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Chancellor's

MONTHLY REPORT
JULY 2023

Dear LACCD Colleagues,

I hope that you enjoyed your July 4th holiday gatherings with family and friends. As the summer continues, there is some exciting news to share about the results of our nine-college accreditation.

I am very pleased to share that each of the nine colleges received a 7-year Reaffirmation of Accreditation, the highest number of years allowable. There were no requirements for compliance with any of the Accreditation Standards and many of our colleges received individual college Commendations. LACCD also received a District Commendation for our institutional efforts to advance racial equity and social justice. This outstanding news serves as a testament to your unwavering commitment and dedication to meeting the highest standards of excellence. Thank you for your leadership and service to LACCD and to the students, families and communities that we are proud to serve.



As the largest community college district in the nation, we see firsthand the critical importance of educational access for all and the benefits of a diverse student body towards fulfilling our service and educational mission. The Supreme Court's recent decisions regarding affirmative action and student loan forgiveness should serve as wake-up calls and an opportunity to strengthen our resolve in higher education to improve and advance racial equity and social justice through education.

This decision, while disappointing and expected, is a significant setback for higher education. Removing tools such as affirmative action and loan forgiveness places additional educational barriers that translate to students and communities being left behind. In Los Angeles and at LACCD we stand with and stand up for individuals and communities who are dedicated to pursuing equal access to higher education as the tool to end intergenerational poverty and structural racism.

Proud to stand with you.

Wishing you all a great month in July. Be safe, stay motivated, and be bold for education.

With my respect and admiration,



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



Los Angeles Community College District


LACCD Board of Trustees and Chancellor Issue Statement Regarding SCOTUS Decision on the Use of Race in College Admissions

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) issued the following statement regarding the SCOTUS decision on the use of race in college admissions:

"As the largest community college district in the nation, we see firsthand the critical importance of educational access for all and the benefits of a diverse student body towards fulfilling our service and educational mission. This decision, while disappointing and expected, is a setback for higher education and further erodes our democracy. The cruel irony is the use of race in affirmative action was initially constructed to redress and remedy generations of systemic oppression and sanctioned exclusion caused by racial prejudice," said Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D.

"So, to exclude race now is a step backward and will impact the racial diversification of our colleges and universities, and the democratization of our society. Removing this tool and placing educational barriers translate to students and communities being left behind. This SCOTUS decision should serve as a brutal wake-up call and opportunity to strengthen our resolve in higher education to improve and eradicate racial and social justice inequalities through education."

"The LACCD Board of Trustees vehemently disagrees with the Court's recent decision to ban race as part of university admissions criteria. Diversity, equity and inclusion are core values at our institution, and every person deserves the opportunity for a high-quality, accessible and affordable education," said LACCD Board of Trustees President, David Vela. "This decision reminds us of the critical role that community colleges play and the immense benefits of an open admissions policy that builds a diverse student body. We stand in solidarity with students who will be affected by this decision and will do all we can to successfully remove barriers to higher education."



Los Angeles Community College District

Happy 4th of July



A graphic for the 4th of July. It features a dark blue background with white fireworks and palm trees. The text "Happy 4th of July" is written in a white, cursive font. At the bottom, there is a row of logos for various community colleges: LACCD, LACC, elcic, LAHC, Mission College, Pierce College, Los Angeles Harbor College, LATC, LAC, and West.





LACCD Enrollment Update

SUMMER 2023 TO SUMMER 2022 COMPARISONS

DAY 14 - RELATIVE TO THE BEGINNING OF INSTRUCTION

Relative Day Comparisons for Day 14, comparing Summer 2023 (Monday, June 26, 2023) to Summer 2022 (Monday, June 27, 2022). Data source: LACCD PS Student Information System.

