







## Dear LACCD Board of Trustees and Colleagues,

Happy New Year! As we begin the new calendar year I can't help but feel reenergized and refocused on our mission and purpose to serve our students and communities.



Part of my perspective comes from many ongoing stories, events, and projects we have district-wide and at our colleges that show our collective, educational impact on our amazing community and region.

Education provides a pathway to hope and opportunity. This critical responsibility requires that we continually explore ways to expand access and reduce institutional barriers for our students and employees. This charge is facilitated through collaborative partnerships, honest communication, and collective impact.

Thank you in advance for a year of new horizons to explore, bold ideas to come, and hard work and dedication that shines a brighter LACCD light in Los Angeles.

Thank you again for believing and contributing to this mission to serve and educate - Here's to 2023,



Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D. Chancellor













Newly elected and re-elected members of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees took the Oath of Office Wednesday during a ceremonial opening to the Board's meeting December 16, 2020. The meeting also served as the Board's annual organization for selection of Board officers for the coming year.

Congratulations! - More information

#### <u>LACCD Chancellor Named</u> <u>to Los Angeles Mayor Bass' Transition Team</u>

Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass has named Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez to serve on her transition advisory team, whose purpose is to provide advice and counsel through the first 100 days of her administration.



#### **More information**

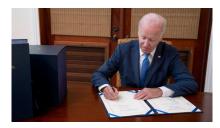
### LACCD Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez Appoints Dr. Regina Smith as New Equity and Justice Fellow

Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez, Ph.D. recently named Dr. Regina Smith as the Chancellor's Equity and Justice Fellow. Her assignment begins on January 11, 2023.

Guided by LACCD's Framework for Racial Equity and Social Justice, this new appointment will provide leadership and advance District strategies for diversity, equity, inclusion and access (DEIA). Key to this work is strengthening partnerships, allyship and collaboration across the District by championing DEIA work and supporting underrepresented groups.







# President Biden Signs FY 2023 Omnibus Appropriations Bill

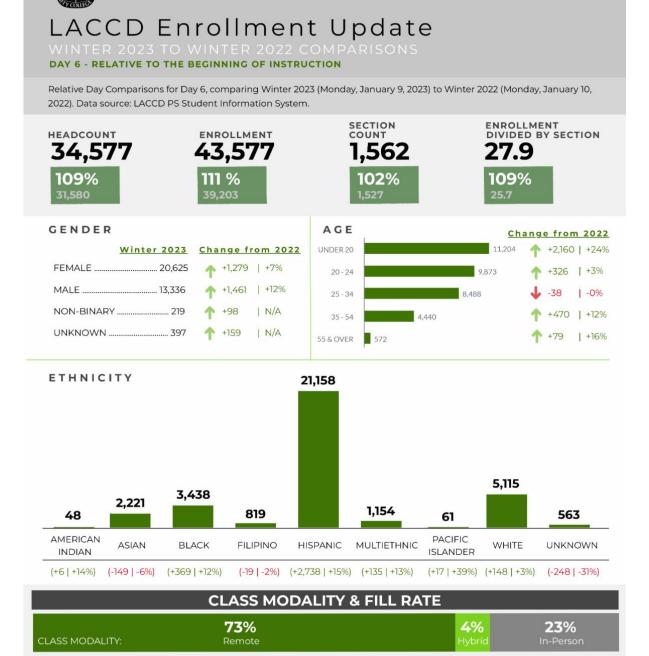
On December 23, President Joe Biden signed the \$1.7 trillion FY 2023 Omnibus Appropriations Bill into law, capping off months of bipartisan, bicameral negotiations between lawmakers in Congress. The bill provides \$800 billion in non-

defense funding, a \$68 billion increase over the FY 2022 enacted level. For House Democrats, the FY 2023 budget was the last time they would pass a piece of significant legislation while in the majority for at least the next two years.

We are very pleased that the Bill includes five Congressional earmarks for LACCD, including \$750,000 for LACCD's Districtwide STEM Academy (Padilla/Feinstein), \$1 million for the LA Trade Tech College mobile work-based programs (Bass), \$2 million for Mission College's health/STEM programs (Cardenas), \$1.3 million for West LA College's Climate Change Center (Padilla), and \$2 million for Pierce College's biotech BA program (Sherman).

The FY 2024 process is set to kick off in February with the release of the President's budget request. At the top of House Republicans' agenda is deficit reduction, which could include proposed cuts to several domestic programs. However, with Democrats in control of the Senate, Republicans will need to find a compromise if they hope to pass an FY 2024 budget.





