the formation of a districtwide COVID-19 Response Team that will be help the District and the colleges assess and implement (if needed) emergency plans; address continuity of operations and health & safety concerns; staffing & absenteeism issues and communications to students, faculty and staff.



The District and the colleges have been actively engaged with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health since special telebriefings for education officials began January 23, 2020. Several districtwide messages has been sent to faculty, staff and students since January 31 and information is available on the websites for the District and the colleges. The colleges are also using informational posters such as the one seen here, above, in key walkways around the campuses and on social media platforms.

Chancellor's Statement on COVID-19 Response Team:

http://laccd.edu/Documents/NewsDocuments/Statement%20by%20LACCD%20Chancellor%20Rodriguez%20on%20Coronavirus%20and%20COVID-19%20March%201%20-%20Screen.pdf

Initial Information from County Public Health

http://laccd.edu/Documents/NewsDocuments/Coronavirus%20update%20for%20Colleges%20from%20Los%20Angeles%20County%20Public%20Health%20Department%20Feb%207%202020.pdf

CDC video: https://youtu.be/7-IW0s2yJA0

Posters in multiple languages the stop the spread of germs poster

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets.html

http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/#

## **LATTC Groundbreaking**

Members of the LACCD Board of Trustees, the Chancellor and other officials from the District and Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC) gathered with an overflow crowd for a festive groundbreaking celebration on Feb. 25, 2020 highlighting the start of the single largest building project to be undertaken by the BuildLACCD program. Board Vice President Steve Veres and Trustees Mike Fong and David Vela joined Chancellor Rodriguez and Dr. Katrina VanderWoude—on her first week as LATTC's newly installed President—along with about 200 students, faculty and construction trades representatives for the "turning of the dirt" celebration.



The new LATTC "Construction Technology Building" will be a four-story,178,555-square-foot building with a strong green component thanks to a 54kw rooftop photovoltaic (solar electric) power system and eventual certification as a LEED Gold structure. The facility will include 23 classrooms, 22 laboratories, a fully usable roof-top laboratory, office space for more than 45 faculty members, conference rooms, extra storage rooms and an adjacent instructional construction yard. The \$108 million building will house under one roof the largest pathway program for LATTC—the Construction, Maintenance, and Utilities (CMU) Pathway, including programs for carpentry, electrical, construction and maintenance, heating ventilation and air conditioning, plumbing and refrigeration, supply water and wastewater, architectural drafting, power line mechanic and solar installation. The new building will replace the aging, 47-year-old Sequoia Hall with state-of-the-art educational resources for the construction trades.

http://laccd.edu/Documents/NewsDocuments/District%20LATTC%20Officials%20Celebrate%20Groundbreaking%20of%20Largest%20Building%20in%20Bond%20Program.pdf





## **Voting Centers at all Nine Colleges**

All nine colleges hosted new Voting Centers in collaboration with the County of Los Angeles Registrar of Voters Office for California's March 3 Primary Election. Los Angeles City College and Los Angeles Mission College each hosted 11-day centers while the remaining seven colleges had the four-day centers. While the centers were operated by County staff and temporary poll workers, District personnel were involved for several months with behind-the-scenes logistical and public information support to make the centers available for students, faculty, staff and the public to use. College and District officials are already talking to the County about hosting similar centers for California's General Election on November 3, 2020.





(Directional posters, above right, were displayed at all colleges for Voting Centers. Left, inside the new

Voting Center at Los Angeles City College)

http://laccd.edu/Documents/NewsDocuments/Voting%20Center%20Info%20at%20LACCD%20Colleges%20Announced%20Feb%2010%202020%20corrected%20-%20screen.pdf

## Census Kiosks at All Nine College

Plans are being finalized for all nine colleges to also host Census Kiosks, which will open the week of March 16 and stay open through the end of April. The self-service kiosks will provide a convenient alternative for students and the public to complete the Census Forms online instead of by mail. The District and the colleges are working in conjunction with the Joint City-County of Los Angeles Complete Count Committee and the State to host the kiosks.

