OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

TO: LACCD Board of Trustees

FROM: Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D.

DATE: March 2, 2022

SUBJECT: Chancellor's Monthly Report March 2022

The LACCD Chancellor's Monthly Report for March 2022 includes brief updates on the following:

- I. Status on COVID-19 Public Health Emergency & District Recovery
- II. Update on the LACCD Enrollment
- III. Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges
- IV. Women's History Month
- V. Special News, Events and Other Announcements
- VI. Communications and Media

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

March 2022 marks the official two-year anniversary for emergency declarations, including the District's, regarding the COVID-19 public health pandemic. This milestone coincides with significant declines in positive cases and hospitalizations related to the COVID-19 Omicron variant's winter surge, which, in turn, has prompted federal, state and local health officials to begin modifying health orders, including for masking.

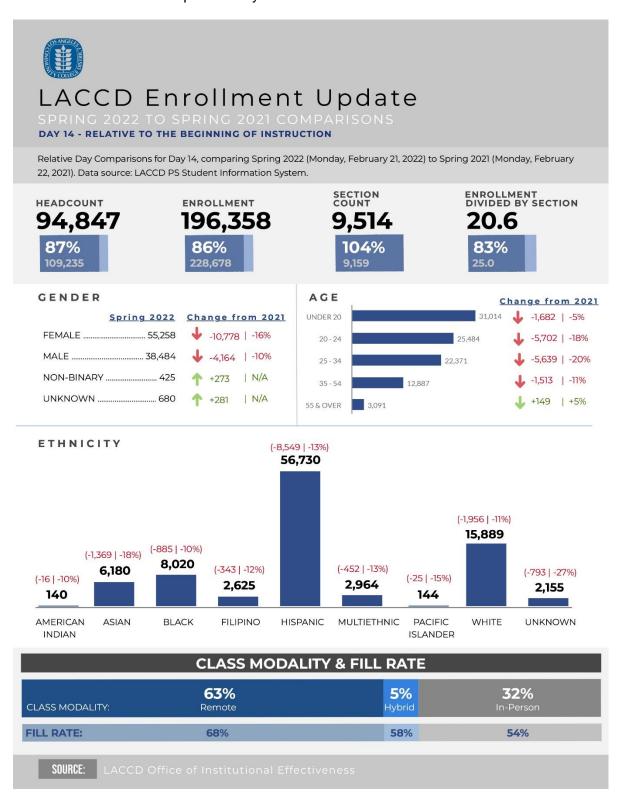
The District continues to closely monitor the changing situation and its Emergency Operations Center will begin looking (again) at the possibility of scaling back and/or demobilization plans per emergency management best practices. While conditions are changing for the better, it is important to note that there have been, to date, *no* declarations or timelines established by health officials for when the pandemic is over. The Chancellor plans to issue a special message later this month about the District during the two-year pandemic and moving forward. It should be noted that Board Policy 2800 for masking and Board Policy 2900 regarding vaccinations remain in place for employees and students until further notice.

The District continues to remind all employees and students to be up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines by getting a booster as soon as possible. Everyone is also reminded about the importance of self-care and mental health. If you are feeling concerned, anxious, upset (or if you know someone who is) and need to talk to someone, for any reason, you are encouraged to call the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health which operates a free helpline, 24/7, at (800) 854-7771, or by sending a text message ("LA") to 741741. Additional information is online. Remember, you are not alone.

<u>Free COVID-19 testing</u> remains available to all employees and students. Many of the colleges continue to host additional testing and/or vaccination/booster clinics for anyone. Details for the publicly accessible clinics are posted on the colleges' websites.

II. Updates on LACCD Enrollment & Marketing

Enrollment information as provided by the District's Office of Institutional Effectiveness:



Black History Month Marketing

The District's Communications Office and Elder Tree, our Agency of Record, collaborated with a series of full-page advertising in the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Los Angeles Sentinel* and the *Los Angeles Watts Times* newspapers recognizing Black History Month. The campaign with the *Sentinel*—the oldest, continuously published Black-owned newspaper of record in Los Angeles County—and the *Watts Times*, its sister publication, ran for three weeks and included website, social media and email blasts to subscribers. The students featured were recent graduates of Los Angeles Southwest College.



III. Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges

The Foundation continues to process scholarships, grant awards, and donor reports for the 2021-22 academic year, including for the "Umoja – African American Student Outreach Scholarship" to students participating in Umoja programs throughout the District. The next round of scholarships will be awarded in Spring 2022. For more information and to donate to the African American Student Success Fund – visit

https://www.giveffect.com/campaigns/17101-african-american-student-success-fund.

In addition, the Foundation is currently fundraising for the following initiatives:

- Food for Families program-<u>https://www.giveffect.com/campaigns/14483-food-forfamilies</u>
- Undocumented Student Success Fund -https://www.giveffect.com/campaigns/16055-undocumented-students-success-fund

IV. Women's History Month

The nine colleges are busy putting the finishing touches on plans to celebrate Women's History Month in March. Check the nine colleges' websites and social media platforms for more details as events and activities are added, or schedules changed. Below are some of the highlights for this year.



International Women's Day at Los Angeles Valley College Join Los Angeles Valley College for its first International Women's Day Event, Tuesday, March 8, 1-2 p.m. via Zoom, with keynote speaker Daisy

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LACCD alumni, faculty and staff will share their experiences as women, breaking the bias on gender, discrimination and stereotyping in our communities, workplaces, schools, colleges, and universities.

Join and use hashtag
#BREAKTHEBIAS by posting a
picture of yourself on social
media and crossing your arms
in an X to show solidarity.
Register online for the
International Women's Day
Discussion.

Women's History Month: Speaking Truth to Power

L.A. City College (LACC) is hosting an event about Congresswoman Barbara Lee and the documentary on her titled "Speaking Truth to Power" which will be available for viewing March 11-15. At 4 p.m., March 16, Congresswoman Lee will hold a virtual Q & A, with Julianna Roosevelt as moderator. More detailed information will be posted online.

Women's History Month Tea

LACC's 5th Annual Women's History Month Tea is set for March 30, 2-4 p.m. Keynote speaker will be Rev. Naomi Nontombi Tutu. This will be a hybrid event in person and on Zoom. More details will be available soon on the college's website.

V. Special News, Events and Other Announcements

Board of Trustees Member Mike Fong Elected to State Assembly

Congratulations are due to now-former LACCD Board of Trustees member Mike Fong who is the newly elected California Assemblymember for the 49th District. Fong easily defeated his opponent by a two-to-one margin is a special election February 15, 2022 and he took the Oath of Office Feb. 23 to begin his new duties.



Fong's vacancy for the District's Board of Trustees Seat 7 means applications are now being accepted from individuals who wish to be temporarily appointed through December 9, 2022. It is expected the remaining Trustees will make the provisional appointment of a qualified person to serve in Seat 7 at the Board's April 13, 2022 meeting. The Board will also call for an

election on November 8, 2022 for eligible registered voters to elect a person to take office effective December 9, 2022 and to fill the vacancy for the remaining two years of the term.

Applications in hard copy format must be received in the Office of the General Counsel, 770 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA, 90017, no later than 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, 2022. The required questionnaire and applicant packet is available by contacting the District's Office of General Counsel at (213) 891-2188. Full information is posted online.

LACCD Student Trustee Application Deadline Is March 15, 2022

All current LACCD students interested in serving as an elected member of the LACCD Board of Trustees are reminded the application deadline is March 15, 2002. To get started, interested students need to go to the District's <u>website link</u>. Then, find their home college link to look for the Student Trustee application or the local college's student government online application. Completed applications for both the LACCD Student Trustee and local student government positions must be verified by the College's ASO/U/G Office before a student's name can appear on the official ballot.

The Student Trustee application deadline is March 15, 2022, however, the deadline for the local college's student leader positions will vary. A virtual College Forum and the official online election will be held in the month of April. Click on this link for election forum dates: 2022 Student Trustee Election Forums Dates.docx

To speak with an ASO/U/G representative about the requirements to serve as the 2022 LACCD Student Trustee or a campus student leader position, interested students must log on to the "MyCollege.laccd.edu" portal and click the "Online Services & Live Chat" tile to locate the ASO/U/G Office or visit the ASO/U/G office on campus.

Semifinalists for the Prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Announced

Eleven LACCD students are among the latest group of semifinalists for the highly competitive Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, the <u>Jack Kent Cooke Foundation</u> <u>has announced</u>. Through this award, the Foundation supports high-achieving community college students with financial need seeking to complete their bachelor's degrees at selective four-year institutions. Finalists will be announced in May.

