



December 2023



As the holiday season approaches, the Board of Trustees and I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the significant achievements and milestones that we have accomplished together over the past year.

Our hallmarks of dedication to student success, innovation in and outside the classroom, and the collective pursuit of excellence across all nine colleges and our District have positioned us for continued success, service and impact in our communities.

Our collective accomplishments both define us and inspire us. Thank you for everything you do to sustain our colleges and District as beacons of hope, social and economic mobility and opportunity.

Wishing you all a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year!



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

District Office Events & Updates



Foundation for the L.A. Community Colleges Updates



Thanks to community support, the Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges granted more than \$1 million in scholarships and programmatic resources in 2022-2023. These funds assisted students across LACCD through direct aid, immigration fee assistance, experiential learning opportunities, and more.

Your gift during this **Season of Giving** provides critical assistance to our students.

Please join us in making a tax-deductible contribution.
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LACCD at 2023 Real College Basic Needs Conference in San Jose





LACCD Enrollment update



LACCD Enrollment Update

WINTER 2023 TO WINTER 2022 COMPARISONS

DAY -22 - RELATIVE TO THE BEGINNING OF INSTRUCTION

Relative Day Comparisons for Day -22, comparing Winter 2023 (Monday, December 12, 2022) to Winter 2022 (Monday, December 13, 2021). Data source: LACCD PS Student Information System.

HEADCOUNT
31,876

104%
30,699

ENROLLMENT
41,622

105%
39,590

SECTION
COUNT
1,585

104%
1,527

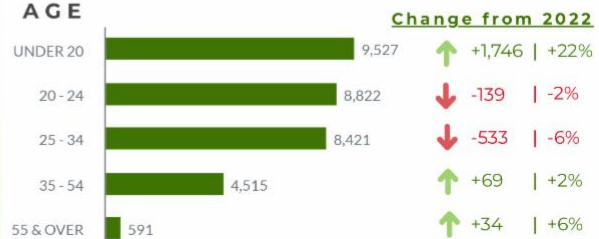
ENROLLMENT
DIVIDED BY SECTION
26.3

101%
25.9

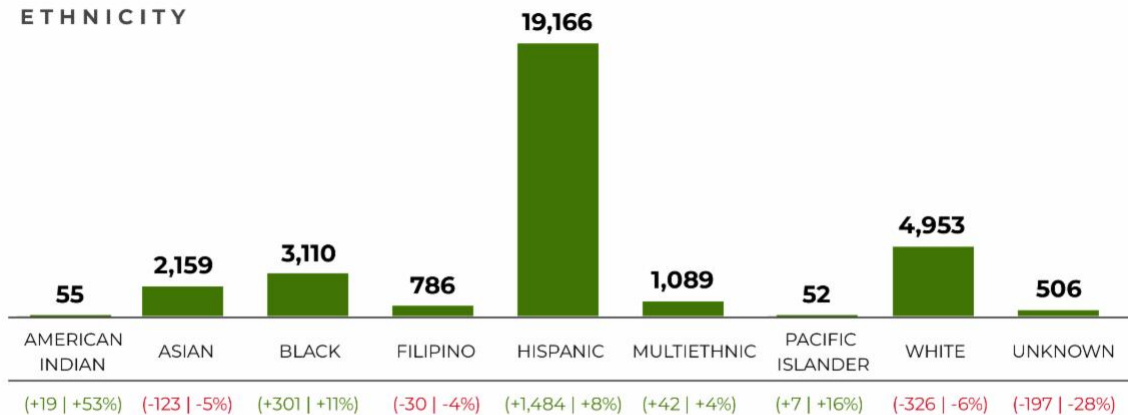
GENDER

	Winter 2023	Change from 2022
FEMALE	19,611	↑ +120 +1%
MALE	11,703	↑ +808 +7%
NON-BINARY	209	↑ +90 N/A
UNKNOWN	353	↑ +159 N/A

AGE



ETHNICITY



CLASS MODALITY & FILL RATE

CLASS MODALITY: **72%** Remote **4%** Hybrid **24%** In-Person

FILL RATE: **74%** **65%** **46%**

SOURCE: LACCD Office of Institutional Effectiveness

LACCD Enrollment Update

Comparing Winter 2024 to Winter 2023 as of 22 days before the start of the semester, districtwide, student headcount is down by 1% and enrollment is up by 2% while class offerings show a 3% increase and enrollment per section is down by 1%. Declines are observed for female students (-886; -5%), and students in the 20-24 (-721; -9%) and 25-34 age groups (-697; -9%), while increases are being seen in the 35-54 (+287; +7%) and 55+ (+158; +30%) age groups. Enrollment declines are observed among Hispanic (-1,108; -7%), Black (-155; -6%), and Asian students (-181; -9%), while White student enrollment is displaying an increase (+1,196; +27%). 71% of classes are being taught remotely and 23% are in-person. As seen in previous semesters, remote classes continue to have the highest fill rate (68%) followed by hybrid (56%) and in-person (39%) classes. Winter 2024 semester instruction starts on Jan. 2, 2024.

[View the LACCD Enrollment Update PDF version](#)

Campus Events & Updates



On November 13, LACC President Amanuel Gebru was interviewed live on KCAL noon news about the Fall Classic Hiring Spree, watch the interview at:

<https://www.lacitycollege.edu/office-s/pr/press/in-the-news>.



On November 21, LACC and the Associated Student Government hosted their annual "Day of Gratitude" providing Thanksgiving meals to students.



