



**January 2024**

Dear LACCD Colleagues,

Happy New Year! As we embark on 2024, I hope this email finds you and your families well as we enter the new year.

Looking ahead, I want to highlight some of our collective efforts that the colleges are undertaking to ensure a strong start to the spring semester including kicking off a robust grassroots enrollment campaign. Utilizing our colleges' and District's social media channels and websites, we are engaging current and future students to enroll today. Please see the video below:



<https://youtu.be/cU-WwL-yIA8>

Our counselors and academic supports play a crucial role in our effective outreach efforts. Each college is working diligently to enroll students and to provide the support they need to start or continue their educational journey. College informational sessions are both in-person and virtual, interactive, and provide prospective students and their families with insights into our programs, registration and support services. Visit the [LACCD 2024 Enrollment webpage](#) that details all the events each college is hosting to enroll and support students.

Together, let's make this spring semester a positive and transformative experience and welcome our most important constituency to our academic community. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the success of our students!

With respect and admiration,

Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D.  
Chancellor

## District Office Events & Updates



### Office of Communications & Marketing



#### Spring Enrollment Fair

LACC will hold their Spring Enrollment Fair on January 20 from 10 am to 2:30 pm.

Beat the Rush week will take place from January 29 to February 2 and Welcome Week will take place February 5 to 9, both offering extended hours for student services.



#### Spring Enrollment Fair

Join us on January 20 from 10 am to 1 pm.

#### Taco Tuesdays Enrollment event

Sign up for classes & enjoy tacos, ELAC swag, and a gift card raffle. Happening every Tuesday, 10 am–12 pm from January 9 –February 6.



#### **Registration Wednesdays**

happening every Wednesday, 9 am–7 pm from January 10–January 31.

#### **Super Saturdays**

happening every Saturday, 9 am–2 pm from January 20 –February 3.

#### [Registration link to Events](#)



#### Enrollment days

Join us at our next in-person enrollment event and get help applying to college, enrolling in classes, Admissions & Records, Counseling, and Financial Aid & Scholarships.

Happening every Wednesday, 2–5 pm from January 10–January 31.

Saturday, February 3  
TBA



#### New or returning students

**Join us for Super Saturdays** and get ready for Spring 2024! Happening every Saturday, 9 am–1 pm from January 13–February 3.

#### [Visit Calendar of Events for Winter/Spring 2024 dates.](#)



#### **Admissions Spring 2024** [Registration Events](#)

February 3, 8 am–1 pm  
February 10, 8 am–1 pm

Counseling on the Quad registration event - January 25, 2024. The event will be focused on capturing students that have not registered for Spring 2024 semester and any new students that are registering late.



**Get Ready for Spring Semester with Enrollment Assistance Events!**

**Spring Open House**  
on Saturday, January 27,  
9 am–1 pm

**Virtual Registration Wednesdays** happening every  
Wednesday, 3–4:30 pm from  
January 10–February 14.



LAVC is hosting **Monarch Registration Days** on  
Saturday, January 20 and  
Wednesday, January 31 in our  
Student Services Plaza.



**Registration Event Days**

West will host Registration Day  
Events on Friday, Jan 19;  
Saturday, Jan 27  
and Friday, Feb 2  
from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.





# LACCD Enrollment Update

WINTER 2024 TO WINTER 2023 COMPARISONS

DAY -1 - RELATIVE TO THE BEGINNING OF INSTRUCTION

Relative Day Comparisons for Day -1, comparing Winter 2024 (Monday, January 1, 2024) to Winter 2023 (Monday, January 2, 2023). Data source: LACCD PS Student Information System.