Since its inception, the Cooke Foundation has selected Transfer Scholars from over 337 community colleges nationwide and awarded more than \$54 million in transfer scholarships. This year's 440 semifinalists were chosen from a pool of more than 1,200 applicants attending 180 community colleges in 35 states, including from LACCD's colleges:

- Maple Duong East Los Angeles College
- Catherine Lozano East Los Angeles College
- Mohammad Noman Osmani East Los Angeles College
- Melany Bennett Los Angeles City College
- Janel Blessing Los Angeles City College
- Kayla Jajoute Los Angeles City College
- Andy Estrada Los Angeles Pierce College
- Anjelica Hymel Los Angeles Pierce College
- Yesenia Quintero Los Angeles Pierce College
- Jimoh Yusuf Los Angeles Trade-Technical College
- David Tanoko West Los Angeles College

Pierce's Theatre Arts Students Named Finalists in Irene Ryan Scholarship Competition



For the first time in the history of L.A. Pierce College's Theatre Arts program, one of the college's theatre students—Topher Ngo—has been named the winner of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Region 8 Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship Award. He will now move on to the National Irene Ryan Acting competition later this year at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

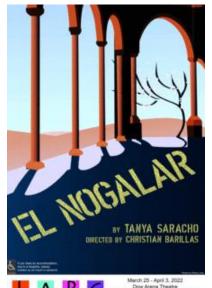
Pierce had 13 nominees, eight who made it to the semifinals and four who made it to the Regional Finals. Student Laura Lyles finished second in the competition, making her the automatic alternate to the National Competition. Lyles is also the winner of The VASTA Award for

Vocal Excellence in Performance, which is presented in recognition of outstanding acting and voice work. Whitney Evans, who was Lyles' acting partner in the competition, won the award for Best Acting Partner.

Roya Row will be going to the Nationals as co-winner of the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society (SDC) Directing Initiative.

Pierce held a celebration in the Performing Arts Building for the college community to watch the submission videos of the nominees and winners performing their award-winning pieces. Special thanks to Pierce Theatre Professor Shaheen Vaaz for amazing work in coaching the students for the Festival.

LAPC Theatre's Contemporary Drama, "El Nogalar" Coming March 25



Tanya Saracho's contemporary drama "*El Nogalar*" opens March 25, 2022 at Pierce's Dow Arena Theatre.

"El Nogalar" is set in present-day Northern Mexico as the Galvan family returns to reclaim their pecan orchard after matriarch Maité has squandered the family's money, but the land they once knew has slowly been taken over by a drug war. This modern-day adaptation of Chekhov's "The Cherry Orchard" explores how a rapidly changing environment of crime and corruption impacts social class and strains the relationships between a mother and her daughters as they face a new reality.

"El Nogalar" continues through Sunday, April 3. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for students, \$18 for seniors and \$23 for general admission. Free parking is available at the college, Lot #6. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (818) 719-6488. Tickets and additional show information are online.

Pierce College Choir to Perform at Kennedy Center for Memorial Day Festival



Congratulations to the L.A. Pierce College Choir and Dr. Garineh Avakian, Director, for being invited to perform with the U.S. Army Band at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. for the National Memorial Day Choral Festival May 27-30, 2022.

This Festival is a musical tribute saluting America's military and fallen heroes. It will provide an exceptional performance opportunity for Pierce students, who will experience singing in the Concert Hall of the internationally renowned John F. Kennedy

Center for the Performing Arts. They will also get to witness our nation's capital during Memorial Day Weekend.

The Pierce Choir will work with one of America's foremost choral conductors, Dr. Craig Jessop, former Lt. Colonel for the U.S. Air Force Music Programs; Director of the U.S. Air Force Singing Sergeants and music Director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.



L.A. City College Opens Renovated DaVinci Hall Art Gallery

The newly renovated DaVinci Gallery opened in February with a special exhibit "Bringing



Imagination into View" featuring work from some of the biggest productions and franchises on screens of all sizes. The exhibit in February showcased Art Directors Guild (ADG, IATSE Local 800) members' work throughout the redesigned new space, including artwork from shows such as Aquaman, Galaxy Quest, Star Trek, Mars Attacks, Black Panther, Babylon 5, Spiderman Homecoming, Jurassic Park, Men in Black and various Marvel productions.



Historically Black Colleges and University (HBCU) Exhibit at West L.A. College



Thanks to West L.A. College (WLAC) for hosting the 5th Annual HBCU Caravan stopped which stopped at WLAC March 1 to provide free information about the wonderful opportunities provided in higher education by the network of these four-year colleges and universities.