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#### more information

FILL RATE:



### LACCD Enrollment Update

SPRING 2023 TO SPRING 2022 COMPARISONS

DAY -28 - RELATIVE TO THE BEGINNING OF INSTRUCTION

Relative Day Comparisons for Day -28, comparing Spring 2023 (Monday, January 9, 2023) to Spring 2022 (Monday, January 10, 2022). Data source: LACCD PS Student Information System.

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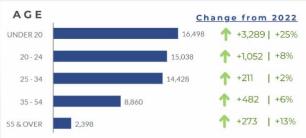
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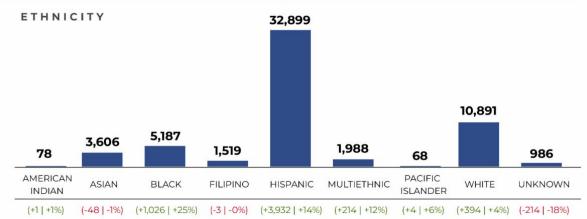
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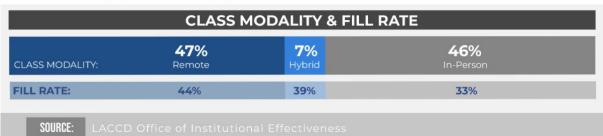
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#### **More information**

**District-wide Enrollment Events** 







#### **More information**

#### **Campus Events & Updates**



#### **Food for Thought Food Pantry**

Food for Thought Food Pantry has reopened on Monday mornings in front of the Student Union Building. Students can receive free fresh vegetables and other pantry items.



# January 14 Martin Luther King Jr. Service Day

LACC will be hosting a service day to honor the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Students, faculty and staff will participate in a special project (TBD) from 8am to 2pm.

# January 28 Spring 2023 Open House & Enrollment Fair

On Saturday, January 28, from 10am to 4pm, LACC will host its Spring 2023 Open House & Enrollment Fair in the main quad. Students can enroll, learn about student services and financial aid, and speak to counselors.



# **Upcoming Events Black History Month**

In February, LACC will host a wide variety of events celebrating Black History Month.













#### **ELAC Men's Basketball Team Starts Season with Big Win**

The stars of the Netflix series Last Chance U "Basketball", The ELAC Huskies (5-2) knocked off the #1 Cerritos College Falcons (7-2) at the Riverside City Tournament, 82-67.

ELAC built a 16-point halftime lead that grew to as much as 23 points in the early second half. Cerritos would put together 10-0 run to draw within 12 with 6:08 left, but would get no closer. A Corey Coffield layup with 5:46 to go stopped the bleeding. and the Falcons never threatened.

Sophomore G Noel Scott led all scorers with 21 points on 8-15 shooting, adding seven rebounds, three assists and three steals. Fellow soph and F JT Langston scored 20 on 7-11 shooting along with 10 rebounds (five offensive), three steals and two blocks.



### **ELAC College Corps Program Featured on Univision**

The College Corps Program at ELAC was recently the subject of a new story on Univision. This program is offered through the state of California and will help create debt-free college pathways for low-income students across California. Students will benefit from two opportunities to strengthen

their future at the same time: \$10,000 for completing a year of service and gaining valuable experience by serving their community.

ELAC is one of only 45 CA community colleges to have the College Corps This program is also open to AB540 students and ELAC Vice President Miguel Dueñas explains why this is such a unique opportunity for ELAC students. Learn more about the program by visiting their website.

#### **Story on Univision**













### **Harbor Staff Supports our Students**

Donations were received from socks, jackets, and food (for the Food Pantry/LAHC Maslow Basic Needs Center) to gift cards. Over 100 CARE & CalWORKs students (and families) were celebrated in December. It was a team effort to bring joy and fill the needs of our students.





### **Holiday Parades**

Staff participated in the San Pedro and Wilmington Parades this season. We love educating the hearts and minds of our community.

### **Registration Events**

Registration events are scheduled for January and February 2023. Students are welcome to reserve their spot for these events.