## **LACCD Job Fair Success**

More than 200 people attended the recent LACCD Information Job Fair hosted by the Human Resources Division on February 22 at East Los Angeles College. Attendees heard from Board Trustee Mike Fong and Chancellor Rodriguez about career opportunities with the District and its

nine colleges. Tables for the colleges also provided a variety of information presented by college representatives.





http://laccd.edu/Documents/NewsDocuments/LACCD%20Job%20Fair%202020%20and%20Flier.pdf

## **BuildLACCD - Building Lock down Buttons**



On Thursday, February 6, East Los Angeles College successfully tested the new system that allows for a remote building shutdown using an emergency lockdown button installed in the Campus Safety Office. Upon activation by Campus Security during this emergency simulation, the buildings with electronic access control capabilities locked down in less than 10 seconds and the automated system immediately sent email and text messages to safety personnel, alerting recipients of the lockdown

situation. An abort feature was successfully tested bringing the system back to its regular state, eliminating the need to go from building to building to manually unlock buildings.

The test was performed as part of a bond-funded project in coordination with ELAC Administration, ELAC Information Technology, ELAC Facilities, District Safety, the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, and BuildLACCD. This technology will be part of the Districtwide Phase II-Door Lock and Building Access Control project currently in design for the remaining Colleges.

## II. District Updates for Basic Student Needs

The unique collaboration by Los Angeles Southwest College, local construction firms and Los Angeles World Airports (LAX) continues to successfully help provide local students with key building trades education, apprenticeships and job opportunities—addressing their needs for well-paying jobs and economic mobility. LACCD Board President Andra Hoffman was the keynote speaker at the graduation ceremony.

Hoffman told the audience the program between LACCD, LAX, construction firms and the LA/Orange County Building Trades continued to "break down barriers for women and people of color to successfully enter into the construction industry."

Surrounded by friends and family, 27 students of the HireLAX
Apprenticeship Readiness Program's seventh cohort graduated on Feb. 28, marking their successful completion of a transformative eight-week course that prepared them for apprenticeships in the union construction trades. Like the previous cohorts, the current graduating class is diverse and inclusive of local community members who have faced

challenges in their lives. The graduates of Cohort 7 include: 18.5% female; 26% who identify as African American; 52 who identify as Hispanic/Latino; 3.7% who identify as American Indian and nearly 41% of the graduates indicating they had some form of prior involvement with the criminal justice system.



## III. Update on the LACCD Enrollment

#### A. Winter Enrollment

Winter 2020 FTES is projected to increase by 457 FTES (9.2%) compared to Winter 2019.

## **B. Spring Enrollment**

As of Day +14 of the Spring semester [comparing Spring 2020 (2/23/20) to Spring 2019 (2/17/19)] for the District:

- Credit Headcount is unchanged
- Duplicated Enrollment is unchanged
- Section Count is 1% lower
- Enrollment per Section is 1% higher

## **C.** Enrollment Management

The District is in the process of completing its Student Responsive Enrollment Management Plan with the colleges and will be presenting the 2020-2021 targets, process, and strategies at the IESS Committee meeting March 25.

# IV. Reports from the College Presidents (based on the District Strategic Plan 2018-2023)

## Goal 1: Access to Educational Opportunities

- Los Angeles City College—On February 3, LACC hosted the Local District Central Counselors Summit providing LAUSD counselors information about LACC.
- Los Angeles Mission
   College—One of LAMC's
   students from the College
   Culture Re-Entry Hub
   assigned to Barry J. Nidorf
   Juvenile Hall (BJN) recently
   earned his associate degree
   with Cum Laude honors. In
   celebration of his
   achievement, the L.A.
   County Probation
   Department hosted an



emotional graduation ceremony to recognize this monumental moment. This youth was the second student in 2019 to earn an Associate degree from Los Angeles Mission College while at Barry J. Nidorf. On average, more than 120 students are enrolled in any given semester with various post-secondary partners.

