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Dear LACCD Colleagues,

March 1 is here and the spring semester is in full swing.

This week and next, our nine colleges and District office are undergoing accreditation reviews. The last accreditation cycle was in 2016, so this is a significant and long-awaited process that involves a review of our submitted reports, and campus visits by external peers and colleagues. It is also an assessment of our policies



and practices to ensure our academic quality, student success, and institutional excellence exceeds expectation.

Through this accreditation process, we will strengthen our educational foundation, and a strong foundation portends a better tomorrow for our students, our colleges, and our District.

I hope that you take as much pride as I do when I read the contents of this Chancellor's Monthly Report. It is a testament to your dedication to purposefully serving our community college mission.

I recognize and commend each of you for your resilience in adapting to our new teaching, learning, and service environments, and for your fierce and uncompromising dedication to going the extra mile for our students and this organization.

With my respect and admiration,

Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D. Chancellor Los Angeles Community College District









LACCD Advocacy & Events

Following a successful visit by our Board to the Community College League of California (CCLC) Sacramento Day last month, Board President David Vela led the LACCD Board delegation to the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) 2023 National Legislative Summit in Washington D.C. The delegation included First Vice President Henderson, Second Vice President lino, Trustees Hoffman, Hernandez, and Veres, Chancellor Rodriguez, and Ms. Maria Luisa Veloz.

The team met with Senator Alex Padilla, Speaker Emerita Rep. Nancy Pelosi, House Representatives representing LACCD colleges, White House Administration officials, the Office of Science and Technology (OSTP), and the Department of Labor (DOL). The delegation briefed members on the progress made on the FY 2022 and FY 2023 Community Project Funding received and briefed them on the **2023 LACCD Federal Policy Priorities**. All in all, this year marks another very aggressive and exciting advocacy year for LACCD.

LACCD's 2023 State Policy and Budget Priorities have been introduced and are successfully moving through the legislative process.









Celebrating the Mayor's Young Ambassador (MaYA) Initiative

Since 2018, Mayor's Young Ambassador (MaYA) Initiative has connected young Angelenos to global experiences and the international community. Over 171 LA College Promise students from all of LACCD's nine colleges have traveled abroad. Past trips have included Mexico, Egypt, Japan, Armenia, Taiwan, Australia, and Vietnam.

LACCD students in the program participate in cultural exchanges with local peers, visit historical landmarks, meet government officials, and partner in community services projects, This year, trips to Costa Rica (March), France (June), and Ecuador (June) are planned.

MaYA is a partnership between LACCD, the LA College Promise program, the Mayor's Office of International Affairs, the Mayor's Fund for Los Angeles, and the Foundation for Los Angeles Community Colleges. With no cost to the students, funding is provided by the City of Los Angeles, corporate partners, and generous individuals. The Foundation celebrates the 14 amazing LA College Promise students selected to travel to Costa Rica this month.



LACCD Philanthropy Summit – Save the date!

Thursday, April 27, 2023 9:30am – 2:00pm. LA City College

A day of learning, collaboration, and celebration for the staff and boards of LACCD's auxiliary nonprofit foundations, college and district leaders, and key stakeholders. Learning sessions will range from technical topics such as governance and financial management to programmatic priorities such as how philanthropic efforts can best support student basic needs.

Invitations and RSVP requests to follow later this spring.



New California Community Colleges Chancellor



"Our state's community college system is in good hands with Sonya Christian as our Chancellor. Chancellor Christian possesses a stellar reputation and she has earned the respect from the field as an equity-minded faculty member and solutions-oriented administrator.

Leading and navigating a confederated system of community colleges, such as ours, will require an ability to articulate a shared

vision and common purpose, to derive consensus through a collaborative working style, and a keen capacity to coalesce and inspire students, diverse groups and varied constituencies.

Chancellor Christian is well-prepared and well-positioned to act and succeed in her new role. Our District and I look forward to working with her to advance our mutual interests to increase student access and opportunity, and to accelerate and improve student outcomes."

Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D. Chancellor





LACCD Enrollment Update

Spring 2023 TO Spring 2022 COMPARISC DAY 21 - RELATIVE TO THE BEGINNING OF INSTRUCTION

Relative Day Comparisons for Day 21, comparing Spring 2023 (Monday, February 27, 2023) to Spring 2022 (Monday, February 28, 2022). Data source: LACCD PS Student Information System.

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Campus Events & Updates

More information





Lunar New Year celebration

On Tuesday, February 21, LACC hosted a Lunar New Year celebration including food, gifts and traditional Asian Performances.



Cubby's Closet

LACC has opened Cubby's Closet, a space where students can pick up gently used and never worn sweaters, shirts, pants, skirts, suits, dresses, outwear, accessories, kid's toys and books. Cubby's Closet is located on the LACC campus in the Student Union, 2nd floor. LAist article



Black History Month Events

LACC hosted a number of events to celebrate Black History Month including screenings of the documentary "Warrior Women" on February 15 and "Wakanda Forever" on February 21st. A luncheon with local artist Michael Massenburg celebrated the diversity of African American community through food, dance and art.



CTE Employer of the Week

LACC began a series of CTE Employer of the Week events where students can learn about potential employers. On February 15, Para Los Ninos joined us on campus to share information about their organization.



On **Wednesday, March 1st** we will be hosting a FREE Food Drive sponsored by the Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L, Solis, Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, and Baby2Baby.

The event will take place outside of the **Student Union from 9am to 12pm**. This event is open to Students, Faculty, Staff and our Community!

Women's History Month

LACC will host a Women's History Month afternoon tea on March 29.



ELAC Automobile Technology Department Awarded GLANCDA

\$10,000 Grant

East Los Angeles College's (ELAC) Automobile Technology Department was recently awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealership Association (GLANCDA). The money from this grant will be used for student scholarships and electric vehicle test equipment so ELAC Automobile Technology students can continue to use the latest technology.

The ELAC Automobile Technology facilities are second to none. Students use state-of-the-art tools and equipment. Hands-on laboratories combined with lectures that describe all the mechanical systems of modern cars and the latest computer assisted repair and testing equipment prepare students to transition easily into automotive dealerships or independent repair shops.



ELAC Celebrates Lunar New Year

ELAC hosted their very own Lunar New Year Festival on February 8th. Students got the chance to join the festivities of fortune-telling, giveaways, and fun. This was planned with the help of ELAC's Associated Student Union, International Student Club, and ELAC Theatre Department.

2023 is the year of the Water Rabbit, starting on January

22nd, 2023 (Chinese New Year), and ending on February 9th, 2024 (Chinese New Year's Eve). The sign of the Rabbit is a symbol of longevity, peace, and prosperity in Chinese culture. 2023 is predicted to be a year of hope.

ELAC Men's Basketball Team to Host Playoff Game

The ELAC Men's Huskies will host Riverside Community College for the second round of the CCCAA South Regional Tournament. The Huskies finished the regular season with a record of 24 wins and 3 losses.

They are seeking to get the first state championship in head coach John Mosley's career. The Huskies have made the



California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) state playoffs in each of the last 10 seasons and appeared in ELAC's only championship game in the 2014-2015 season.





And we're Off to a Great Start for the Spring Semester!

From Taco Tuesday to a Carnival atmosphere, Harbor Seahawks were greeted with energy, excitement and tacos! Equity Groups made their students feel welcomed with informational sessions, mentorship launches, and a warm hospitality. We are eager to meet out students where they are, in-person or online. Campus Life Events



Black History Month

UMOJA Community hosted a Kick Off Event launching Harbor's Black History Month celebration. A LIVE African Dance & Drumming Circle by award winning performers African Soul International was held on February 7. Additional events are planned for the month.



Conference Champs!

Congratulations to the Men's Basketball Team as they take the Conference Title!