HEADCOUNT
53,706
 114%
 47,039

ENROLLMENT
73,187
 114%
 64,088

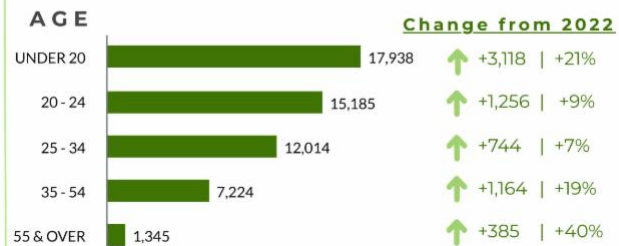
SECTION COUNT
2,659
 107%
 2,496

ENROLLMENT DIVIDED BY SECTION
27.5
 107%
 25.7

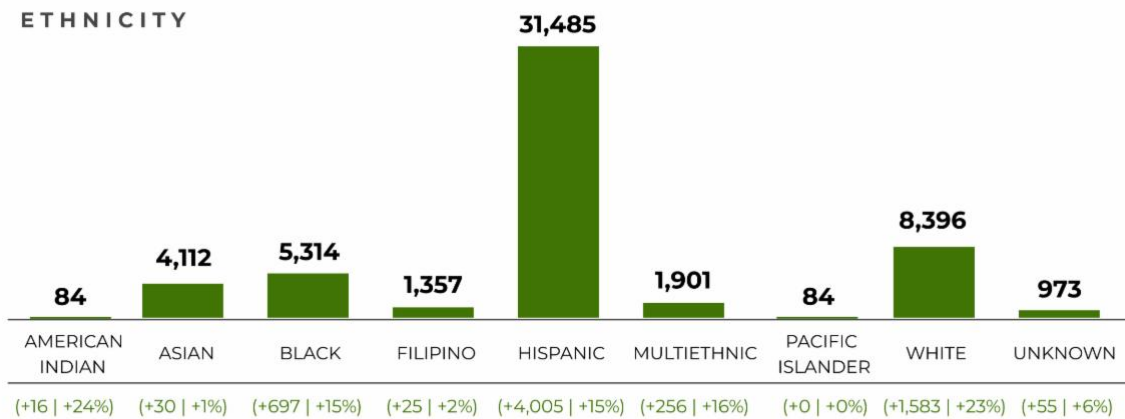
GENDER

	Summer 2023	Change from 2022
FEMALE	31,289	↑ +2,812 +10%
MALE	21,215	↑ +3,378 +19%
NON-BINARY	422	↑ +185 N/A
UNKNOWN	780	↑ +292 N/A

AGE



ETHNICITY



CLASS MODALITY & FILL RATE

CLASS MODALITY:	69% Remote	7% Hybrid	25% In-Person
FILL RATE:	80%	64%	59%

SOURCE: LACCD Office of Institutional Effectiveness

Campus Events & Updates



On June 13, 2023, LACC held a Celebration of Life for alumni and former ASG President Jemere Calhoun.

On June 15, 2023, LACC hosted a Senior Night for our incoming high school graduates and their families including food, fun and important information for our incoming class of 2025. More than 500 incoming students and their families attended.



LACC's Media Coverage of Graduation includes:

KABC-TV

<https://abc7.com/12-year-old-college-graduate-fiona-currie-los-angeles-city-graduation/13364054/>

KNBC-TV

<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/12-year-old-girl-youngest-graduate-la-city-college/3171415/>

Telemundo

<https://www.telemundo52.com/noticias/local/nina-12-convierte-mas-joven-graduarse-la-city-college/2435274/>

Epoch Times

https://www.theepochtimes.com/homeschooler-whose-parents-banned-social-media-graduates-college-at-12-with-4-0-gpa_5331868.html?utm_source=partner

Antelope Valley Press

https://www.avpress.com/news/palmdale-girl-a-college-grad-at-age-12/article_6c344c62-073c-11ee-b8ad-6352c6ccaf8d.html

Additionally, LACC's first two episodes of JTBC's K-Lunch, the Korean reality cooking show are now up on YouTube. You can view them at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gtE_rjYBYI

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=te14VKjeyFc>

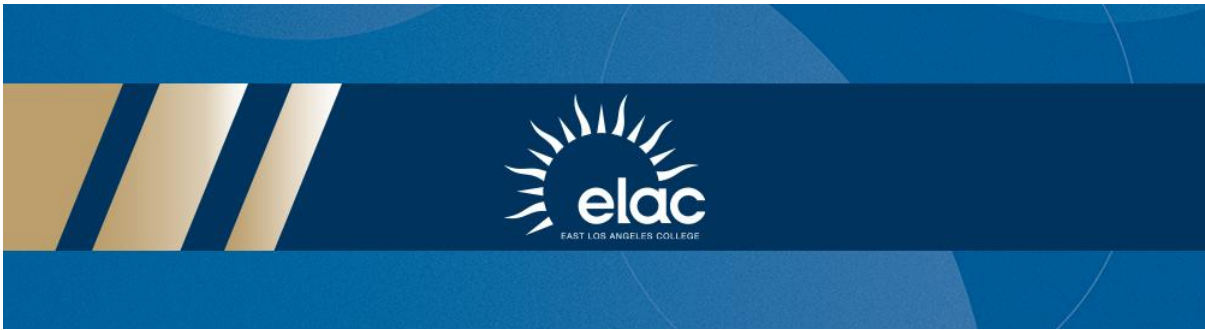


LACC held a Juneteenth celebration including a screening of the documentary Juneteenth: Faith & Freedom, a brunch provided by Fritz N Wafflez, and afternoon celebrations music, spoken word, vendors, food and more.