WLAC Men's Wildcat Basketball Team Are Champs!

Great job by the WLAC Men's Basketball Team, which **captured the 2021-2022 Western State Conference-South Championship** by defeating cross-town rival Santa Monica College 100 - 77. For the first time in 20 years, the team went undefeated with a perfect 14-0 record in their conference and are now ranked Number 2 in California with an overall record of 23-3. This conference victory marked the 100th win for Head Coach Anthony Jones while at WLAC. It should be noted that these athletes successful off the court as well in their studies. Under Coach Jones, the team's GPA has steadily increased from 2.51 in 2015 to 3.6 in Fall 2021. In the same time period, 100 percent of sophomores graduated and transferred to four-year universities including several who went on to play ball at the four-year university level.



WLAC Receives \$500,000 Grant for Healthcare Professionals

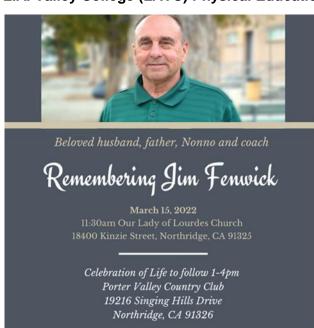


WLAC is now a lead institution for the \$500,000 2021-22 CAI: New & Innovative Grant - Apprenticeship grant to provide novel approaches to address the increasing demand for highly-skilled healthcare professionals in Los Angeles County. The project will enable an expansion of healthcare apprenticeships into new occupations, provide adequate staffing levels in existing facilities, and be responsive to current/emerging industry needs. The grant will help recruit Black, Latinx, women, and other underrepresented

populations into the healthcare apprenticeship pipeline.

The team will work with employers and industry professionals to apply the model to the rapidly expanding needs for healthcare professionals. Major outcomes expected include: creating an overlay of programs and industry paid work-based learning opportunities to connect youth and adults to college and university-based apprenticeship programs; explore stipend-based high school earn and learn programs, and develop apprenticeship programs initially in dental and nurse assisting, and create entry level tracks to replace retiring nurses.

L.A. Valley College (LAVC) Physical Education Professor Emeritus Jim Fenwick Dies



It is with a heavy hearts that LAVC announced recently that Jim Fenwick, 69, professor emeritus of Physical Education and former Head Football Coach and Athletic Director, died Thursday, February 17. He is survived by his wife Gayle and sons Casey and Tyler.

Coach Fenwick was a dedicated faculty member, coach, and program director at LAVC. He graduated from Cleveland High School before attending L.A. Pierce College. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Wichita State University, and a master's degree from California Lutheran University.

A well-known figure in college football, Fenwick served as head coach at LAVC,

Pierce, Cal State University Northridge and Eastern Oregon University. He coached the Monarchs to Western State Conference championships from 1993 through 1996 and LAVC named him to its inaugural Athletics Hall of Fame Class in 2007. He was LAVC's Athletic Director from 2012 to 2020. After 46 years in collegiate athletics, Fenwick retired in December of 2020.

Loved ones, friends and colleagues are invited to his memorial service on Tuesday, March 15 at 11:30 a.m. at Our Lady of the Lourdes Church in Northridge. A celebration of life to follow at the Porter Valley Country Club.

Men of Color Leadership Conference at L.A. Harbor College

Los Angeles Harbor College is proud to be the host college for the Fourth Annual Men of Color Action Network Leadership Conference, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, March 25, 2022. Chancellor Rodriguez will provide the keynote Opening Remarks for this year's conference, themed "Staying in the Game: A Legacy of Local Heroes." Event information below and online.



















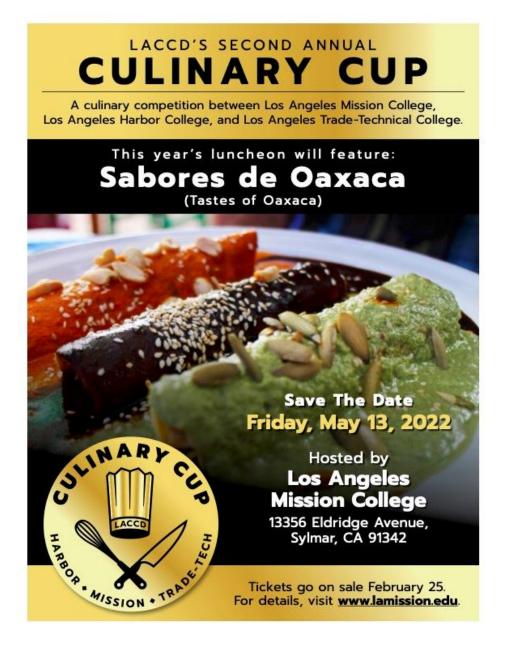


Los Angeles Harbor College en courages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities if you anticipate needing any type of accommodation, or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact the office of I vida Silvi

The LACCD Culinary Cup is Back—And It's Muy Caliente!