International Women's Day Celebration



Tuesday, March 28, 2023 11:30am - 1pm Student Union, Multipurpose Room, SU 201

Help us celebrate the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. **Event Calendar**



LOS ANGELES Mission College



LAMC Presents an Interactive Conversation with Kevin Powell

As part of Black History Month, Los Angeles Mission College was proud to present a discussion with poet, civil rights activist, journalist, and author Kevin Powell on February 27th.

Entitled "WE GON' BE ALRIGHT: Getting From Where We Are To Where We Want To Be" Mr. Powell guided a conversation about diversity, equality, and democracy in America, which also covered why history still matters, and why education matters now more than ever.

Project Impact Resource & Job Fair

In partnership with Project Impact, Los Angeles Mission College hosted a Reentry Resource & Job Fair on February 15th. Attendees met with potential employers about job opportunities while education & vocational partners were on hand to help them explore new careers.



Several community resources were available, including record expungement, legal assistance, ticket dismissal services, physical & mental health resources, voter registration, and immigration resources.

REGION NORTH LAUSD UNIFIED SPRING FAMILY COLLEGE CONFERENCE

LAMC to Host LAUSD Family Conference

On Saturday, March 25, Los Angeles Mission College will host LAUSD's Spring Family College Conference. This conference will educate parents & guardians to assist their children in preparing for college and navigating the Dual Enrollment & Financial Aid systems while also highlighting Adult Education opportunities.

San Fernando Food & Wine Festival Tickets Are Now On Sale

Tickets are now on sale for the return of the San Fernando Food & Wine Festival! Join us on April 29th as we embark on a culinary journey through the Los Angeles street food scene, prepared by chefs and students from our awardwinning Culinary Arts Institute.



Take advantage of our special Early Bird Pricing! Through March 29th, we are offering general admission tickets for just \$75 (regularly \$99). Please visit **sfvfw23.eventbrite.com** and purchase your tickets today!



PIERCE DESIGNATED AGE-FRIENDLY IN UNIVERSITY NETWORK

Los Angeles Pierce College (LAPC) has become a member of the Age-Friendly University Global Network, a growing network of colleges and universities around the globe committed to



becoming more age-inclusive in their programs and policies.

Professor Yeprem Davoodian, Dean Donna Mae Villaneuva, and **Encore Director Ida Blaine** are among a group of Pierce leaders on this project. The Age Friendly University (AFU) initiative inspires institutions of higher education to identify their contributions to the interests and needs of an aging population. In Los Angeles, the AFU initiative is part of the Purposeful Aging Los Angeles partnership between the County and City

of Los Angeles, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the private sector, and higher education institutions including UCLA, USC, and California State University, Long Beach.

FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL IMMERSES US IN FRENCH CULTURE AND STYLE

The third French Film Festival at Pierce College opens on March 16 with screenings of six movie selections representative of French culture and modern cinematographic style.

Half of these movies have female directors and focus on the French-speaking world outside of France. This event is a collaboration between Pierce's English, Communication, Physical Education, History, Art & Architecture and Music Departments. Sponsored by the French Embassy



(Albertine Cinémathèque & Face Foundation), Janus Films, Pascal Pâtisserie, and Pierce College's Student Services, it's ASO, and its French Club.



BRAHMA CAREER CLOSET POPS UP WITH FREE BUSINESS CLOTHING

L.A. Pierce College's Career Center under Director Wendi Meckler has partnered with Councilmember Bob Blumenfield's Office and the Warner Center-Woodland Hills Chamber of Commerce to bring Brahma Career Closet to campus.

Donations of gently used professional and business attire are displayed on the Campus Mall where students can pick out free career clothing on days when the Brahma Career Closet Pop ups occur. Meckler tells us Pierce faculty and staff have also been giving, and the donations are welcome; please contact Wendi Meckler at mecklewt@piercecollege.edu.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FAIR COMING TO CAMPUS - NEW DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

Pierce is hosting the 2023 West Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair, a free community event to gather information and resources to best prepare for an emergency or disaster. Learn from community responders, organizations and providers on site.

West Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair TBA - More information to come

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Sponsors Councilmember Bob Blumenfield and the

West Valley-Warner Center Chamber of Commerce lead dozens of local exhibitors and participants. Click here for a list of exhibitors and more information.







LACCD and AAOI celebration of Black History Month

On February 9, 2023, LASC hosted LACCD and African American Outreach Initiative celebration of Black History Month. Students and staff from all LACCD colleges attended the entertaining event which included dynamic guest speaker Dr. Chike Akua as well as complimentary food and t-shirts. Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez, 1st Vice President Nichelle Henderson, and Student Trustee Kenneth-Alan Callahan also came to support the wonderful celebration.

Student Union Topping Out Celebration

On February 27, 2023, LASC will have its Student Union Topping Out Celebration. The ceremony will commemorate the last piece of steel being placed on top of the new Student Union. It also marks a milestone in the collaboration between LASC, BuildLACCD, and the design-build team of W.E O'Neill, HGA Architects. The two-story, 20,000 square-foot facility with rooftop solar panels will provide flexible and contemporary spaces to work, study, encourage student engagement, and support student life. The Student Union is scheduled to open in Fall 2025.



On March 11, 2023, LASC will host LASC Southwest Daze. This event is the college's festive enrollment and orientation day. All students are invited to learn more about LASC classes, academic programs, and student services. The college's dedicated support team are ready to share all the benefits of attending LASC and are available to answer any questions.



HireLAX Program Graduation

On March 24, 2023, LASC will host the HireLAX Apprenticeship Readiness Program graduation. HireLAX is a partnership among Los Angeles World Airports, LASC, and the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council.

Student Union

Topping Out

Celebration

This workforce development program prepares local residents for skilled craft labor careers to support the multi-billion-dollar capital improvement program at Los Angeles International Airport through an eightweek course that trains participants in construction best practices, mathematics, physical education, Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards and other subjects. Laura Perez, Dean of Adult, Non-Credit, Continuing, & Community Education oversees the LASC partnership. For more information







Recap of Spring Enrollment Efforts

Spring 2023 Open House & Enrollment Fair: February 4

On Saturday, February 4, 2023, from 9 am–1 pm, LATTC hosted its Spring 2023 Open House and Enrollment Fair. 1,400 guests were welcomed that day, 800 of whom registered with student interest. Visitors and prospective students explored pathways, took campus tours, received help with enrollment, learned about student services—and enjoyed some tasty hot dogs and popcorn!

Registration Wednesdays

Trade-Tech hosted virtual Registration Wednesdays throughout January and February. During these weekly open sessions, over 100 students learned how to view course recommendations from counseling sessions and used the student portal to register for classes. In-person registration labs also assisted 365 students with enrollment efforts.

Upcoming Events



ACCJC Focused Site Visit: March 6–8

LATTC will host the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC)'s peer review team Monday, March 6–Wednesday, March 8, 2023, as part of the comprehensive accreditation process. The review team comprised of Team Chair, **Dr. Monica Green**, President of Norco College; Team Vice Chair, **Dr. Vince Rodriguez**, President of Coastline College; **Dr. Adam Karp**, Professor of Spanish at American River College; **Dr. Christopher McDonald**, Vice Chancellor of Educational & Technology Services at South Orange County Community College District; and **Dr. Sarah Schrader**, Vice President of College & Administrative Services at Modesto Junior College—will meet with college leadership and the campus community for meetings and open forums. **Read more about the scheduled site visit**.



LATTC's Food Pantry Resumes for Spring!

Trade-Tech's Food Pantry is pleased to resume its Food Pantry this Spring semester starting February 23. Presented by LATTC Basic Needs, the program distributes fresh produce and boxes of non-perishables to students in need. Food Pantry is scheduled every other Thursday, from 11 am–1 pm. Students may drive-thru or walk up to receive their boxes at the 24th Street parking garage (244 W. 23rd Street).