On December 5, LACC hosted "Navigating Korea's Esports/Gaming Horizon," a lecture and panel discussion. The event was hosted in partnership with The Consolette General of the Republic of Korea as part of the Korea Friendship Festival 2023.

The Fall Classic Hiring Spree was held on Thursday, November 16 and featured approximately 128 employers and more than 6,200 job openings.

On December 7, LACC hosted a Kwanza celebration with food and music in the Main Quad.

Los Angeles City College Year in Review Highlights



On March 29, 2023, KCBS and KCAL news feature LACC's Cubby's Closet on four live cut away segments on their morning news programs featuring interviews with staff and students. LACC's Cubby's Closet opened in February 2023 and offers students free gently used and new clothing and accessories. Students can pick up one free outfit each month. View link at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J1UVmOHpsoQ>



LACC hosted its annual Women's History Month Afternoon Tea in March. Keynote speakers included the four female LACCD trustees.



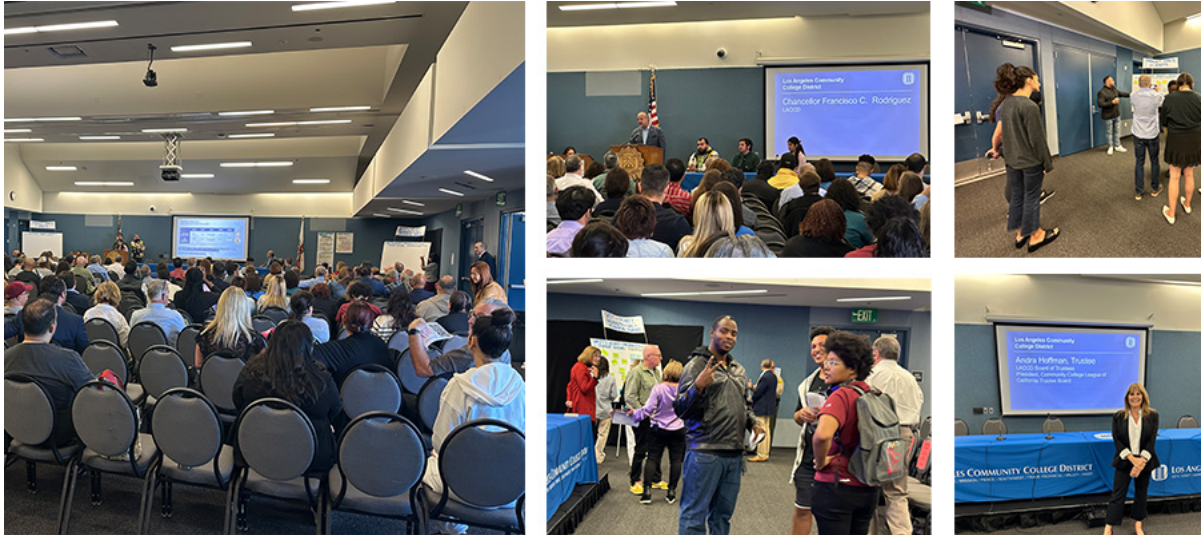
On October 5, LACC hosted an unveiling ceremony of a new King Sejong the Great statue. LACC received extensive local, national, and international press coverage, including KABC-TV, KTLA-TV, KoreaTown Daily, Korea Daily, KBS News, The Chosun USA News, The Freedom Times, Asian American News, Daehan Shinbo, Yonhap News, Character Media, San Gabriel Valley Tribune and other media outlets. Media coverage can be viewed at

On August 1, Dr. Amanuel Gebru became the new permanent President of Los Angeles City College. Dr. Gebru followed Dr. Mary Gallagher, who served in the role since January 2018.

K Lunch Box, a reality Korean cooking show filmed segments featuring LACC in Spring 2023. Segments are available on YouTube. The show featured a group of chefs and judges who visited the campus and created a Korean style lunch. Segments also included footage of students who ate and commented on the lunch, view a clip at <https://www.lacitycollege.edu/offices/pr/press/in-the-news>

LACC was featured in the October 16 LA Times featuring the LACC Extension Sewing Made Easy course. Link to coverage at <https://www.latimes.com/lifestyle/list/best-los-angeles-sewing-studios>.

<https://www.lacitycollege.edu/offices/pr/press/in-the-news>.



On October 28, LACC hosted Housing Ideas for LACCD: Community College Edition, a public housing forum for the community and stakeholders to give input and hear about LACCD's potential development of student and/or workforce housing. Speakers included LA Deputy Mayor for Housing Jenna Hornstock, LACCD Board President David Vela, LACCD Trustees Steve Veres and Andra Hoffman, Chair Ad-Hoc Committee on LACCD Student Basic Needs Sara Hernandez, LACCD Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez and LACCD Vice Chancellor/Chief Facilities Executive Rueben Smith. On October 19, LACC also held a Housing Forum for the LACC community to discuss housing needs and policy.



East Los Angeles College Year in Review Highlights



ELAC Honored as a Champion of Higher Education: Leading the Way in ADT

ELAC has been named a 2023 Champion of Higher Education by the Campaign for College Opportunity. Recognizing the campus' exemplary work in implementing the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT).

ELAC is one of only 18 California community colleges to be selected as a Champion of Higher Education and one of only three community colleges to earn the

honor for excellence in ADT. 1,306 total Associate Degrees for Transfer were awarded to ELAC students in the 2021–22 academic year.