LACC held a free movie night on June 22, screening "The Super Mario Bros. Movie." Our next movie night is July 20 when we will screen "Everything Everywhere All At Once."





East Los Angeles College Invited to Welcome VP Harris to LAX

ELAC was invited to welcome Vice President Kamala Harris as she landed in LAX on Friday, June 16th. ELAC President Alberto Roman and LACCD Trustee Nichelle Henderson were joined by ELAC students and faculty. VP Harris was excited to see ELAC and had a brief conversation with President Roman and students. The recap of the visit can be viewed on the [ELAC Instagram page](#).

East Los Angeles College Partners with Montebello Unified School District to Offer AA Dual Enrollment Pathway



Officials from ELAC and Montebello Unified School District (MUSD) gathered on June 22nd to announce the launch of an associate degree dual enrollment pathway. 154 students from 7 MUSD intermediate schools are already enrolled in the AA program this summer, and an additional 100 high school students have signed up for upcoming courses.

Dual enrollment is available to all MUSD high school and intermediate students and ELAC has now partnered with multiple school districts in Los Angeles to offer Dual Enrollment. This is a

continuation of the ELAC mission to provide access to college, dual enrollment courses, and college matriculation support for high school students in Los Angeles County.

East Los Angeles College Students Attend Flamin' Hot Movie Opening & Q&A Session in Partnership with Poderistas & The LatinX House

ELAC students attend the opening and participate in the Q&A session of the Director/Actress Eva Longoria's Directorial debut film Flamin' Hot. Joined by stars Jesse John Garcia, Annie Gonzalez, Film Writer Linda Yvette Chavez, and Producer DeVon Franklin.



Flamin' Hot Movie is a story of family, love, perseverance, and the strength of community, and it's just the type of movie we need to see right now. It's the story of everyday superheroes from our community. The movie is currently streaming on Hulu & Disney Plus and is the most-watched streaming premiere from searchlight pictures.

"We are family oriented, we're hardworking, we contribute a lot to our society and our Community....we are a lot of things. This film is a love letter to the Latino Community... we don't get a lot of chances to make movies About Us, By Us, and For Us. We did our part, we need you guys to do your part....we need Hollywood to know we matter, and we have stories to tell, & we are amazing story tellers..... " said Eva Longoria, Director, Flamin' Hot.

ELAC Student Participates in Unique LIFT-LA Community Business Academy

ELAC Student Kaitlyn Garcia was a part of the 2023 cohort of graduates from the LIFT-LA Spanish Community Business Academy (CBA). This Entrepreneurship program features an intensive 12-week course on business management skills needed to start, fund and operate a business—skills like budgeting, cash flow, pricing, marketing, bookkeeping and financing.

The unique aspect of this course compared to other entrepreneurship “boot camps” is that it is given entirely in Spanish. More than half of LIFT-LA members are monolingual Spanish-speaking, and more than 50% do not have legal rights to work.

LIFT-LA Community Business Academy graduates utilize an established roadmap with two distinct components:

- 1. Business Acceleration Services to partner new and aspiring entrepreneurs with established business owners who act as mentors to help them set goals, develop plans of action, and identify and overcome obstacles to success; and
- 2. Credit to Capital (C2C) technical assistance services to provide entrepreneurs ready to pursue financing for their business with loans and financial products calibrated to their individual needs.
- Within two years after graduating, entrepreneurs from this program experience an average 67% increase in business revenue and 49% increase in household income. LIFT-LA is excited to provide new opportunities for low-income Angelenos and replicate these successes to build sustainable local economies.

Upcoming Events

HUSKY TACO TUESDAYS

JOIN US TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES AND ENJOY:
TACOS • ELAC SWAG • GIFT CARD RAFFLE

GET HELP WITH:
CLASS REGISTRATION • ELAC APPLICATION
ADMISSIONS & RECORDS
FINANCIAL AID

Monterey Park Campus
from 10am - 12pm

July	July	July	July	Aug
5	11	18	25	1

RSVP: bit.ly/42TA3FT

South Gate Campus
from 5pm - 7pm in Room 120

July
18

RSVP: bit.ly/3r0sHmt



Los Angeles Harbor College Hosts its 74th Annual Commencement Ceremony

Harbor's 74th Annual Commencement Ceremony took place on Tuesday, June 6th 2023. Friends and family packed the Seahawk Stadium to celebrate the achievements of over 650 loved ones. The ceremony was kicked off by graduating student, Dawn Lett, performing the National Anthem. Speakers included Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs Juan Baez, Trustee Nichelle Henderson, Vice Chancellor Dr. Rueben Smith, Academic Senate Chair Van Chaney, and of course Harbor's very own President Luis Dorado. Retiring Athletics Director, Nabeel Bakaraat gave his heartfelt remarks on the legacy of being a graduate of Harbor—"Once a Seahawk, always a Seahawk," he proudly remarked. [Check out our Cool Class of 2023 on InstaYouTube.](#)