LAVC Celebrates Black History Month

As part of Black History Month, LAVC welcomed over 300 local Black high school and middle school students for Valley Young Black Scholars Day. They visited the campus to introduce them to the Umoja Program. The event also featured a performance from ZuZu Acrobats and a drum circle activity.





Spring 2023 Late-Start Monarch Registration Days: March 22, 25 & 29

LAVC Counseling, Financial Aid, Admissions, and departments will host **Monarch Registration Days** to help students enroll in Spring 2nd 8 week classes. At our In-Person events on Wednesday, March 22 from 10 am-2 pm and Saturday, March 25 from 9 am-2 pm, students can see a counselor, get help enrolling, and learn about college departments, programs, and services. On Wednesday, March 29 from 9 am-1pm, students can Chat live with representatives from Admissions, Counseling and Financial Aid

LAVC Upcoming Events

LAVC Music Presents a Free Wednesday Concert Series

Every Wednesday at 2:30 pm

The LAVC Music Department is hosting a series of Free Wednesday Concerts that are open to students, employees and the community. This semester, each concert focuses on a weekly theme, such as "Music for Storytelling", "Music for Entertainment", and "Music for Political Expression". For more information, check the LAVC Visual and Performing Arts Calendar.

Women Veteran & LGBTQ Paint and Lunch

Wednesday, March 15 from 1-3 pm

The LAVC Rainbow Pride Center and LAVC Veterans Resource Center will celebrate Women Veterans Month with a **Women Veteran and LGBTQ Paint and Lunch** in the LAVC Unity Center.

Cesar Chavez Youth Leadership Conference

Wednesday, March 22 at 8:30 am-2:00 pm

The LAVC Mosaic Village Unity Center is hosting a **Cesar Chavez Youth Leadership Conference** on Wednesday, March 22 at Student Union Plaza. The leadership conference for 9th and 10th graders based around the theme of "building resilience for change."

CAP Open House - Spring 2023

Monday, March 27 from 11:30 am-2 pm

Join us at our **Spring 2023 CAP Open House** for an engaging and inspiring event with two bestselling authors, Rafael Agustin and Sona Movsesian, who will share their stories and the pathways that led to their success. Attendees will leave this event inspired to pursue their passions while understanding how to overcome obstacles along the way. Lunch will be served.





The new Black Scholars United program

The new Black Scholars United program successfully coordinated several Black History Month events including an intimate conversation among students, employees and a facilitator about love and relationships. A larger event attracting a diverse group of students was the AfroBeats Party connecting popular current music to the original songs they sample. Students interacted with staff at a resource fair and dined on chicken and waffles. Events sponsored by other programs included guest speakers Tyson Amir and Toyia Jackson. The College also provided a free screening of "Nope." WLAC film/TV production interns worked on the film.



Dual Enrollment is up 43.5%

Dual enrollment is up 43.5% over the same point in Spring 2022. The dean credits this positive statistic to a renewed focus on feeder high schools, strengthening of partnerships, and improved collaboration across areas of the college.



Allied Health Summit and Job Fair

Thanks to a regional Strong Workforce Program Allied Health project under West's leadership, the College hosted an "Allied Health Summit and Job Fair." The event consisted of an industry panel and college roundtable as well as an exploration of ways we can better align our system and enhance the allied health sector in Los Angeles county. Professionals representing allied health employers included Prime Healthcare, Dignity Health, Premier Ambulance, Living Well Home Care, Beverly Hospital, and Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County. Over 50 students then attended the job fair.



Early Childhood Educator Apprenticeship program

Due to the success of our **Early Childhood Educator Apprenticeship program, West is expanding** the program with the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) to include three additional cohorts of 30 apprentices through June 2025. These apprentices will take four required classes to earn their Associate Teacher Permits and many will continue to take the additional units required to become a Lead Preschool Teacher.



In The News

Raising our collective voices - CommunityCollegeTimes

<u>US Department of Labor awards \$50M to help 15 colleges in 14 states</u> <u>improve equitable access to training for good-paying jobs -</u> <u>Department of Labor</u>

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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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