**RSVP for Harbor's Spring Registration Events** 







#### **Celebration of Culture and Cuisine**

Harbor hosted the 2022 Korea Kimchi Festival on 12/12/22, in collaboration with the Korea Food Global Association. Competing students created a Korean Fusion dish. Harbor's Culinary Student, Noeli Nunez, placed 1st and won a round-trip ticket to Korea! Culinary Con, hosted on 11/19/22, brought Celebrity Chef Marcos Spaziani to speak to students. Students interested in Culinary Arts & Hospitality and local Middle/High School Students were invited.













#### **LAMC Sponsors Pacoima Holiday Parade**

On December 10th, over 40 faculty, staff, and students represented Los Angeles Mission College on a brisk Saturday morning at the 55th Annual Pacoima Holiday Parade.

LAMC volunteers engaged with spectators along the parade route at this crucial community-building event and handed out flyers and swag. Highlights of the event can be found on the college's **Instagram** and **Facebook** pages.

### Faculty and Staff Support Students In Need

Los Angeles Mission College recently wrapped up a Holiday Donation Drive at its annual Holiday Party on December

For over two weeks, faculty and staff donated items to LAMC's Basic Needs Center, including clothes, shoes, toys, diapers, and gift cards. The college supported 72 students and their families just in time for the holidays.



# Los Angeles Mission College Expands Adult Education Offerings

In collaboration with Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) leadership, Los Angeles Mission College has partnered with elementary school principals to offer courses in adult education for parents.

These efforts have paid enormous dividends – over 20 schools in LAMC's service area are now offering courses, and the college has seen a 114% increase in its noncredit student population.

This coming winter, the college will be hosting a parenting summit for LAUSD with the goal of further expanding its course offerings.

# **Student Services Building To Open In Spring**

The Student Services Building at Los Angeles Mission College is on track to open this spring; this 56,000-square-foot building will create a centralized location for student-focused services essential to student success.



The new three-story building will consolidate several key departments currently housed throughout campus into one location. This one-stop-shop model will allow students to gain access to counseling, financial aid, admissions & records, and other support services without the need to leave the building.

The Student Services building will be outfitted with the latest District safety, security, and technology standards.

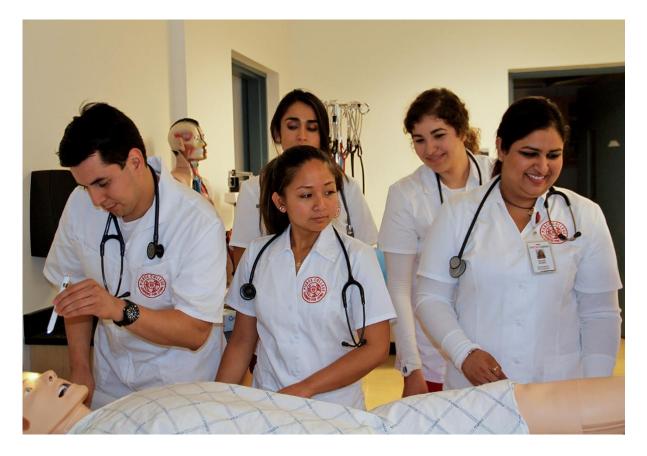












### PIERCE NURSING STUDENTS EARN A STELLAR 95.75% PASS RATE IN TESTING

Pierce College Associate Degree for Nursing (ADN) student grads passed their pre-licensure exams for 2021-2022 at a 95.74% rate.

These scores put Pierce students in the top 18% of all California Registered Nursing programs, including UCs and CSUs. In fact, Pierce students scored in the 90's for all of the five years posted, from 2018-2022. Plus, there is a low attrition rate of only 6% in 2021-2022.

The ADN program is a two-year program that provides students with the education and hands-on experience needed to work as an RN in a hospital, nursing home, outpatient facility, clinic, or even as a home health nurse. Chair of Nursing Dr. Joan Schneider said, "I am so honored and proud to be a part of this program."



## DINOSAURS IN THE VALLEY ROAMED THE PIERCE FARM

In November and December, Pierce College hosted Dinosaurs In The Valley, an immersive walk-through experience staging 100 life-size and life-like



dinosaurs on our farm. Not something you see every day!

While they have now gone extinct at Pierce, view the giant dinosaur experience with KTLA Channel 5 TV's reports (Dec. 2). In the second video children from Pierce's Child Development Center are ready to roll on "Dinobikes."

Dinosaurs in the Valley lets you get up close to dinosaurs ranging from babies to some standing over 40 feet tall and spanning over 70 feet long, from Stegosaurus to Triceratops to Brachiosaurus. The massive creatures are created with advanced animatronic realistic features and sounds and illuminated at night.