ELAC Recognized as the #1 Community College in the US for Hispanic Student Enrollment

East Los Angeles College (ELAC) Ranked 1st in the nation with 31,099 total enrollment of Hispanic/Latinx students at a Community College for the 2021-2022 academic year according to the annual Top 100 issue of Hispanic Outlook on Education magazine.



ELAC was also 9th in the nation with 2,878 total associate degrees granted to Hispanic/Latinx students. ELAC also finished as a top ten school in the nation for degrees granted in three separate majors. This is especially impressive because this ranking is against both two-year and four-year institutions.

- Top 100 (2021-2022 Total Enrollment 2-year Schools) - #1
- Top 100 (2021-2022 Total Associate Degrees Granted) - #9
- Top 10 Schools By Major (2021-2022):
 - Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences - #2
 - Homeland Security Law Enforcement Firefighting and Related Protective Services - #6
 - Social Sciences Degrees - #1

*SOURCE: NCES/IPEDS Database 2021-2022

ELAC Department of Psychology and Addiction Studies Program Awarded \$8.1 Million in Grants

The East Los Angeles College (ELAC) Psychology department and Addiction Studies program were recently awarded \$8.1 million in grants. This is the largest ever received by the department and also one of the largest grants awarded in ELAC history. There has been a shortage of Addiction Counselors in the United States and ELAC is ready to bolster the workforce. A portion of this grant will also go to the ELAC Foundation to help train and place addiction counseling interns.

ELAC Department of Psychology and Addiction Studies program will receive the following grants:

- \$6.1 million from the Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) Department to train and place a total of 158 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) counselors over the next 3 years. Grant partners in the Substance Use Disorders Earn and Learn (SUDEAL) project include the Amity Foundation, Cuesta College, CRCD, LA CADA treatment center, NewWays toWork, and Helpline Youth Counseling.
- \$1.5 million from the Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS) to administer a 3-year Substance Use and Behavioral Disorders Apprenticeship Program (SUBDAP). ELAC's SUD Apprenticeship program was recently approved by the State's Department of Labor and this project will significantly increase employment opportunities for Addiction Studies graduates.
- \$203,000 from the Justice and Careers Opportunity Department (JCOD) to continue the College to Careers Bridge program targeting persons who have been impacted by the criminal justice system and helping them earn a certificate in Addiction Studies.
- \$135,000 awarded to the ELAC Foundation to train and place Addiction Counseling interns at Helpline Youth Counseling's Mentored Internship Program (MIP)
- \$60,000 awarded to the ELAC Foundation to process stipends for the SUBDAP grant.
- \$150,000 awarded to the ELAC Foundation for the ELAC Cares Grant, helping youth start their career pathway in the Addiction Studies Field.





Los Angeles Harbor College Year in Review Highlights



Harbor Palooza - Harbor Palooza 4.0 is our Fall Kick-Off for students to re-engage and jumpstart the Fall semester. Over 1,000 students, families, faculty and staff were on site for the festivities. **In-n-Out** as always, was a crowd pleaser.



2023 – 14th Annual Athletic Hall of Fame.

Over 200 friends and family gathered to induct past and present legends into the LAHC Athletic Hall of Fame. The evening was filled with stories about their journey of failures, hardships and success in their athletic careers and in life.



Harbor Athletics – The Men's Basketball made it to the CCCAA Playoffs and took the **South Coast Conference Title**. Although we lost in the 2nd round of the CCCAA Playoffs, our Athletes showed heart and played hard! Athletes were honored for their stellar performance in the classroom and in their sport. LAHC Women's Soccer Team and Coach Caballero take the **Team Ethics and Sportsmanship Award**. Go Seahawks!

Southeast Hall is coming to Harbor in Fall 2025. On June 26, 2023, we held the groundbreaking ceremony for the Southeast Hall, the newest two-story 50,000 GSF with spaces for Nursing and Health Sciences, Equity Programs, Disabled Student Services, a Student Health Center and a large multipurpose assembly room. It will include a new 30,000 SF multipurpose plaza where students can study or relax, a new east parking lot with Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS) and Infrastructure for future EVCS Installation. A "Top Out" ceremony will be held on December 12, 2023.



Super Saturdays were SUPER! The energy on campus welcoming back students was fantastic. Counselors, Faculty, Staff, and Administration were present to assist students. and help launch their educational journeys. Sharing information on **Pathways and TCAPS** is important for our students. **Check out the fun videos on Insta!** Of course, the culmination of all the hard work and **celebrations is our Graduation!**



LAMC Hosts Local High School Counselors and Administrators

On Tuesday, November 7th, Los Angeles Mission College hosted over 60 LAUSD and private school Counselors and Administrators at their High School Day event designed to help forge partnerships and streamline processes between the high schools and the college.

Attendees learned about the LAMC's Academic Programs and Student Services, as well as the Dual Enrollment, Adult Education, and Promise programs. Campus tours were also available, and lunch was served by our award-winning Culinary Arts program.



Caroline Menjivar, and L.A. City Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez were on hand to help cut the ribbon and officially open the building.

The new three-story, 59,000 square-foot building consolidates fourteen Student Service departments formerly housed throughout the campus into one location, creating a “one-stop shop” where students can receive help with Counseling, Admissions and Records, Financial Aid, applying and enrolling in classes, and much more. Additional photos and video of the event can be found on the [college's Instagram page](#).

Pacoima Holiday Parade

On Saturday, December 9th, LAMC once again sponsored and participated in the Pacoima Holiday Parade. Celebrating its 56th year, the parade is a local draw and brings Pacoimians together to celebrate their community.