**HEADCOUNT**  
**40,020**  
108%  
37,069

**ENROLLMENT**  
**53,384**  
112%  
47,642

**SECTION COUNT**  
**1,586**  
101%  
1,563

**ENROLLMENT DIVIDED BY SECTION**  
**33.7**  
110%  
30.5

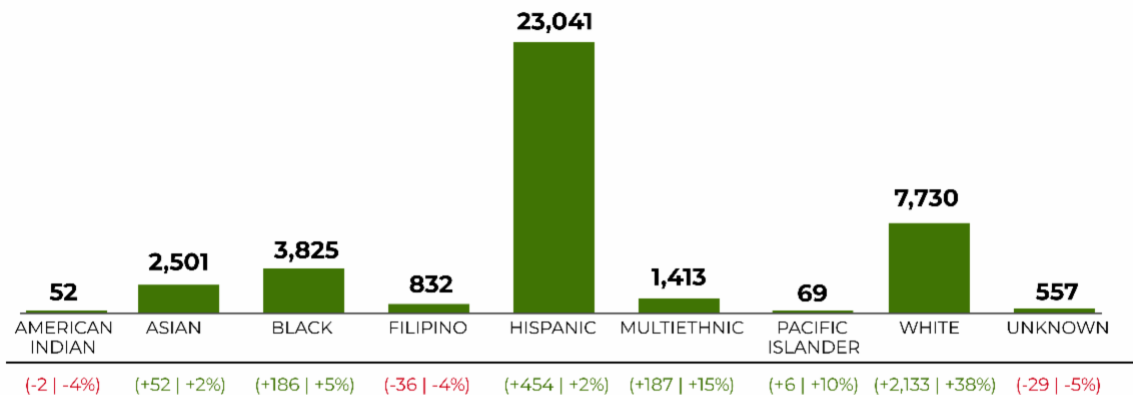
## GENDER

	Winter 2024	Change from 2023
FEMALE	23,218	↑ +819   +4%
MALE	15,905	↑ +1,872   +13%
NON-BINARY	344	↑ +115   N/A
UNKNOWN	553	↑ +145   N/A

## AGE

	Winter 2024	Change from 2023
UNDER 20	12,905	↑ +1,533   +14%
20-24	10,359	↓ -67   -1%
25-34	9,693	↑ +149   +2%
35-54	6,104	↑ +1,010   +20%
55 & OVER	959	↑ +326   +52%

## ETHNICITY



## CLASS MODALITY & FILL RATE

CLASS MODALITY:	72% Remote	6% Hybrid	22% In-Person
FILL RATE:	92%	83%	63%

SOURCE: LACCD Office of Institutional Effectiveness

Comparing Winter 2024 to Winter 2023 as of 1 day before the start of the semester, districtwide, student headcount is up by 8% and enrollment is up by 12% while class offerings show a 1% increase and enrollment per section is up by 10%. Increases are observed for female students (+819; +4%), male students (+1,872; +13%), students under 20 (+1,533; +14%), and students in the 25-34 age group (+149; +2%), 35-54 age group (1,010; +20%), and 55+ age group (+326; +52%), while decreases are being seen in the 20-24 age group (-67; -1%). Enrollment increases are observed among Hispanic (+454; +2%), Black (+186; +5%), Asian (+52; +2%), and White students (+2,133; +38%). 72% of classes are being taught remotely and 22% are in-person. As seen in previous semesters, remote classes continue to have the highest fill rate (92%) followed by hybrid (83%) and in-person (63%) classes. Winter 2024 semester instruction started on Jan. 2, 2024.



# LACCD Enrollment Update

Spring 2024 TO Spring 2023 COMPARISONS

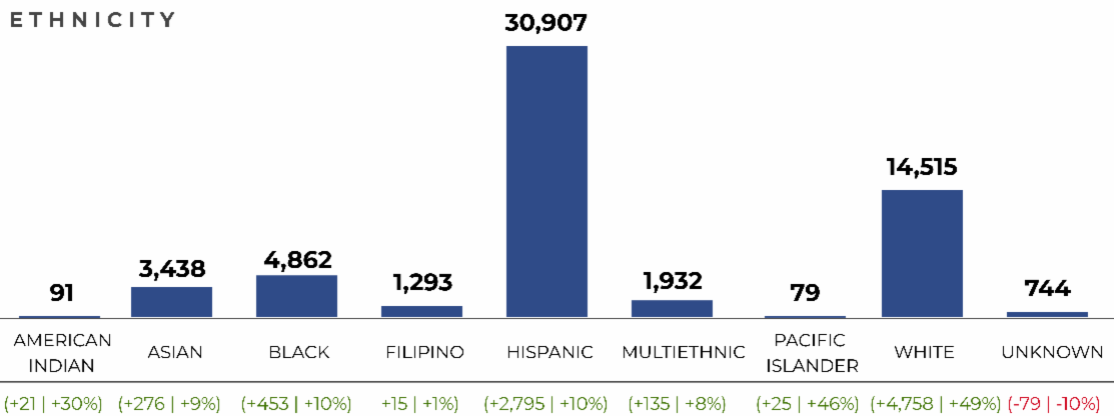
DAY -35 - RELATIVE TO THE BEGINNING OF INSTRUCTION

Relative Day Comparisons for Day -35, comparing Spring 2024 (Monday, January 1, 2024) to Spring 2023 (Monday, January 2, 2023). Data source: LACCD PS Student Information System.