- Los Angeles Valley College
   —The College's Outreach Team held "LA Valley College Day" in February and is continuing its efforts in March at local feeder high schools, to promote L.A. College Promise program, boost enrollment and complete financial aid applications.
- Los Angeles Harbor College—The College reports that its Special Programs and Services has added more than 100 additional students for the 2020 Spring Semester.
- East Los Angeles College—The College's First Year Center, in partnership with
  financial aid outreach and counseling, completed the first of several Welcome Days
  on campus. The purpose is to invite local high school seniors on campus so they
  can experience the ELAC campus, attend workshops and begin preparing for
  college.
- Los Angeles City College—Welcome Week occurred Feb. 10, offering extended Student Services office hours, club previews and "Express" Counseling resources for students.

## Goal 2: Premier Learning Environments

- Los Angeles City College—LACC's Theatre Academy production of *The Sandstorm* performed at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival's Region VII Festival on the Cal State Fullerton campus from February 11 15.
- Los Angeles City College- In February, LACC hosted a number of Black History Month celebrations including an African Drum Circle, a discussion on "Unleashing Youth Power to End Female Genital Mutilation," and presentations from actor Bill

Duke and Dr. Shaun Harper, Executive Director and Founder of USC's Race and Equity Center.

- Los Angeles City College On February 19, LACC signed an agreement with the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music for a transfer pathway for music students interested in pursuing their bachelor's degree from a four-year institution.
- Los Angeles City College On February 24, actor Morgan Freeman visited the LACC campus for a re-dedication of the Morgan Freeman Lecture Hall and an interview/discussion with Mr. Freeman for LACC students by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association. The event was attended by Chancellor Rodriguez, LACC President Mary Gallagher, Interim Deputy Chancellor Melina Nish, plus several other District and LACC officials.







 Los Angeles Valley College—Child Development faculty Dr. Elmida Baghdaserians and Dr. Veronica Getskow presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Early Childhood STEM Conference in Pasadena, Calif., on February 28. Their topic "Teacher Must-Reads to inform Best Practices in Early Childhood Education (ECE)" focused on issues related to equity, poverty and mental health in ECE. Los Angeles Valley College - LAVC Umoja Black Scholars hosted a series of
events for Black Heritage Month, including a cultural celebration with African dance,
drum circle and soul food, and keynote address by award-winning actor/director
William Allen Young. There was also a movie screening and panel discussion of
Just Mercy, a 2019 American Legal Drama about the true story of Walter McMillian,
who with the help of young defense attorney Bryan Stevenson, appeals his murder
conviction.







Los Angeles Valley College—The LAVC Art Gallery also recently hosted a panel discussion and opening reception for its latest exhibition, Beyond the Blue, on Wednesday, February 12. Beyond the Blue, on display from February 12-March 7, 2020, is a traveling group exhibition of more than 100 works of art created by incarcerated participants in Prison Arts Collective (PAC) programming in California state prisons.

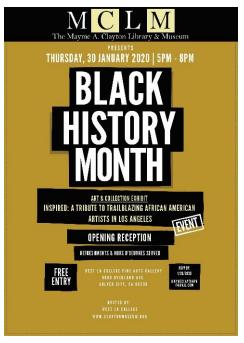


- Los Angeles Harbor College—The College hosted a special "24 and 8" event in honor of Kobe Bryant, his daughter, their "Mamba" legacy and the seven others who died recently. This event was held February 21. Local high schools were also invited to see Harbor College vs Compton College Women's Basketball Game.
- West Los Angeles College—A2Mend founding member and current parliamentarian Dr. Walter Jones reports that LACCD Chancellor Rodriguez will give the welcome address at the organization's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual A2Mend Summit. Dr. Jones is a dean of Academic Affairs at West and established a student chapter at West. A2mend - African American Male Education Network & Development conference is March 5-6, 2020.

http://a2mend.org/a2mend-13th-annual-african-american-male-summit/

 West Los Angeles College—The renowned Mayme A. Clayton Library & Museum (MCLM) partnered with WLAC to provide programing throughout February - Black History Month. Assemblymember (and former LACCD Board President) Sydney Kamlager-Dove; Culver City Mayor Meghan Sahli-Wells; MCLM and WLAC Foundation Board members and guests attended the WLAC art exhibit reception which also featured a spoken word performance.