This year, the college announced its new learning facility, located on the parade route, at the corner of Van Nuys and Telfair. The college has also scheduled a Grand Opening and Open House for Tuesday, December 19th to help prospective students apply to the college and enroll in classes.

Basic Needs Holiday Donation Drive

Los Angeles Mission College is proud to announce the return of its Basic Needs Holiday Donation Drive. Started in 2022, LAMC faculty & staff donate items to support the college's most vulnerable students through their Basic Needs Center. After listening to student feedback, the college requested gift card donations this year to allow families to address their individual needs. The donation drive culminated at the annual Holiday Party, where it was announced that the college-sponsored 63 families, supporting a total of 120 people.

Student Services & Administration Building Grand Opening

It was standing room only on Tuesday, December 5th as Los Angeles Mission College celebrated the Grand Opening of their Student Services & Administration Building with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

LACCD Board President David Vela, Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez, California State Senator



Los Angeles Mission College Year in Review Highlights



Kevin Powell Hosts an Interactive Conversation to Celebrate Black History Month

On February 27th, Los Angeles Mission College welcomed acclaimed poet, civil rights activist, journalist, and author Kevin Powell as part of the college's month-long celebration of Black History Month.



LAMC Hosts First Ever Dream Resource Forum

On April 21st, nearly 200 LACCD faculty & staff gathered at Los Angeles Mission College for an insightful and informative day designed to expand support for undocumented students throughout the District.



Food & Wine Festival Raises Over \$100k to Support Students

Over 500 college and community members attended the San Fernando Valley Food & Wine Festival on Saturday, April 29th, for an afternoon of wine tasting, live music & dancing, and delicious street food.

The sold-out event raised over \$100,000, which will benefit the Los Angeles Mission College Foundation and provide scholarships to students. These crucial funds and scholarships provide a local and much-needed financial support system for students.

Congressman Tony Cárdenas Secures \$2M in Funding to Increase STEM Workforce Programs

On July 7th, U.S. Rep. Tony Cárdenas announced \$2 million in Community Project Funding to Los Angeles Mission College to increase STEM Workforce programs.

The goal of the project is to expand the current offerings of the Allied Health programs to meet the workforce and demand in the community while supporting non-English speaking, foreign-born STEM workers and those new to or interested in STEM fields.





Los Angeles Mission College to Offer Bachelor's Degree in Biomanufacturing

In October, Los Angeles Mission College learned that the California State Chancellor's Office [granted full approval for the college to offer a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomanufacturing](#). This marks the fourth Bachelor's Degree for the District and the first for the college.

"The demand for skilled professionals in biotechnology continues to rise, and this program will transform lives by providing students with the skills and expertise needed to compete for high-paying jobs in a growing industry," said LAMC President Armida Ornelas.

LAMC Receives \$3M Grant to Address Basic Needs Insecurities

In November, it was announced that Los Angeles Mission College was one of only 16 Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) to earn a \$3 Million grant from the Department of Education to increase student access and success for those experiencing the stress and trauma of basic need insecurity.

This grant has allowed the college to establish a GANAS (Gaining Access to Needs to Accelerate Success) Program to bring much-needed funding to their Basic Needs Center and Dual Enrollment Program.



Holiday Greetings from Los Angeles Pierce College!

1st Annual Horticulture Day and Plant Sale

On November 29, 2023, Pierce College celebrated the 1st Annual Horticulture Day and Plant Sale on campus. The day was filled with gardening, composting, and plant education. Community nurseries and horticultural organizations also displayed local and exotic plants and flowers, as well as, fruit trees and shrubs for sale. Plants were also raffled to support the Horticultural Program.



Motor4Toys' 20th Annual Charity Car Show & Toy Drive

Motor4Toys' 20th Annual Charity Car Show & Toy Drive was held at Pierce College on December 3, 2023. Thousands of car enthusiasts and guests donated hundreds of brand-new bicycles, sports equipment, and thousands of toys for underprivileged children of all ages.

On, December 2, 2023, the LAUSD's 47th Annual Band and Drill Team Championships competition was held at Pierce's Shepard Stadium. Twenty-nine Different LAUSD schools from all over the region participated in the event, competing for the honor of the top LAUSD band.



Journalism Association of Community Colleges Awards

Several LAPC Roundup, The Bull, and KPCRadio.com students captured awards during JACC's Southern California Conference held at CSU Northridge. Congratulations to the following students:

- Benjamin Hanson and David Pashae first place photo essay
- Benjamin Hanson first place sports action photo
- David Pashae first place sports feature photo
- Sammy Johnson first place newspaper opinion writing
- The Roundup staff second place front page layout
- Lindsey Whittaker third place podcast audio news
- Lindsey Whittaker third place news story
- Nathalie Miranda third place feature story (non-profile)
- Alexis Guevara third place magazine photo essay
- Fabiola Carrizosa fourth place on the spot news story
- Desiree Chloe Ganabe fourth place magazine profile article
- Benjamin Hanson and David Pashae honorable mention magazine photo story essay
- The Bull Staff honorable mention magazine design/layout
- Benjamin Hanson honorable mention magazine photo
- Benjamin Hanson honorable mention on the spot feature photo



Fall Athletic Programs

Congratulations to LAPC's Women's Soccer Team and Coaching Staff for their excellent season. The Women's Team made it to the second round of the California Community College Athletic Association's Women's Soccer Playoffs.