<b>HEADCOUNT</b> <b>57,861</b> 117% 49,462	<b>ENROLLMENT</b> <b>135,603</b> 125% 108,499	<b>SECTION COUNT</b> <b>9,844</b> 101% 9,737	<b>ENROLLMENT DIVIDED BY SECTION</b> <b>13.8</b> 124% 11.1
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GENDER		Spring 2024	Change from 2023
FEMALE	31,922	↑ +3,195	+11%
MALE	24,663	↑ +4,794	+24%
NON-BINARY	526	↑ +181	N/A
UNKNOWN	750	↑ +229	N/A

AGE		Spring 2024	Change from 2023
UNDER 20	17,386	↑ +2,774	+19%
20-24	13,019	↑ +249	+2%
25-34	13,491	↑ +1,244	+10%
35-54	10,731	↑ +3,011	+39%
55 & OVER	3,234	↑ +1,121	+53%



CLASS MODALITY & FILL RATE		
CLASS MODALITY:	45% Remote	8% Hybrid
		47% In-Person
FILL RATE:	50%	37%
		35%

SOURCE: LACCD Office of Institutional Effectiveness

Comparing Spring 2024 to Spring 2023 as of 35 days before the start of the semester, districtwide, student headcount is up by 17% and enrollment is up by 25% while class offerings show a 1% increase and enrollment per section is up by 24%. Increases are observed for nearly every age, gender, and ethnic group with large increases for female students (+3,195; +11%), male students (+4,794; +24%), students under age 20 (+2,774; +19%), students age 25-34 (+1,244; +10%), students age 35-54 (+3,011; +39%), Hispanic students (+2,795; +10%), Black students (+453; +10%), Asian students (+276; +9%), and White students (+4,758; +49%). 45% of classes are being taught remotely and 35% are in-

person. Remote classes continue to have the highest fill rate (50%) followed by hybrid (37%) and in-person (35%) classes. Spring 2024 semester instruction starts on Feb. 5, 2024.

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

## Campus Events & Updates



### LACC Hosted Esports/Gaming, why Korea

On December 5, LACC and The Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Los Angeles hosted a lecture and panel discussion on navigating Korea's Esports and gaming horizon. Panelists

included Dal Young Jin, lecturer at Simon Fraser University; Simon Sim, CEO of Kabam/Netmarble; Martin Kim, CRO of GenG and Mark Deppe, UCI Department of Esports. The event was moderated by Eric Elder, Esports/Gaming Program Coordinator.

### LACC Partnered with "Santa's Circus" to Raise Funds for Guardian Scholars Program

LACC partnered with the holiday production of "Santa's Circus" to raise funds for the LACC Guardian Scholars program. Ten percent of proceeds from December shows were given to the program as well as other participating charities.



### LA Rams Honors LACC Student

The Los Angeles Rams made a visit to campus to surprise student Natalie Goodliffe by honoring her as a 2023 pLAYmaker. The Rams donated \$5,000 to support Cubby's Closet, LACC's free clothing store for students, and PacSun donated \$57,000 worth of clothing for LACC students. At the Rams home game on Sunday, December 17, Natalie and other Rams 2023 pLAYmakers were honored on the field during the game.

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Brooke Abbott

### **ELAC Proud: Former Student Receives SparQ Award for Inspiring Others**

Former East Los Angeles College (ELAC) Pathway to Law Program student Brooke Abbott has been named a SparQ Hero by the LumenSparQ Organization during the December 16th awards ceremony on the ELAC campus. LumenSparQ's mission is to spotlight and support local Los Angeles heroes in education. A SparQ is a student who goes above and beyond the regular school day to take on a passion project that impacts others in need.