After a two-year delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic, LACCD's Culinary Cup competition it back! Who will win the coveted Gold Chef's Hat Trophy this year? L.A. Mission College is making preparations now to host the second annual Culinary Cup scheduled for Friday, May 13, 2022. The event will feature student culinary teams from Mission, Harbor, and Trade-Tech, led by instructors from the colleges' Culinary Arts programs. Teams of students will face off and be judged in three categories: Savory, Baking, and Tablescaping. The event also include tours of Mission's Culinary Arts Institute, special live cooking and baking demonstrations, a festive luncheon and the exciting awards ceremony. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online.



Mission's Eagles Also Soaring in Tennis, Softball, Baseball

Mission's Eagles Athletics are also off to a strong start this spring. Women's Tennis is 9-1 and is giving top-ranked teams a run for their money. Recently, the Eagles beat Santa Monica College 5-4 in a huge upset. Anna Kynclova, a freshman, is leading the way at number one singles by winning nine total matches on the year. Softball is also off to a strong start with a 9-3 record, including a late-inning loss against number one Mt. San Antonio. Baseball has been very competitive with a record of 8-4. "All the teams are doing really well," according to Joel Gunterman, Interim Athletic Director. "The coaches are doing a great job of keeping students focused and doing well in their academics." Special thanks to facilities assistants Stefanie Delgado and Sandra Durazo-Lusk, who have been busy transforming the college's gym to accommodate training sessions for all three sports.





Southwest Daze Returns March 19 at L.A. Southwest College (LASC)



LASC's popular Southwest Daze enrollment and orientation day returns from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 19. This fun-filled day include free music, food and plenty of live entertainment while dedicated support teams will share all the steps to become a student and the many benefits of attending LASC, including the tuition-free L.A. College Promise program. Get all of your questions answered at this one-stop enrollment fair from administrators, faculty and staff. RSVP online.

VI. Communications and Media

News Releases

LACCD Board of Trustees Passes Resolution Celebrating Black History Month https://laccd.edu/Documents/NewsDocuments/2022/February%203%202022%20-%20Board%20Honors%20Black%20History%20Month%20Events%20Announced.pdf

East L.A. College Racial Equity & Social Justice Town Hall with Dolores Huerta https://www.elac.edu/Explore/Events/2022/Spring/ELAC-Racial-Equity-Social-Justice-Town-Hall-wi-(1)

ELAC Automobile Technology Department Awarded \$5,000 Grant

https://www.elac.edu/Explore/News/2022/Spring/ELAC-Automobile-Technology-Department-Awarded-\$5,0

LACC joins Grow with Google's HSI Career Readiness Program to Train 200,000 Latino Students In Digital Skills by 2025

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Assemblymember Santiago Announces Free College For All Bill at Los Angeles Trade-Tech Press Conference

https://www.laccd.edu/Documents/NewsDocuments/2022/February%2017%202022%20-%20Assembly%20Member%20Santiago%20Intros%20Free%20Community%20College%2 0for%20All%20Bill.pdf

\$51,950 in Scholarships Awarded to 102 ELAC Scholars

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Los Angeles City College Receives Nearly \$1 Million in Basic Needs Funding https://www.lacitycollege.edu/getattachment/14c38d47-79d4-482f-ade5-bf2065839fff/LACC Receives Nearly 1 Million Basic Needs Funding

News Media Highlights

LATTC Culinary Arts Student Cari Golden Uses Cooking Education for Skid Row https://www.kcrw.com/news/shows/greater-la/sofi-skid-row-art-fairs/lov-kitchen-cari-golden

Campaign For College Report Looks At Enrollment Trends at LACCD--EdSource https://edsource.org/2022/lack-of-support-leads-to-achievement-gaps-for-black-latino-students-in-los-angeles/667443

Free College For All Press Conference at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College Spectrum1 News:

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