This Fall, the Brahma Football and Men's Soccer also competed valiantly and is looking forward to next season stronger!

Los Angeles Regional Adult Educational Consortium 2023 Collaboration Award

Pierce College is the winner for the 2023 LARAEC Collaboration Award for Virtual Cash 4 College Event. Innovation and Collaboration Awards are designed to recognize schools and staff within the consortium who have introduced new strategies to promote innovation or collaboration. The awards were presented at their November Board Meeting.

Pierce College President Recognized with Alumni Role Model Award

West Foundation presented Acting President Aracely Aguiar with its Alumni Role Model Award for 2023. The award was presented at the West Los Angeles College Foundation's 50th Anniversary Gala held on November 7 at the Hilton Los Angeles Culver City Hotel.



Los Angeles Pierce College Year in Review Highlights



WHITE HOUSE DIRECTOR IMPRESSED BY LAPC TOURS OF SCIENCE AND AUTOMOTIVE FACILITIES AND STUDENTS

When Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez met the Science Advisor to the President at the White House in D.C., he invited her to visit LACCD colleges and committed to her that we would show their federal dollar investments at work. Arati Prabhakar, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Director and Science Advisor to President Biden, visited Pierce College on Tuesday, May 2 to see our students, faculty and facilities in action. Prabhakar

toured LAPC's Biotech Lab in the Center for Sciences, the Advanced Automotive Building, and the Plant Science Lab in Earth Sciences, talking to many students along the way. Prabhakar's goal was to learn more about LAPC's efforts to equitably strengthen our nation's biotechnology and biomanufacturing ecosystem, as well as their zero-emissions vehicle training program.



Promise Scholar Continues to Grow at Pierce College

It was a busy summer and fall for LAPC as Promise Scholars were onboarded through a variety of transition programs including Summer Bridge and #Pierce Success. The summer culminated with our very first Brahma Family Night. This event provided parents with strategies and resources to help their scholars succeed at Pierce College. Workshops on retaining the Promise Scholarship were also held in English and Spanish.

LAPC's Bachelor of Science in Biomanufacturing Receives Provisional Approval

Pierce College received provisional approval from the State Chancellor's Office to advance in the Intersegmental Consultation phase of developing a new 4-year degree in Biomanufacturing. The Bachelor of Science in Biomanufacturing will develop the skills, abilities, and knowledge students need to work in the unique environment of biological manufacturing.

The program is designed to meet a critical demand in the biotechnology industry for employees who have received baccalaureate-level preparation for technical and quality-related positions. Students will also benefit from LA Pierce College's longstanding expertise in the agricultural industry with unique specialization opportunities in plant engineering, algae biotechnology, synthetic biology, and mammalian cell culture.



On November 11, 2023, Quinlock Dolores Sheen received the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award in a ceremony at LASC. She is affectionately addressed as “Aunt Delores” and has been involved with LASC for decades. Some of her accomplishments at LASC include: wrote the “Alma Mater” that has been adopted by the college, founded the ASO Club Village People and guest speaker of ASO, active in the Theater Arts program, and mentored LASC students. The Lifetime Achievement Award honors those who contribute more than 4,000 hours of service in their lifetime. Recipients receive a personalized certificate, official pin, medallion, or coin and a congratulatory letter from the President of the United States. Congresswoman Maxine Water and other dignitaries were in attendance.

Los Angeles Southwest College Year in Review Highlights



Black History Month 2023

On February 9, 2023, LASC hosted the Los Angeles Community College District and African American Outreach Initiative celebration of Black History Month 2023. All nine campuses were invited to attend in person or virtually. The special guest speaker was Dr. Chike Akua. He is a professor of Educational Leadership at Clark Atlanta and has been called "an educational



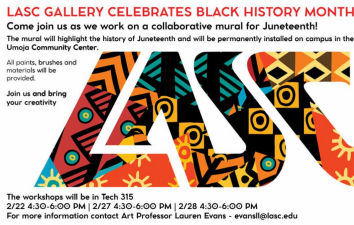
“I See You” Women’s History Month Event

On March 23, 2023, LASC hosted an event to celebrate Women’s History Month. All staff were invited to come and hear the stories and honor the sacrifices of phenomenal women who have made history.

A legendary example is Odessa B. Cox, the principal founder of LASC, “It feels so good

revolutionary" and is recognized as a leading authority on culturally relevant educational materials and instructional approaches.

to see the things we have fought for so many years finally coming to pass."



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.

HireLAX program expansion

On August 4, 2023, Congresswoman Maxine Waters visited LASC to attend the HireLAX graduation and presented a check for \$1,000,000 to LAWA to expand the HireLAX work program. HireLAX is a construction apprenticeship program which has been ongoing for six years. It empowers people in the communities around LAX airport, particularly those with limited economic opportunities. The 8-week program at LASC also includes a rigorous physical training course. With this new federal grant, HireLAX can train more people for these coveted union construction jobs.

<https://www.lawa.org/lawa-employment/lawa-hirelax/hirelax>

Fernando Pullum Community Arts Center

On August 31, 2023, the Los Angeles Sentinel published an article about Fernando Pullum transforming lives of Los Angeles youth through arts and music. Professor Pullum is an adjunct professor in Arts and Humanities at LASC. In 2001 he established the Fernando Pullum Community Arts Center which has been serving Leimert Park Village for 22 years. The Pullum Center offers free performing arts classes to underserved youth, serving more than 1,200 students, ages 5-20.