In 2001 during Brooke's first year at college, she fell seriously ill and for seven agonizing years, she battled various symptoms that doctors either ignored or did not properly diagnose. She finally was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis, a form of Inflammatory Bowel Disease.

Her symptoms and IBD continued to worsen until she weighed just 99 pounds and had to undergo a life-saving emergency surgery in 2012 with a 30% chance of survival. The odds were stacked against her, given her frail condition at the time of the surgery. The procedure itself was a three-step process, each with its own set of challenges and risks. Despite the overwhelming nature of the surgeries and a long recovery period, Brooke's resilience shone through. Just six weeks after her final surgery, she managed to throw a third birthday party for her son in the park, before finally allowing herself some much-needed rest.

During this time Brooke's mom implored her to change her life and Brooke started a blog titled The Crazy Creole Mommy Chronicles which seeks to raise IBD awareness. Her advocacy didn't stop at blogging; she took her message to Capitol Hill, taught online classes on public policy, sat on advisory boards for pharmaceutical companies promoting health equity, and became a babywearing educator to encourage mothers and fathers with chronic conditions and disabilities to babywear. Most importantly, she founded her nonprofit, IBDMoms.org.

Brooke recently transferred from ELAC to UC Santa Barbara. Brooke originally started at a different community college but after learning about the ELAC Pathway to Law School Program changed her home-campus to ELAC, graduated, and walked at the ELAC Commencement ceremony in 2022. She is pursuing degrees in the history of public policy and political science and aspires to continue in the area of health equity. She describes ELAC as a night-and-day difference in support compared to her previous college experience.



## Investing in Education: Supervisor Janice Hahn and ELAC Foundation \$40,000 Gift to Strengthen Basic Needs Support

Los Angeles County Fourth District Supervisor Janice Hahn joined East Los Angeles College (ELAC) Administration and The ELAC Foundation at the ELAC South Gate Campus on December 12th to present \$40,000 total in donations to the ELAC Basic Needs Center.

Supervisor Hahn provided a \$20,000 check to the ELAC Basic Needs Center specifically to help unhoused ELAC students find stable housing. ELAC Associated Student Union (ASU) also received a \$20,000 donation check from the ELAC foundation. This money will be used to help purchase food and other supplies for the Husky Snack Shack and ELAC Basic Needs Center.

The ELAC Basic Needs center helps to provide food and other needs free of charge to ELAC students so they can focus on achieving their academic and career goals. ELAC has also partnered with the LA Food Bank to host food distributions for their community twice a month.

LACCD Board of Trustee President Nichelle Henderson, ELAC President Dr. Alberto J. Román, ELAC Foundation President Marissa Castro-Salvati, ELAC ASU South Gate President Leslie Reynoso, and ELAC Student Services Dean Dr. Sonia Lopez joined Supervisor Hahn to give remarks.

“These students should get the support they need so they can focus on their education rather than where they are going to sleep tonight,” said Supervisor Janice Hahn. “I applaud East Los Angeles College’s commitment to their students and doing everything they can to make services and support available free of charge.”

According to a survey conducted in 2023 of ELAC students. 65% of ELAC students answered sometimes true (46%) or often true (19%) when asked if within the past 12 months they were worried whether their food would run out before they got money to buy more. This is much higher compared to the national community college average of 33% sometimes true and 13% often true. 41% of ELAC students answered sometimes true (27%) or often true (14%) when asked if they had to worry about stable housing in the last 12 months. This is also higher than the national community college average of 21% sometimes true and 8% often true.





**SPRING 2024 SEMESTER BEGINS: FEBRUARY 5TH**

**[Registration, Registration, Registration](#)**

Harbor is ready to serve students before the Spring 2024 semester begins. Registration events will be held every Wednesday on campus, starting January 10. January 20th will be our Super Saturday Event and Open House to allow students to explore our equity groups and meet some of our faculty. If students are too busy and miss the dates in January, we will be ready for them on February 3.

