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DR. AMANUEL GEBRU ANNOUNCED AS LACC'S NEW PRESIDENT

LOS ANGELES – On June 7, the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Dr. Amanuel Gebru as the next permanent President of Los Angeles City College (LACC) beginning August 1, 2023. Dr. Gebru will follow President Dr. Mary Gallagher, who is retiring and has served in the role since January 2018.

“Dr. Gebru brings a strong energy and commitment to transforming students and our community through learning. He impressed us with his leadership experience, his passion for education and equity and his dedication to student success,” said LACCD Board of Trustees President David Vela.

“Dr. Gebru has the vision, energy and leadership experience to lead LACC with strategic agility, empathy and integrity,” said Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez. “He has committed his entire career to serving diverse populations and is passionate about access and educational opportunity, advancing racial equity, and increasing student achievement.”

“I am truly humbled and honored to be selected to serve as President of Los Angeles City College. LA City is known for its rich culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion and represents the hope and optimism that our community can achieve. As an English language learner and first-generation college student, ensuring our college is the vessel of socio-economic opportunity for our students alongside committed faculty, classified professionals and administrators, is the essence of why I am excited to serve,” said Dr. Gebru. “Words cannot truly express the feeling of gratitude and excitement to be part of a legacy to help propel our institution to the next level.”

With a career dedicated to ensuring access to higher education in historically marginalized communities, Dr. Gebru is committed to advocating for educational equity. He is a first-generation college student and immigrant focused on equitable student outcomes, mentoring and academic excellence. As Vice President of Instruction and Student Services at Moorpark College, Dr. Gebru is also the Chief Student Services Officer for a college of over 19,000 students.

His responsibilities include supporting the largest instructional departments on campus, including English, Library, Foreign Languages, Business, Accounting, Computer Science, Child Development, and the Behavioral and Social Science divisions. He also leads the college's general education, transfer and student services programs, including counseling, admissions and

records, DSP&S, EOPS, financial aid, library and health services, and high school outreach including several dual enrollment programs.

Dr. Gebru also took a principal leadership role in positioning Moorpark College as a 2023 Aspen College Prize finalist and led a robust, campus-wide faculty professional development program. He also worked in the TRIO programs at LA Southwest and LA Valley Colleges and as an adjunct instructor at several LACCD colleges.

Additionally, Dr. Gebru is a recognized leader and convener on African American male student success as the president of the African American Male Educational Network and Development (A2MEND). He holds a doctorate in education with an emphasis in organizational leadership from the University of La Verne, an M.S. in counseling, and a B.A. in Communication Studies, both from CSU Long Beach.

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About LACC

Established in 1929, Los Angeles City College is one of the oldest of the California Community Colleges. Located in the heart of Hollywood, LACC provides a dynamic innovative learning environment offering more than 100 vocational and professional programs including degrees, transfer programs, and certificates to more than 18,000 students. In the past decade, a total of 6,651 students have transferred to four-year colleges and universities, including 4,040 students attending Cal State universities and 1,086 students transferring to UC campuses. Los Angeles City College is home to one of the most vibrant and diverse campuses in the country. The campus provides a wide range of professional and vocational programs at a fraction of the cost of state and private colleges., LACC provides students and adult learners vital pathways to more advanced education and enhanced employment.

About the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD)

LACCD (www.laccd.edu) is the nation's largest community college district, educating about 210,000 students annually at its nine colleges that serve the residents of more than 36 cities and communities from 900 square miles of Los Angeles County. Since 1969, the District has been providing an important learning pathway for students seeking transfer to four-year colleges or universities while also offering two-year degrees and certificated training programs to Southern California's diverse workforce in many specialized trades and professions. Learn more about our L.A. College Promise program of free tuition at [OurPromiseYourPath](#).

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