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Nursing Department's Annual Pinning Ceremony

In addition to the many graduation celebrations taking place, the Nursing Program held its own Annual Pinning Ceremony in downtown San Pedro at the beautiful art deco Warner Building. The Pinning Ceremony was a huge milestone for nursing graduates as they pledged to dedicate their lives to serving others selflessly. Thirty-Two Seahawks, took the Nightingale Pledge. Harbor's Nursing program proved to have continued its excellence as a top-ranked program in the state.



Become A Harbor Seahawk

Harbor will be hosting several **Registration Events** to assist students in registering for the Summer and Fall 2023 Semesters. We welcome our incoming LA College Promise Students and can't wait to get them started on their educational journey.

Upcoming Events

LOS ANGELES HARBOR COLLEGE ALONG WITH PENINSULA SYMPHONIC WIND PRESENTS

A CONCERT IN THE PARK

AT HARBOR COLLEGE

75TH ANNIVERSARY KICKOFF

GUEST ARTIST:
DR. PANCHE ROMERO, TRUMPET



MAKE IT A PICNIC

JULY 8 5 PM SSA GRASS QUAD


Picnic and Live Music are a Summer Must! This amazing concert is featuring a guest artist and much more! Free Admission!!

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LOS ANGELES HARBOR COLLEGE

PENINSULA SYMPHONIC WINDS
**** THE PYSW DOES NOT ALLOW SMOKING OR ALCOHOL ON SCHOOL GROUNDS ****

ASO PRESENTS



POWER 106.1 FM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023 | 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

NEA & SSA QUADS

Kroger's Chirros IN-N-OUT Goodie Co. SHAVED ICE

ENJOY FREE FOOD & GIVEAWAYS, FUN GAMES, MUSIC, AND MUCH MORE!

MUST EARN TICKET FROM ACTIVITIES TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR GIVEAWAYS

75th Anniversary Launch!

The 2023-2024 marks the launch of a year-long 75th Anniversary for Harbor. Join us for a **Concert in the Park at Harbor College**, featuring Dr. Pancho Romero. Make it a Picnic and join us!

Harbor Palooza 4.0!

There is no better way to bring back students than with Harbor Palooza. Enjoy free giveaways, fun games, music from Power 106FM and In & Out! We are ready for an exciting Fall 2023 Semester.



48th Annual Commencement

Los Angeles Mission College held its 48th Annual Commencement on Tuesday, June 6, with close to 400 graduates in attendance, along with their friends and family members.

The crowd heard inspiring speeches from College President Armida Ornelas, Associated Student Organization President Alix Rodriguez, Trustee Steven Veres, LACCD Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, Valedictorian Daniel Wyatt, and Keynote Speaker Assemblymember Luz Rivas.



“Never forget the people that were behind you every step of the way – our community, our friends, our loved ones – they’ve given all of us strength, love, and sacrifice, which, in grand sum, could never be repaid. The closest anyone could get to repaying it is by showing the same compassion to someone else.” said Class Valedictorian Daniel Wyatt, before reminding the crowd that “There is no aspect, no facet, no moment in life that can’t be improved with pizza, so enjoy the little things.”

LAMC proudly awarded 1,347 degrees to the 788 students of the 2022/23 graduating class.



Softball & Women's Tennis Celebrate Successful Seasons

Two Women's Tennis singles players, Lia Sarjeladze and Anna Kynclova, reached the Round of 16 at the State Championship Tournament this year. After byes in the first round and wins in the second and third rounds,

Sarjeladze lost her match 1-6, 0-6, while Kynclova cruised to the Semifinals before an injury forced her to retire from the match.

On April 22nd, the LAMC Softball team traveled to Southwestern College for a double-header and the results were historic. Winning both games 8-0 and 7-4 gave Coach Hylland his 100th win at LAMC.