**Region South**  
announces its first

**FAFSA/CADAA FAIR**  
In partnership with  
Unite LA CASH for College

To help Seniors complete and submit their FAFSA/CADAA application

**Harbor College**  
1111 Figueroa Place  
Wilmington, CA

Free Parking for students, staff, and families  
Lot 9 & 10

**Bring the Whole Family!**  
Computer lab space will be provided for all students to complete and submit their FAFSA/CADAA application

**Workshops**  
FAFSA Ready  
Undocumented Students, AB450 and CADAA  
Financial Aid Myths  
Understanding a College Financial Aid Packet (presentation in Spanish) – Financial Aid Myths  
Los Angeles College Promise  
Financial Literacy  
Scholarships

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### Cash For College – January 27, 2023

LAUSD Region South will host FAFSA/CADAA Fair, in partnership with LA Cash for College, at Harbor on Saturday, January 27, 9 am – 2 pm. Harbor will showcase Student Services and all that Harbor has to offer for the entire family.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**CULINARY CUP**  
HARBOR • MISSION • TRADE-TECH

**MAY 10, 2024**  
at Los Angeles Harbor College

### Save the Date!

The LACCD Culinary Cup is set for May 10, 2024. Do not miss this annual event filled with great food and good competition between LACCD Culinary Programs: LA Mission College, LA Trade Tech and LA Harbor College. Tickets will go on sale soon. Who will take the Gold Chef's Hat this year?

*Save the Date*

**LOS ANGELES HARBOR COLLEGE**  
1949 2024  
75th ANNIVERSARY

10.10.24 6 pm

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF EDUCATING THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF THE COMMUNITY

### Harbor's 75th Anniversary Gala – October 10, 2024

Harbor will be celebrating 75 years of educating the hearts and minds of the community. This highly anticipated Gala will bring together the past and present for a memorable and impactful evening of shared stories by alumni and present faculty, staff and students. Registration and location details coming soon.



**LOS ANGELES MISSION COLLEGE**



### **Pacoima Grand Opening & Open House**

Local officials and community members joined Los Angeles Mission College administration, faculty, and staff on Tuesday, December 19, to celebrate the grand opening of LAMC’s new learning facility in Pacoima.

The college previously held a successful soft launch of the facility at the midpoint of the fall 2023 semester, where free 8-week ESL, GED, and Allied Health courses were offered at the new location. Nearly 300 new students immediately enrolled in classes, underscoring the demand for accessible educational opportunities in the area.

U.S. Congressman Tony Cárdenas secured funding for the facility through the Community Project Funding initiative. “Earlier this year, we celebrated the allocation of federal dollars for these programs at Los Angeles Mission College, and today we get to see how this funding will change lives in our community,” said Congressman Cárdenas. “This federal funding is a lifeline for the community. By expanding the Allied Health programs and STEM services we are directly addressing the workforce demands in our community.”



### **LAMC Business Student Wins Entrepreneurial Scholarship**

On Friday, December 8, LAMC business student Samuel Espinoza was awarded the Rickey M. Gelb Scholarship at the Valley Industry & Commerce Association’s (VICA) 74th Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon.

The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to students who embody the ideals of entrepreneurship and scholastics, and this year marks the 8th time the scholarship has been presented.



### **LAMC Honors LAPD Officer Damien Castro for Lifesaving Heroics**

On Tuesday, December 12, 2023, LAMC Academic President Maryanne Galindo presented a resolution honoring former Los Angeles Mission College student and current LAPD Officer Damien Castro for his lifesaving heroics in January 2022.

In the early afternoon of January 9, 2022, a single-engine plane lost power shortly after takeoff from nearby Whiteman Airport and crash-landed on a railroad track in Pacoima. Officer Castro was one of three officers to arrive at the scene. After establishing a perimeter to redirect traffic, the crossing gate descended, and a five-car, 600-ton commuter train began to approach the crossing, traveling at approximately 72 mph.

Acting swiftly, Officer Castro ran to the cockpit to attempt to remove injured pilot Mark Jenkins and succeeded with the assistance of fellow Officers Christopher Aboyte and Robert Sherock. A mere four seconds after the trio dragged Jenkins to safety, the train struck the plane, demolishing the aircraft.

On behalf of LAMC faculty, Academic Senate President Galindo presented a declaration to Officer Castro, commending him for embodying the ideals of community service while setting an example for others to follow through his heroic actions.