The local <u>press coverage praised</u> the exhibit, the Jan. 30 event and the partnership between WLAC and MCLM. At the end of the month, WLAC and MCLM co-hosted a free screening of "Black Orpheus" followed by a panel presentation. The 1959 film is significant in that It was the first internationally acclaimed film to take place entirely in a *favela*, with an all-Black Brazilian cast and featured a soundtrack by famous Brazilian singers Antônio Carlos Jobim and Luiz Bonfá, who pioneered the new style of *Bossa Nova*. 1 MIN VIDEO

East Los Angeles College—Congratulations to Theater Arts adjunct faculty
member James Buglewicz who was selected as one of four winners for the 20192020 Hayward Award. This award was established by the Academic Senate for
California Community Colleges in 1989 and is given to community college faculty
members who demonstrate the highest level of commitment to their students,
colleges, and profession.

https://www.elac.edu/Explore/News/2020/Spring/ELAC-Adjunct-Faculty-Member-Wins-Prestigious-Haywa

 East Los Angeles College—ELAC hosted a Cash for College Workshop February 22 providing free, one-on-one assistance to high school seniors, college students & parents to complete 2020-2021 FAFSA, CA Dream Act Application, and Chafee Grant application for foster youth.

## Goal 3: Student Success and Equity

■ Los Angeles Trade-Technical College—A career in the "entertainment biz" often takes multiple paths and sometimes includes starting at an LACCD college. So we congratulate LATTC fashion alumna Mayes Rubeo for making history in 2020 by becoming the first-ever Latina to be nominated for an Academy Award for Best Costume Design in a film for her work on *Jojo Rabbit*. Ms. Rubeo came to the U.S.

from Mexico and started her education with the fashion program at LATTC. She also has done costume design for the films *Thor: Ragnarok, Avatar and World War Z.* 



Los Angeles City College

On February 7, LACC President Mary Gallagher shared findings regarding increases in student success and completion rates by students using the LACC Food for Thought Pop-Up Food Pantry at the California Higher Education Basic Needs Alliance (CHEBNA).

http://laccd.edu/Documents/NewsDocuments/Food%20for%20Thought%20Press%20Release%20Final.pdf

 Los Angeles Harbor College—LAHC's very own Brenda Barrera is a product of our College. With guidance from Dr. Barbara Christice (STEM Faculty), Ms. Barrera accepted an undergraduate research all-expense paid internship in REU Programs for Chemical Engineering and travelled to the University of North Dakota for her internship and research project focused on sustainability. She is a Chemical Engineering major.



- Los Angeles Pierce College—LAPC student Juan Becerra was selected for the 2020 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) All-California Academic Team. PTK is an honor society that recognizes academic achievement and provides students opportunities to grow as scholars and leaders.
- Los Angeles Pierce College—LAPC theatre students garnered six awards during The Kennedy Center American College Theater Region VIII Festival 52® at California State University, Fullerton. Congratulations to Melaney Garcia and Michelle Sanchez for their work in The Best Devised Performance; Englebert Peraza, "Heart of the Art" Award for his Scenic Design of a production of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town"; Michelle Johnson for The Open Jar Institute's Broadway Intensive Scholarship in New York City for Acting, Singing and Dance; Jon Michael Villagomez for winning one of two "Best Acting Partner" Awards, and Alexa Maris McGinnis for being awarded the alternate for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship.
- Los Angeles Mission College—LAMC alumna Victoria Pfau, former ASO Vice
  President and 2019 Salutatorian, was recently published in the Los Angeles Times.
  Her op-ed stressed the need for paid internships for students in Sacramento. Pfau
  is a junior at UCLA and chairs the Student Advisory Committee for the Pay Our
  Interns California Action Fund. She earned her associate degree at Los Angeles
  Mission College. To read the opinion piece, click here.
- Los Angeles Mission College—Two LAMC student actors from the Theatre Arts
  department were recently nominated for The Kennedy Center's Irene Ryan Acting
  Scholarship Award. Ana Medina and Priscilla Soltero, along with their respective
  scene partners, were invited to compete at The Kennedy Center's American College
  Theater Festival. The Irene Ryan Acting Scholarships provide recognition, honor,
  and financial assistance to outstanding student performers wishing to pursue further
  education.