A win against Los Angeles Valley College qualified the Lady Eagles for the first round of the Southern California Regional Playoffs for the second year in a row and set up a best-of-three series against Cerritos College. After losing the first game 10-6, LAMC bounced back to win the second game. In a hard-fought battle for the right to move on to the second round, the Eagles wound up falling to the Falcons, 6-4.

Enrollment Days Return for Summer

Los Angeles Mission College continues to host Enrollment Days on select Wednesdays throughout the summer to assist students enrolling in summer and fall courses. The college provides one-on-one support with Financial Aid, Counseling, Admissions & Records, and enrolling in classes. A special Saturday Enrollment Day is scheduled for August 12th. For a complete schedule of events, please visit lamission.edu/enrollmentdays.



Biotech Students Finish Semester With Job Offers

On June 5th, LAMC's spring Biotechnology II class held their annual research poster presentation at the Center for Math & Science Building on East Campus.

Before officially completing the course, 13 students received job or internship offers with Biotech industry partners Grifols Biologicals, Takeda Pharmaceuticals,

Lief Labs, and Cedars Sinai, thanks in part to recent LAMC Distinguished Instructor Award Winner, Chander Arora, Ph.D.





Historic LAPC 75th Anniversary Commencement in Stadium Crowned “Perfect”

Pierce College's 75th Commencement Ceremony at John Shepard Stadium hosted 5,000 visitors on June 8, 2023. Students arrived as early as 6 a.m. for the 9 a.m. start. 810 graduates walked, 100 volunteers staffed, and 50 faculty participated in the festivities. Live music from the college band filled the air, and a drone overhead captured the event on video.

LACCD Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez gave an inspiring keynote speech, and later wrote, “From my vantage point, everything was perfect—from the grandeur look of the stadium and the

helpfulness of the volunteers, to the smiles on the faces of students and family, to the gorgeous weather!”

Students reportedly loved being at the stadium for graduation, said Dean of Student Services, Will Marmolejo.

“I have coordinated 16 in-person and two virtual commencement ceremonies for the LACCD and this one was, by far, the most challenging but rewarding ceremony of them all. The weather, students and staff were great. It was a wonderful day for the College,” he said.

Links you can't live without:

See new [LAPC Grad 2023 Photos By Ben Hanson at Stadium](#)

View [L.A. Daily News Photos and Story of LAPC Commencement](#)

Relive the ceremony with a [Livestream on Facebook](#)

Review the 2023 Commencement Brochure with program and all graduates' names on our [Graduation website](#)

LAPC'S Numerous Achievements of Academic Year In Review 2022-2023

Our 75th Anniversary Celebration year was a whirlwind of reaching landmark goals and launching new experiences at Pierce. From our incredible Advanced Automotive Technology Building opening in October to our first Stadium Commencement Ceremony, here are some key accomplishments.



The crowd at LAPC's 75th Anniversary and Advanced Automotive Technology Building Opening on Oct. 20, 2022.

Fall 2022

- 75th Anniversary/Advanced Automotive Technology Building Opening Celebration
- Launched Caring Campus
- Academic Accommodations Center replaces Special Services

- Erected new campus perimeter fence
- Measure LA passes – a \$5.3 billion bond for LACCD colleges
- LAPC named Best Community College by LA Daily News for 8th year straight
- Launched a new student-centered website