<https://lasentinel.net/fernando-pullum-transforms-lives-of-l-a-youth-through-arts-and-music.html>



Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Access Visionary award

On October 19, 2023, Juliet Hidalgo reported that LASC President Anthony Culpepper, was recognized with a Los Angeles Times Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Access (DEIA) Visionary award which recognizes those whose work of service not only embodies, but demonstrates through life experiences the principles of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access. Part of this recognition includes being honored at the event and an article in the Fall/Winter special section of the LA Times. <https://www.laccd.edu/news/three-los-angeles-community-college-district-laccd-college-presidents-recognized-their>





Marvin Segundo, Basic Needs trainer/presenter; Tracii Smith, Basic Needs Office Assistant; Maggie Cordero, Dean of Pathways and Student Affairs; Dr. Michael Reese, Vice President of Academic Affairs; Ronjanay Johnson, Basic Needs Center Student Worker; Sara Hernandez, LA Community College District Trustee; Charalambos Ziogas, Vice President of Administrative Services; Dr. Kathleen Burke, Deputy Chancellor of the LA Community College District; Dimitrios Synodinos, Vice President of Student Services; and Dr. Alfred McQuarters, President of LATTC

LATTC Cuts the Ribbon to New Basic Needs Center

On November 29, 2023, LATTC was pleased to host the grand opening celebration of its Basic Needs Center.

The event began with a welcome from LATTC President, Dr. Alfred McQuarters, with other remarks provided by Ms. Sara Hernandez, LA Community College District Trustee and Ms. Naomi Riley, Director of Outreach for the office of Congresswoman Sydney Kamlager-Dove of the 37th District. Following the welcome program, the ribbon was cut to the college's new Basic Needs Center. Guests enjoyed tours of the new center from the Center's staff and attended a companion resource fair with services available to students.

The new center located in the college's C4 Building, Room 126, features a snack and food pantry, microwave and water cooler-and students can also pick up toiletries and first aid kits. Additionally, a lounge area provides computer stations, free printing, and a safe space where students can work and socialize.

The Basic Needs Center will be open to students Monday–Thursday, 8 am–4 pm and will be staffed with a licensed social worker and college personnel. Additionally, a Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) representative will be at the center every Tuesday to do

Coordinated Entry System (CES) intake with unhoused students.

Future workshops will be programmed at the Center featuring monthly guests from community resource programs such as CalFresh and MediCal.

View media coverage of the opening on [NBC LA](#) and [Telemundo 52](#).

Los Angeles Trade-Technical College Year in Review Highlights



LATTC's winning team pictured with President Kathleen Burke, Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez, and LACCD Trustee Nichelle Henderson and the coveted Golden Chef's Hat trophy.

LATTC Takes Home the Golden Chef's Hat Trophy at LACCD's 3rd Annual Culinary Cup Competition!

On May 12, 2023, Trade-Tech hosted LACCD's 3rd Annual Culinary Cup competition. More than 400 culinary enthusiasts from across the District and the community gathered as teams from LA Harbor College, LA Mission College, and LA Trade-Tech College competed for the Golden Chef's Hat trophy.

Students teams competed in three categories: savory, dessert, and tablescape—with their final product being reviewed by a panel of chef judges, which included Food Network personality, Chef Jet Tila. Ultimately, Trade-Tech's Culinary Arts team took home the victory across all categories, including savory, dessert, tablescape, and overall. The full day also included engaging demonstrations by industry chefs, an exhibition and silent auction, and a delicious lunch prepared by Trade-Tech.

The event was covered on Eyewitness News and LAist/89.3. Read more about the day's competition in Trade-Tech's news post.

All student participants did an incredible job! We look forward to the 2024 competition at LA Harbor College!



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 LA 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 LATTC's Interim President Dr. Kathleen Burke, LACCD Chancellor Dr. Francisco Rodriguez, and LACCD Trustee Sara Hernandez. The event was also attended by incoming President, Dr. Alfred McQuarters.

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](#).

The powerful role that college majors play

(College, from A1) As millions of high school and college students graduate this month to pursue higher education or launch newly minted careers, the data highlights the powerful role that majors play in determining postgraduate earnings expectations of the prestige of the institutions they attend. The analysis comes amid growing scrutiny over the value of college degrees — and whether higher education is worth the rising costs.

"Overwhelmingly the answer is still yes, college is worth it," said Michael Itzkowitz, president of the HESA Group. "However, students and families should choose the institution they go to and the major they pursue wisely when making one of the largest financial decisions they'll ever make."

Majors matter While UC and top private campuses are flooded with applications, students post-graduation earnings can be as much — or more — with degrees from the more accessible California State University of California Community Colleges, depending on the field, data analyzing California institutions shows.

Among computer engineering majors, for instance, San Jose State graduates earn a median \$27,947 four years after graduation. That's nearly the same as UCLA's \$28,131 and more than UCSC's \$18,302, as well as several other UC campuses that offer the major, which combines software development with hardware design. Cal State graduates in that field from Chico, Long Beach, Fresno, Fullerton, Sacramento, San Francisco and San Luis Obispo earn more than \$9,000 annually. "It really pays to look at outcomes and not be lulled 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."

Itzkowitz said Cal State is a particularly good deal. The CBU annual base tuition is only \$5,762, compared with \$1,792 at UC and \$6,466 at USC, although



ELIJAH CALDERON is poised to earn about \$95,000 annually as a power lineman, after a year-long program at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College. "Be a little more open to trade school. Give it a chance," he said.