## Goal 4: Organizational Effectiveness

- East Los Angeles College The Office of Professional Development hosted an open house to provide faculty and staff resources for Self-Care, Retirement Benefits, Contract Rights, Professional Development Opportunities/Resources, Community of Practice, Continuing Education Programs, Employee Assistance Program, and much more.
- Los Angeles Pierce College On February 21, LAPC's entire campus community
  was invited to this semester's first Coffee and Conversation with the President in the
  Great Hall where all were encouraged to explore and discuss planning options for
  Pierce's future Multi-Purpose Academic and Workforce Education Building.
- Los Angeles Pierce College LAPC's Financial Aid Director, Anafe Robinson, recently attended the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Leadership and Legislative Conference and Expo in Washington, D.C. where she met with elected officials and staff on higher education and student financial aid issues.

# **Upcoming Campus Events and Activities for March 2020**

DATE	COLLEGE	EVENT
3/2	LAVC	Safe Zone Ally Workshop: Undocumented Students
3/2	LAHC	Scholarship Workshop for Students
3/4	LATTC	LACCD Board of Trustees meeting
3/4	LAHC	OCR Wednesday - Orientation, Counseling and Registration Opportunity for Students
3/4	LAVC	OBOC Origin Story Workshop: "Everyone Has a Story: Where Does Your Story Start?"
3/5	LAPC	One Book, One Campus, "The Soloist" by Steve Lopez, Activity.
3/10	District Office	Chancellor's Advisory Committee on LBGTQ+ Affairs, Chaired by Trustee Vela, 2-4 p.m., Board Room
3/11	LAPC	Japan Day: A Celebration of Japanese Culture
3/14	LAVC	Valley Symphony Orchestra, LAVC Philharmonic Choir & Piano Performances
3/15	LAVC	"Galaxy Evolution" Astronomy Lecture
3/16	LAVC	LAVC Wind Ensemble Concert
3/18	LACC	Women's History Month Celebration

3/18	LAPC	Annual Student Health & Wellness Fair
3/18	ELAC	DACA Immigration Task Force Committee, chaired by Trustee Gabriel Buelna, 2 p.m., Administration Building (G1), 3rd Floor, Room 301AB. Mr. Thomas Saenz, President and General Counsel for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) will be featured speaker.
3/20	LAVC	"E.T The REAL Search" Planetarium Show
3/20	LAVC	Women In CTE Career Panel
3/21	LATTC	LAUSD's College Palooza will take place for the third straight year at LATTC and this time, all nine colleges plus the LA College Promise will be participating. More than 2,000 high school students expected.
3/26	LAVC	Safe Zone Ally Workshop: LGBTQ+
3/27	LAVC	Urinetown, The Musical presented by the LAVC Theater Arts Department
3/28	LAVC	LAVC Guitar Concert - Gregory Newton, Jordan Charnofsky and Friends
3/28	LAVC	Urinetown, The Musical presented by the LAVC Theater Arts Department
4.25	LACC	The 21st Century Public Higher Ed Environment Panel Discussion

# V. Community Engagement and Partnerships

Chancellor and Executive Staff community outreach for February and early March:

DATE	EVENT
February 3	Board President Andra Hoffman, LACC President Mary Gallagher, Chancellor Rodriguez and Maria Veloz, Administrative Officer to the Chancellor, attended the 2019 Community Leaders Israel Trip reunion.