Spring 2023

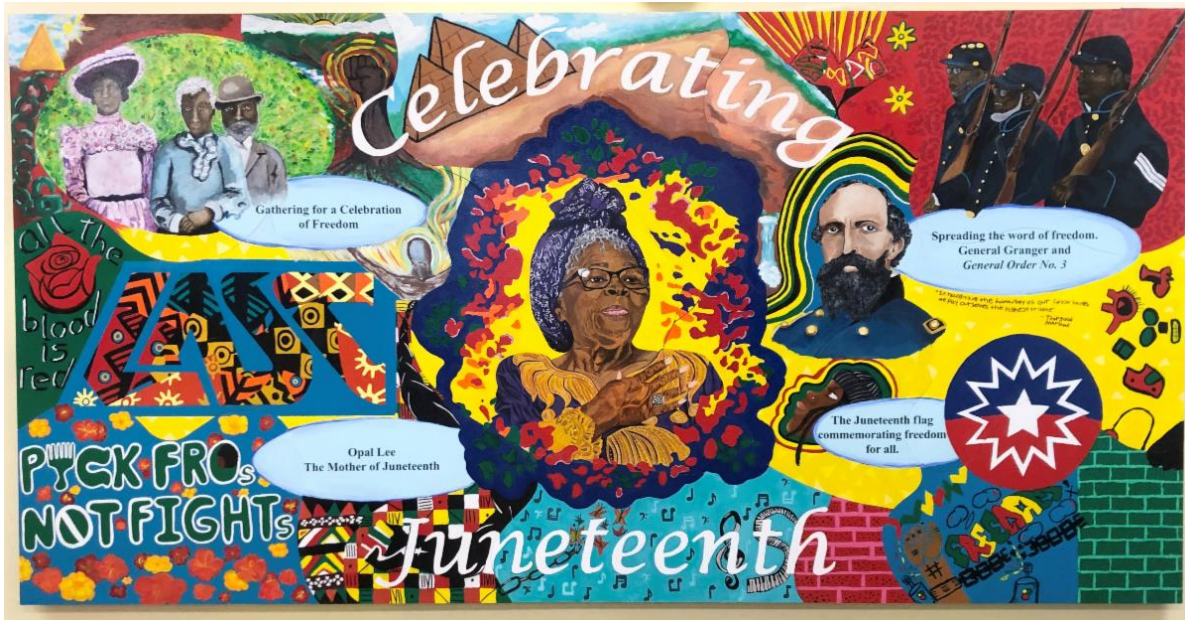
- Welcome Center Opens
- Multicultural Center Opens
- Formed a Classified Senate, LAPC3
- Pierce becomes Age Friendly Institution
- Launched Career Closet
- Brahma Bodega replaces Brahma Pantry
- Awarded \$1.5 Million to establish Math, Engineering and Science Achievement Program (MESA)
- Awarded \$2 Million to establish a Bio-manufacturing B.A. Degree
- Accreditation Reaffirmed for seven years—the maximum allowable



Graduation

On June 6, 2023, LASC held its commencement ceremony. About 500 students earned associate degrees. Graduates also included students from the LA College Promise program and Middle College High School. Guest speakers included LACCD Board of Trustees member Nichelle Henderson, LACCD Vice Chancellor Jeanette Gordon, and Los Angeles World Airport commissioner Karim Webb.





Juneteenth Mural Celebration

On June 15, 2023, LASC Umoja and the Men of Color Engagement Center hosted the unveiling of the Juneteenth Mural Project to celebrate Juneteenth at LASC. The mural highlights the history of Juneteenth and was permanently installed on campus in the Umoja Community Center. Lauren Evans, Art Professor at LASC collaborated with over 30 faculty, staff, and students in painting the mural.

Southwest Daze

On July 15, 2023, LASC will host Southwest Daze. This event will showcase LASC's vibrant college culture and world-class educational environment that is driven by its passionate student-centered faculty, innovative programs and curriculum, growing athletics program, and the dedicated staff and administrators committed to preparing students for a successful future. Students will receive assistance with completing the FAFSA, learn about academic offerings and support services, find out about the promise program, enroll and register for classes, tour the college, and much more.

SOUTHWEST UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
Southwest DAZE
 ON SATURDAZE

SATURDAY 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
INSIDE THE STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING
JUNE 10, 2023 / JULY 15, 2023 / AUGUST 12, 2023

Are you prepared to leave your impact on the world?

Here is your personal invitation to join us at Southwest Daze. Our friendly staff are prepared and ready to support you in writing the next chapter of your life. It's now time to take the first step on your journey to a better life and career. Come out and experience LASC's vibrant culture and see how LASC's world-class educational environment can assist you in creating a better future. Enroll in classes and apply for financial aid!!! Don't waste time with the rest, when you can experience SouthBEST! join us and learn the meaning of Cougar Pride!

- Complete the FAFSA and learn how \$15,000 could be available to you.
- Learn about our academic offerings and support services.
- Find out about our tuition-free promise program.
- Enroll and register for classes.
- Offering orientations in English and Spanish.
- Tour our college, including our new and renovated buildings.
- Discover how we are providing a safe and secure learning environment.
- And much more!

*Resources such as free laptops, hot spots and bus passes are available to help you complete your studies at LASC. Learn about them and so many more incredible resources at Southwest Daze!

LASC
 Register Now @ LASC.EDU | 1600 West Imperial Highway, Los Angeles, CA 90047





LATTC Hosts 98th Commencement Featuring Keynote Speaker Mayor Karen Bass

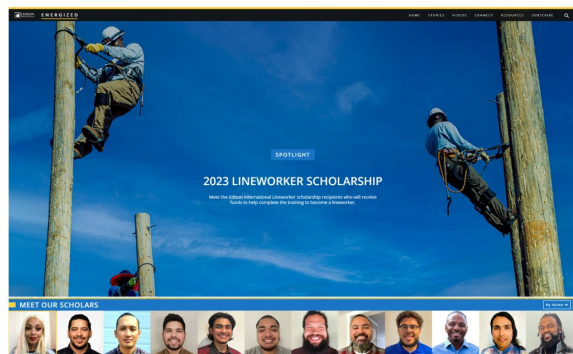
On June 6, 2023, Trade-Tech hosted its 98th Commencement at the Galen Center where 4,500 guests arrived to celebrate more than 800 graduates. LATTC was especially honored to welcome Mayor Karen Bass as the annual event's keynote speaker, who, during her address, asked students, "Will you help me change the world?"