This exhibition is produced by Jurassic Park advisor and explorer, "Dino" Don Lessem, Rainmaker Films, and Ultimate Fun Productions.

# FIVE SUPER SATURDAYS ARE BACK TO HELP STUDENTS ENROLL

Super Saturdays have become a mainstay at L.A. Pierce College. We invite students onto campus to help them overcome any obstacles to enrolling.

The first two dates in December pulled in quite a few students and their families. They come to Pierce's new Welcome Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and can meet with Admissions and Records, Financial Aid, and Academic Counseling.

Three more Super Saturday registration events will take place on January 14, 21 and 28, 2023. Students are encouraged to attend or contact the Welcome Center by email at

welcome@piercecollege.edu.













### **Nursing Pinning Ceremony Class of 2022**

Under the leadership of Dr. Azubuike, the LASC Nursing Program maintained excellent standards in nursing education. Plans that were identified in the last Self-Study for the BRN Approval Visit have been implemented. The \$2.5 million fund from "Measure J" and Enrollment Grant money from the Chancellor's Office, have allowed the nursing program to purchase needed supplies, equipment, and renovation of the nursing skills lab, simulation lab, and nursing classrooms to implement case studies to enhance students learning. These significant efforts culminated in the Nursing Program being reapproved by the BRN for another five years, and a commendation that the LASC program be extended to more students. The wonderful Pinning Ceremony for the Class of 2022 was conducted on December 16, 2022.

#### **Finals Crash Week**

LASC Student Services Leadership Team invited students to join "Finals Crash Week." Cougars enjoyed the fun as they prepared for their finals. Each day there was a unique opportunity and experience for students to help reduce the many stressors sometimes caused by finals week. The activities are designed to encourage and support our students through these mentally and emotionally trying academic endeavors. We created a place for food and relaxation throughout finals week to uplift and encourage LASC students as they engaged in their final exams, projects, and essays.



### HireLAX in collaboration with LASC in early 2023

LASC will be hosting a presentation and workshop for current contractors performing and/or pursuing work on the building programs at LAX. The HireLAX Program provides local residents access to enroll in a comprehensive, construction apprenticeship preparation program offered by select public agencies or community partners. Upon completion, program graduates are

competitively positioned for placement consideration on a LAWA construction project through its contractors and local craft unions. Veterans and women are strongly encouraged to participate in the program.

# LASC will be hosting the 2023 ASCCC Accreditation Committee Regional South Meeting: Accreditation During Changing Times

The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Accreditation Committee will be discussing the ever-shifting landscape of accreditation in the California Community College system. With changes in accreditation at the federal level and new accreditation standards on their way, faculty will play a pivotal role in guiding their colleges to meet accreditation standards. During this regional meeting join us to discuss how faculty can be an effective part of your college's accreditation infrastructure to leverage the emphasis on accreditation as an agent of continuous quality improvement, innovation, and social justice in support of students.

















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Loading up the food!

### LATTC's Culinary Arts Pathway Preps Thanksgiving Meals for St. Francis Center

Every year, Trade-Tech's Culinary Arts pathway receives fresh ingredients from their campus neighbors at St. Francis Center that students turn into a delicious meal for the Center's annual Thanksgiving Feast. The Feast took place on November 23 and provided 235 meals to guests in need.

Trade-Tech is proud to share community with St. Francis Center, which is located just north of

the campus on Hope and Washington. "Serving Hope on Hope Street," the Center provides year-round relief and support to the unhoused and low-income individuals and families in Los Angeles.











Looks from the evening's theme, Madonna's Reign.

# LATTC Hosts Fall 2022 Gold Thimble Fashion Show: Madonna's Reign

On Friday, December 9, LATTC's Design & Media Arts pathway hosted the 2022 Fall Gold Thimble Fashion Show, featuring designs from the program's graduating students in eight categories: Swimwear, Children's Wear, Athleisure, Men's Wear, Avant-Garde, Genderless, Evening, and Theme. The biannual event's theme this semester was Madonna's Reign celebrating the legacy and life's work of the pop culture icon. It was a night to remember! View some of the evening's highlights below, and visit the event's full album at LATTC's Facebook.

### **Upcoming Events**

## Spring 2023 Open House & Enrollment Fair: February 4

On Saturday, February 4, 2023, from 9 am–1 pm, LATTC will host its Spring 2023 Open House & Enrollment Fair at the D3 Building and the North Quad. Students will explore pathways, get help with enrollment, and learn about our student services.