February 4	Vice Chancellor Ryan Cornner hosted the Community Education Initiatives Strategic Planning Meeting with officials from Los Angeles Southwest College, LAUSD Local District East, Compton Community College, Compton USD, CSU Dominguez Hills and CSU Long Beach.
February 9- 12	Board President Andra Hoffman, Vice President Steve Veres and Trustees Mike Fong and David Vela joined Chancellor Rodriguez in Washington, D.C., for the annual ACCT Legislative Conference and U.S. Capitol visits.
February 13	Chancellor Rodriguez, Interim Deputy Chancellor Melinda Nish and others District executives participated at the town hall meeting at LASC for a report on the fiscal health of LASC.
February 19	Vice Chancellor Cornner participated in the Higher Education and Homelessness Workgroup's strategic planning process.
February 20	Chancellor Rodriguez met with Luis Patino, Univision General Manager, about strengthening outreach to the Spanish-speaking community.
February 20	Chancellor Rodriguez visited the Consulate of Mexico for a lecture on early California.
February 20	Vice Chancellors Cornner and Carmen Lidz met with the District Research Committee.
February 22	LACCD Trustee Mike Fong, Chancellor Rodriguez, Interim Deputy Chancellor Nish, Vice Chancellor Alberto Roman, Pierce College President Alexis Montevirgen and LASC President Seher Awan participated in the LACCD Job Fair at East Los Angeles College.
February 22	Chancellor Rodriguez spoke at the First Annual College and Career Expo sponsored by the CA Student Opportunity & Access Program (CalSOAP) at the Linda Marquez High School in Huntington Park.

February 27- 28	Chancellor Rodriguez was invited by the OSU Foundation and College of Education to deliver the annual Charles Carpenter Lecture at Oregon State University, his alma mater.
February 28	Interim Deputy Chancellor Nish and Vice Chancellor Cornner participated in the Deans' Academy at the Van De Kamp Innovation Center.
February 28	Interim Deputy Chancellor Nish gave keynote speech at the District Academic Senate Discipline Day at Los Angeles Valley College. Vice Chancellor Cornner also presented on responsive scheduling.
March 2	Vice Chancellor Cornner represented LACCD at LAUSD Closing the Gap Workgroup to help increase access to college for low-income students.
March 4	Chancellor Rodriguez hosted the "Chat with the Chancellor" at L.A. Trade Tech College.

# VI. LACCD Media Outreach and Coverage

Seven LACCD News Releases were issued in March & posted online:

http://laccd.edu/Pages/News.aspx

## **ELAC Incarcerated Studies Program Featured on Spectrum TV**

https://spectrumnews1.com/ca/la-east/education/2020/02/04/former-addicts-now-working-on-degrees-in-addiction-studies

## LASC Homeless Services Program Featured on Spectrum TV

https://spectrumnews1.com/ca/la-west/la-times-today/2020/02/26/students-aim-to-work-in-homelessness-services-through-new-pilot-program--careers-for-a-cause-?cid=twitter\_SpecNews1SoCal

## **LACCD Hosts Voting Centers**

https://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2020/02/13/los-angeles-community-colleges-early-voting-primary/

# Oscar Is Calling LATTC's Mayes Rubeo!

https://abc7.com/5906889/ (about 1:20 is where they focus on her)

https://www.lamag.com/culturefiles/mayes-c-rubeo-oscar/

https://www.latimes.com/entertainment-arts/movies/story/2020-01-30/jojo-rabbits-mayes-rubeo-euphoric-as-first-latina-costume-designer-to-be-nominated

https://deadline.com/2020/01/jojo-rabbit-costume-designer-mayes-c-rubeo-taika-waititi-oscars-interview-1202845319/

## Morgan Freeman at LACC

https://www.onstageblog.com/new-blog-1/2020/2/26/conversations-with-morgan-freeman