Additional messages of inspiration and encouragement were shared by former LATTC President Dr. Kathleen Burke, LACCD Chancellor Dr. Francisco Rodriguez, and LACCD Trustee Sara Hernandez.

Check out [ABC Eyewitness News's coverage of the day](#) and view more photos from LATTC's 98th Commencement via the college's [Facebook page](#).

12 LATTC Powerline Mechanic Students Are Selected for Edison's 2023 Lineworker Scholarships

Last month, Southern California Edison announced its 2023 Lineworker scholarship recipients, all of whom are enrolled in Trade-Tech's electrical and power transmission installation program. These 12 aspiring students will receive up to \$25,000 for tuition, tolls, and



support services needed to complete the required training to become a lineworker.

Edison International launched the scholarship program in 2021 in partnership with IBEW Local 47, a program that aims to promote greater diversity within Southern California Edison's lineworkers. This year, the program has expanded beyond Black participants to include Asian Pacific Islander, Native American, and female applicants.

[Read more about the scholars](#)

The powerful role that college majors play

College, from A.I. to the arts, is the most important factor in determining earnings, according to a new study by the Brookings Institution. The study found that higher education or hands-on training increases earnings, but that their impact is greatest for those who receive postsecondary training.

“Overwhelmingly, the answer is yes,” says Michael J. Rehg, senior research advisor at Brookings. “The study shows that higher education or hands-on training increases earnings, but that their impact is greatest for those who receive postsecondary training.”

Major matters
Black and Hispanic college graduates are divided with white graduates, according to a new study by the Brookings Institution. The study found that higher education or hands-on training increases earnings, but that their impact is greatest for those who receive postsecondary training.



ELIJAH CALDERON is a student in the program at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College. “It’s a little more open to trade school. Class is a challenge,” he said.



STUDENTS in Calderon's program are still receiving. The field will provide them to the top 5% of wage earners among recent California college graduates.

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LATTC's Electrical and Power Transmission Installation Program Leads Recent LA Times Education Article

A new article from the LA Times discusses the powerful role that majors play in determining post-graduate earnings, regardless of the institutions they attend. “It really pays to look at outcomes and not be blinded by the brand name,” said Martin Van Der Werf of Georgetown University’s Center on Education and the Workforce. “The best brand name doesn’t necessarily mean it’s going to result in the highest life earnings.”

Recent LATTC grad, Elijah Calderon and LATTC’s electrical and power transmission installation program lead the article.

[Read the story](#)



Registration Wednesdays

This summer, Trade-Tech will be hosting weekly enrollment workshops every Wednesday from 3:00-4:30 pm to help students get onboarded. Virtual sessions will be hosted through mid-September and will assist students with logging on to their student portal and registering for classes.

[Register](#)





2023 Commencement Ceremony

On June 6, family, friends, faculty gathered in Monarch Stadium to cheer on 1,400 graduates in Valley College's Class of 2023.

Nursing Pinning Ceremony

The LAVC Health Science Department held a Pinning Ceremony for its Class of 2023 nursing graduates on June 1. The ceremony signifies the completion of the program and serves as an official initiation into the profession.