STUDENTS in Calderon's program stretch before training. The field will propel them to the top 5% of wage earners among recent California college graduates.

parts say that geography can play a role, with wages often higher in the Bay Area. Most community colleges registered nursing programs deliver median earnings of more than \$90,000 annually, the data shows.

In the San Jose area, Portland College graduates' two-year allied health programs — including dental hygiene, diagnostic medical sonography and respiratory therapy — earn a median salary of \$60,000. In the San Jose high school student, Emily King was interested in interior design but a career search quiz indicated dental hygiene would be a good fit — and offered for higher pay. She enrolled in Portland, spicing the nerve-wracking college admissions process that agonized her friends. Temporary agencies are guaranteeing dental hygienists at least \$59,400 annually.

Registered nursing graduates from three L.A. County community colleges — Los Angeles Boulevard, Los Angeles City and Central — all make \$10,000 or more four years after graduation. In other fields, graduates of two-year electrical and power transmission installation at L.A. Trade-Tech earn more than \$85,000 annually.

In contrast, the lowest-paid recipients of bachelor's degrees in California tend to be those in music and the arts. Graduates in drama, theater and stagecraft from USC, UC Berkeley and UC Irvine make less than \$30,000 annually, according to the federalists.

But many students still pursue fields they know won't make them rich but fit their passions. At UC Berkeley, even as demand for data and computer science, interest has also surged in music, art practice and film and media — which are recording double-digit increases in students majoring in those fields.

Wilson Wang, a fourth-year Berkeley student from China, started out as a bio-engineering major on a pre-med track. But as he realized the difficulties for international students to get into U.S. medical schools, he became a premed track student.

LATTC's Electrical and Power Transmission Installation Program Leads LA Times Article on Most Lucrative College Majors

Over the summer, a powerful article from the LA Times discussed the important role that college majors play in determining post-grad earnings, regardless of the institutions attended.

The article features LATTC's Power Transmission Installation program and spotlights recent LATTC grad, Elijah Calderon.

"[Calderon's] education was free, thanks to federal and state financial aid. The work, which involves building and maintaining electrical power systems often atop 35-foot poles, has given him pride of accomplishment. He's gotten in shape, mastered marketable skills and is set to begin a path to financial prosperity.

"There's more than just going through a four-year," he said. "Be a little more open to trade school. Give it a chance."

[Read the story](#)



Left: Dr. Alfred McQuarters with Senator Maria Elena Durazo; Right: guests attend the Reentry Fair.

LATTC Joins Project Impact in Hosting the Reentry Resource and Job Fair

On Wednesday, October 25, 2023, Project Impact of the LA Mayor's Office with LATTC's Reentry and Employment and Career Success Pathways hosted the Reentry Resource and Job Fair. The all-day fair featured a breadth of resources for the college's justice-impacted community including expungement, ticket clearing, and identification cards, as well as employers looking to hire.

The event began with welcome remarks from President McQuarters who introduced Karren Lane, Deputy Mayor of the Office of Community Safety. After the Deputy Mayor's remarks, guests heard from California State Senator María Elena Durazo who shared about her team's part in passing SB731 which is designed to seal the criminal records of eligible individuals and allow others to petition for it. The bill will provide an unprecedented opportunity to access stable housing, employment, and more. Other remarks were then provided by Mary Weaver, Executive Director of Friends Outside, which assists children and families, prisoners, and former prisoners with the immediate and long-term effects of incarceration.

The Reentry Fair is one of the many events that were facilitated by LATTC's Reentry Pathway, which works year-round to support our justice-involved community by providing individual support, resources, connections, and an inclusive community.





Veteran Day Celebration with State Senator Menjivar at LAVC

The LAVC Veterans Resource Center celebrated Veterans Day with special guest speaker State Senator Caroline Menjivar, and a resource fair for veterans. Senator Menjivar is also a USMC veteran.



Celebrating First-Generation Students and Employees

Students, faculty and staff gathered for the first annual First-Generation College Celebration on November 8. Organized by the LAVC TRiO Program, it celebrated the contributions and experiences of first-generation students and personnel and featured poet Angela Aguirre.

Los Angeles Valley College Year in Review Highlights



LAVC to offer a Respiratory Therapy Degree in Fall 2024

The California State Chancellor's Office granted permission to [LAVC to offer a bachelor's degree in Respiratory Therapy](#). It will be one of only 4 four baccalaureate programs offered in the state, and the first bachelor's degree offered by LAVC. The bachelor's program provides a path to an advanced level of training and education and will help meet the growing demand for respiratory therapists. Enrollment in the program is slated to begin in the Fall of 2024.

[A Spectrum One News interview](#) with professor Cheryl Pearson talks about the new program.



LAVC Kicks Off Construction on New Academic Complex building

In May 2023, LAVC and District officials gathered to [break ground on a brand-new \\$90 million academic complex classroom building](#) on the former site of the college's original 1950s post-war bungalows. The Academic Complex 1 building will house classrooms and the departments of Business Administration,

Computer Science Information Systems, Emergency Services, Mathematics, Psychology/Statistics and Sociology/Ethnic Studies.



11th Annual College Fest with LAUSD Region North

In September, LAVC and LAUSD Region North held its 11th annual College Fest. The event was open to the public but was targeted towards LAUSD students in the San Fernando Valley and surrounding area, and LAVC students. Over 2,000 students and families met with college/university representatives and attended workshops on UC/CSU/private school admissions, Financial Aid, College Promise, foster youth/special programs, and more.