#### LAVC Rainbow Pride Center Holds its First LGBTQIA+ Holiday Mixer

The Los Angeles Valley College Rainbow Pride Center hosted a LGBTQIA+ Holiday Mixer for students, employees, and drag performers to celebrate the holidays together and share stories. LACCD Board 2nd Vice President David Vela was in attendance.



# **President Gribbons Recognized by the California State Assembly**

Assembly member Adrin Nazarian presented an assembly resolution to LAVC President Dr. Barry Gribbons in recognition of his service to our communities. Several members from LAVC were in attendance as he received his award at the Assembly member's annual holiday party in December.

### **Upcoming Events**

### Virtual Monarch Registration Day: January 11, 10am-2pm

Students will receive virtual assistance from Counseling, Financial Aid, and Admissions, and get help enrolling in classes.

In-Person Monarch Registration Day: January 28, 10am-2pm

Students are invited to campus on a Saturday for in-person assistance with applying and registering for Spring classes. Walk-in services are offered from Counseling, Financial Aid, Admissions, and much more!!











### NEW WEB SITE SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED

With work from Sensis, the District Web Team and numerous content editors and reviewers at the college, West successfully launched a new website with a more modern look, improved display on mobile devices, and navigation consistent with our sister colleges.

www.wlac.edu





# FUTURE ENTREPRENUERS CONFERENCE

Nearly 300 high school and middle school students attended presentations on life as an entrepreneur.

Presenters included: Corey Arvinger, CEO of

Support Black College clothing line and social media and brand specialist; Pushmanmitch, owner of one of the largest car rental agencies in the Southeast; Donni Wiggins, co-host of The Social Proof Podcast; and Lemeir Mitchell, owner of Happy Ice. Happy Ice also provided scoops to all of the guests.

Students also visited West information booths and heard from a College spokesperson about the LA Promise Program and dual enrollment. A highlight of the day was a live performance from popular hip hop artist and entrepreneur Soulja Boy.







### DUAL GED / CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ORIENTATION

The College & Career Prep Division, in collaboration with the Child Development program, held an orientation for 32 students enrolling in the Spring CH DEV 001 course that will be delivered in Spanish.

Approximately 90% of the 40 students expected to participate have not earned a high school diploma or Equivalency Certificate. As such, they will also enroll in WLAC's free, noncredit High School Equivalency test prep class. By doing so, they may also take the credit class for free under dual enrollment (SB 554).

All of the students will be working toward earning a Preschool Associate Teacher permit.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### RECRUITMENT

- · January 10: Vista High School visits West
- January 20: Application Workshop at Culver City High School
- January 20: Registration Day Event at West 9:30 am 1:00 pm
- January 28: Black College Expo

#### INFORMATION SESSIONS

- January 5 & 11: How to Succeed in Your Online Class
- Other January Information Sessions: Engineering, Certified Nursing Assisting & Medical Assisting









#### In The News

**Edsource** - Los Angeles Community College District chancellor named to Bass transition team

MSN - Karen Bass Adds LA Community College Chancellor to Transition Team

NBC - Los Angeles Karen Bass Names Los Angeles Community College District Chancellor to Serve on Transition Team

Spectrum News 1 - Karen Bass adds LA community college chancellor to transition team

Telemundo - Varios colegios comunitarios en Los Ángeles ofrecerán clases en español

<u>Park Labrea News/ Beverly Press - LACCD offering Spanish-language classes - Beverly</u> Press & Park Labrea News

<u>Park Labrea News/ Beverly Press - LACCD swears in new trustees - Beverly Press & Park Labrea News</u>

KABC-AM (Radio) - Karen Bass adding more than 100 people to help her through her 100 days

KFI - Karen Bass Adds LA Community College Chancellor to Transition Team

NBC Los Angeles - La alcadesa Karen Bass nombra a nuevo canciller del LACCD

<u>Los Angeles Daily News - Mayor Karen Bass adds LA community college chancellor to transition team</u>

<u>Daily Breeze - Mayor Karen Bass adds LA community college chancellor to transition</u> team

L.A. Focus Newspaper - Mayor Karen Bass adds LA community college chancellor to transition team

Eric Garcetti's legacy as LA mayor



### **About the Los Angeles Community College District**

LACCD (<u>www.laccd.edu</u>) is the nation's largest community college district, educating about 250,000 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.

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