LAUSD 5th Grade Students Visit Valley College

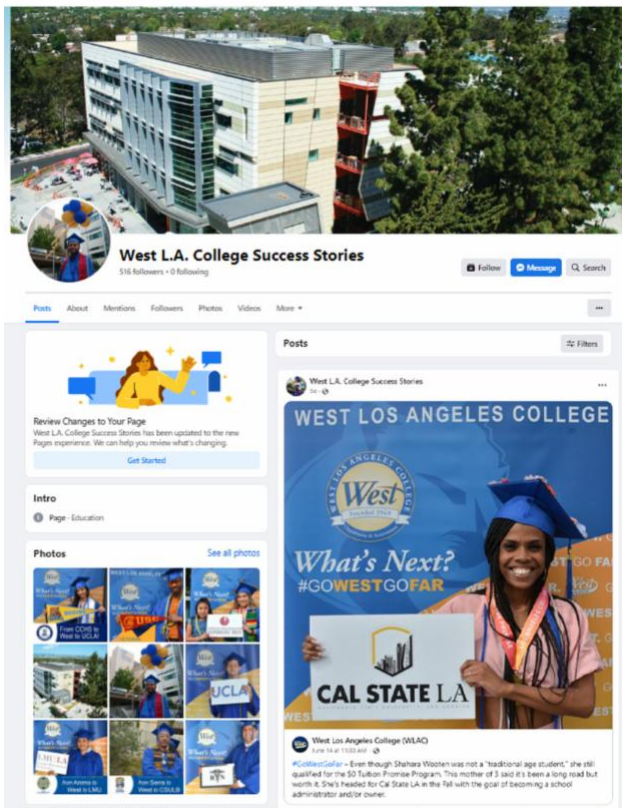
More than 400 5th graders from Columbus, Hazeltine, Monlux, and Sylvan Park Elementary schools visited LAVC as part of our College and Career Elementary Exploration Field Trip. Students heard presentations on LAVC and Career & Academic Pathway (CAPs), a presentation on special programs with an interactive bingo game, participated in a scavenger hunt campus tour, and received promotional items and a pizza party with our Monarch Lion mascot!



LAVC Launches the Fast Track Program

Starting in Fall 2023, students can complete their IGETC and earn a degree in two years with the new **Valley Fast Track Program**. Designed for busy working adults, most courses are offered 100% online. Fast Track students take up to two courses every eight weeks in Fall and Spring terms. In Winter term students take one course, and in Summer term students take up to two classes.





Spreading the Word Through Inspiring Stories

West's annual posting of "What's Next?" stories has begun and can be seen on their social media accounts. Photos feature students holding cards with a logos of the universities they will be transferring to or the job they have waiting or plan to pursue. Brief stories recount their diverse journeys to graduation day and their future goals. These posts are typically the most popular items each year and help spread the word about all the great things at the college.

#GoWestGoFar - Eric Quezada has a great job waiting for him at United Airlines in aviation maintenance. "Hard work does pay off," he said and he knows having worked the graveyard shift each night after attending his aviation tech classes at West."

#GoWestGoFar - Alisha Hansen was accepted to 5 UC Campuses! (UCLA, UCI, UC, UCSD, UCD). She has decided to become a UCLA Bruin and will be studying Biochemistry. Alisha is also an alumni of local Culver City High School. **#BruinBound**

West has been posting these inspiring vignettes since 2015 with the full collection housed at [Facebook.com/GoWestGoFar](https://www.facebook.com/GoWestGoFar).

Juneteenth Celebration Brings Visitors from Around the District

As was mentioned in LAist.com, employees and students from around the District came together to celebrate the second year that Juneteenth has been recognized as a Federal holiday. The event was sponsored by the college Black Students United (BSU) program and the LACCD African American Outreach Initiative (AAOI). Attendees enjoyed a pre-holiday barbeque, games, music and conversation in the campus Fine Arts Courtyard.



USC / WLAC Partnership Lauded in USC News

USC News recently celebrated the success of a WLAC / USC partnership that prepares high school graduates to be hireable dental assistants by the time they complete the 12th grade.

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Full article at <https://lnkd.in/gU7giVZz>



Trojan trailblazer uses classroom experience to help underserved students get a head start

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Job Fair Catering to Justice-Impacted Students

As the school year concluded, the WLAC Career Center partnered with the campus Rising Scholars program to hold one more career fair that only included employers who were "former felon friendly." Rising Scholars provides academic and life support services to justice-impacted students.



Information Sessions to Assist and Attract Students

Throughout the summer, various career programs are hosting online information sessions to help existing students find their paths, select classes and get answers to questions. The faculty-led sessions are also used to recruit new students who want to learn more about careers and majors before enrolling. A link to the schedule of sessions can be found at WLAC.edu/News/Westweek



CA Community College Chancellor's Office Climate Event at West

The California Center for Climate Change Education at West LA College hosted the first in a series of events, the California Community Colleges and Climate: Defining the Possible, to be held across the state, on the roles of California Community Colleges in building resilience to climate change. In partnership with California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and the Foundation for California Community Colleges, this event was at the West Los Angeles College Fine Arts Auditorium on Tuesday, June 27.

4th of July Celebration

The Annual Culver City Fireworks Show was held on the Community Field at West from 3:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.



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California Community Colleges Will Add 7 New Bachelor's Degrees

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12-year-old Fiona Currie receives degree at Los Angeles City College with 4.0 GPA

ABC7 Eyewitness News

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