LAVC Monarchs Market Food Distribution Helps Students in Need

The Basic Needs Center held Monarchs Market Weekly Food Distributions on campus every Thursday. All students in need received a wide variety of fresh produce and non-perishables.



2nd Annual Pride Flag Raising for National Coming Out Day

The LAVC Rainbow Pride Center celebrated National Coming Out Day on October 11 by raising the Pride Flag with State Senator Caroline Menjivar while the LAVC College Choir performed a moving rendition of “All You Need is Love”. The Senator, who is the first LGBTQ legislator to represent the San Fernando Valley, shared her personal coming out story. She also presented a certificate to the Rainbow Pride Center for its support of the LGBTQ community at Valley College.





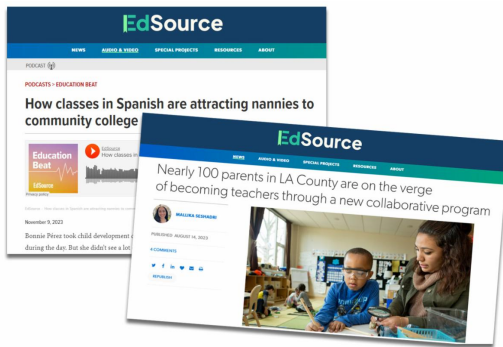
WLAC Foundation Celebrates 50 Years

For the first time in more than a decade, the relaunched WLAC Foundation hosted a fund-raising gala to commemorate its 50th anniversary serving the college and its students. Over 250 guests attended the event at Hilton Los Angeles Culver City which raised over \$145,000. Honorees included LAPC's Interim President Aracely Aguiar awarded "Alumni Role Model." Aguiar entered West as a dental hygiene student and exited as Vice President of Academic Affairs who played a pivotal role in bringing the bachelor's degree program to the college. "Educator of the Year" went to Biology Professor Vered Mirmovitch. The Non-Profit Excellence Award went to the LA Regional Food Bank which partners with the College food pantry. Boeing received the Corporate Partner Award for their partnership with the Aviation program.

West Los Angeles College Year in Review Highlights

Child Development Program Adds In-Language Learning & Path for Parents

The WLAC Child Development program has been increasing access through innovation. Through a collaboration with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, UCLA, and several other organizations, West is helping busy parents complete the coursework required to qualify for various pre-kindergarten teaching positions, ranging from assistants to lead teachers. The college is also welcoming its third cohort of students taking classes in their native language of Spanish. For-credit, in-language classes became possible thanks to the passage of Assembly Bill 1096. These students can now pursue CA State Pre-school Permit preparation and get to work while acquiring English at their own pace. Additionally, many of these students are dually enrolled in the college High School Equivalency (GED)



program which allows them to enroll in both the noncredit and credit paths for free. This dual enrollment program earned a **2023 LARAEC Innovation Award**. *WLAC IN THE NEWS: [Ed Source- Parents Become Teachers](#); [Ed-Source – In-Language Learning Spectrum 1](#)*



Partnering with LAUSD Region West Brings Hundreds Of Students to Campus

West and LAUSD Region West once again partnered to hold a joint Transfer Fair which brought hundreds of high school juniors and seniors to campus to meet with university representatives and learn more about West LA College. Additionally, busloads of seniors strolled booths on the athletic field in May to learn more about West’s program and services, enjoy performances and celebrate college signing day.



Climate

From the opening ceremony on Earth Day in April to being the host site for the State Chancellor's Climate Summit, to the three-day Climate Action Palooza in October that attracted over 700 people, the new Center for Climate Change Education at West has captured the attention of education and community partners, policy-makers, employers and media. West is committed to being the green epicenter for environmental education and innovation. Enthusiasm to integrate climate change studies into curriculum and campus practices, beyond the college's unique climate change studies degree, is widespread.

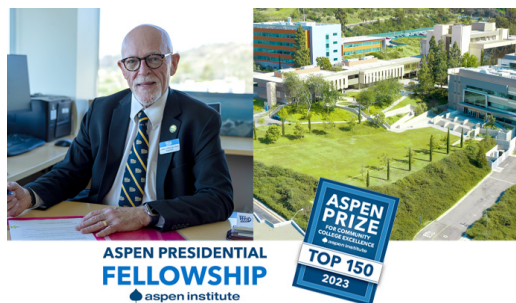
WLAC IN THE NEWS: [LA Wave – May](#); [LAist August](#); [Yale Climate Connections October](#); [LAist November](#); [Univision November](#); [LA Sentinel November](#)



West Authorized to Offer a Second Bachelor's Degree

In June, West was granted permission to offer a second Bachelor's Degree. It is in Aviation Maintenance: Avionics. This makes West one of only 29 of the 116 California Community Colleges authorized to offer a Bachelor's Degree and one of only four that offer 2 degrees.

The second Bachelor's Degree program at West is Dental Hygiene. This program was among the first 15 authorized in 2015 under Senate Bill 850.



Aspen Institute Honors WLAC President & College

After West was named to the prestigious Aspen Institute 2023 list of the top 150 community colleges in the country, WLAC President James M. Limbaugh was invited to participate in the inaugural cohort of the [Aspen Institute's Presidents Fellowship](#). Leaders were selected through a competitive process based on their commitment to student success and equity, willingness to take bold steps to improve outcomes, understanding of the importance of community partnerships, and ability to lead lasting change aimed at improving student outcomes. As a fellow, Dr. Limbaugh will spend a year learning from and collaborating with top community college experts to sharpen strategic reform strategies.

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