### **Biotech Students Secure Internships at Annual Research Project Presentation**

On Thursday, December 14th, the Fall Biotechnology II class at Los Angeles Mission College held their semester-end research poster presentation at the college's Center for Math & Science Building.

The presentations showcased a range of topics, including "Immunoglobulin M (IgM): Smoking Away Immunity," "Recipes for Bioremediation: A Green Health Approach," "Aqua Force: A Chromogenic Analysis of Water," "Endotoxin Expedition: Opening a Can of Germs," and "What You Meat to know: Better Beef."

Before officially completing the 16-week Biotech Lab Assistant Certificate, 17 students secured job interviews or internship offers with local biotech industry partners such as Grifols Biologicals, Takeda Pharmaceuticals, and Pharmavite, with two students joining Cedars-Sinai's Medically Associated Science and Technology (MAST) Lab as research lab assistants.



### **Enrollment Days Return in January**

Starting January 10th, LAMC will host an Enrollment Day every Wednesday to assist students enrolling in Spring Semester.

The college provides one-on-one support with enrolling in classes, Financial Aid, Counseling, Admissions &

Records, and applying to the college. A Saturday Enrollment Event is scheduled for February 3th, with

Just-In-Time Enrollment Assistance planned for February 5th and 6th. For more information, visit [lamission.edu/enrollmentdays](https://lamission.edu/enrollmentdays).



### **Agricultural Education Center Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

Pierce College opened its newest center on campus to further train students in the Agriculture program. The center features learning and gathering spaces, as well as temperature-controlled greenhouses. President-elect Trustee Henderson spoke about the importance of educational centers and her fondness for the Pierce Agriculture program. On behalf of the Board, she thanked the faculty, staff, and administration for their commitment to education. Vice Chancellor Rueben Smith spoke about his team's commitment to creating the best learning environment. Vice President Apigo reminded us that Pierce started as an Agriculture program and that the new center closed the loop in Pierce's history delivering quality training in the areas of Agriculture in the 21st century.

### **Wall of Hope, Peace, and Gratitude**

Pierce College celebrated a campus community day on December 6, 2023. The event allowed students to reflect on the semester, especially sharing who they were most grateful for and what they were more



hopeful about. Given what is happening in the world, it was also an outlet for students and participants to remind themselves of self-care prior to finals. Here's an excerpt from one of the posts: "One that I'm grateful for - to have the opportunities I do and carry the struggles that build me. Someone that has impacted me positively, my family." Thank you to the Guided Pathways team, Career Center, and International Center for coordinating the event.



### Open Mic at Pierce College Multicultural Center

Open Mic was held on Friday December 8th from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. The purpose of the Open Mic was to bring together student creatives to share their talents - spoken word, musical performances and vocals. Over 80 students attended to watch and support their peers. Thank you to the Associated Student Organization for sponsoring the event.

### Upcoming Events

Spring 2024 Super Saturdays – January 13, 20, 27, and February 3.

These Super Saturdays provide assistance to new, returning, and prospective students complete application, FAFSA, and registration. Information about Academic Programs, Special Services, Athletics, and Promise Scholarship are also provided.





## American Pacific League Conference, Coach of the Year 2023

On November 13, 2023, the Southern California Football Association awarded LASC Head Football coach Marquet Miller as the American Pacific League Conference, Coach of the Year 2023. Coach Miller joined LASC in March 2023, with over 30 years of coaching experience, most recently at WLAC for 14 seasons. In addition, he teaches Kinesiology in LACCD.



## Christmas with the Cubs

On December 2, 2023, members of the LASC football team including Coach Marquet Miller volunteered for Christmas with the Cubs. The event was hosted by the Academy Project at Loyola High School. Foster youth were invited to participate in cookie decorating, snowball basketball, and ornament decorating, including free food and presents. Special guest appearance by Santa Claus. Video link:

<https://www.facebook.com/LASouthwestCollege/>

## Humanitarian Award

On December 7, 2023, LASC's adjunct professor Fernando Pullum received the Artist For Action (AFA) Chapin/Kragen/Belafonte Humanitarian Award in New York City. AFA is an artist-led coalition that



## Snoop Youth Football League

On December 3, 2023, LASC hosted the Snoop Youth Football League. SYFL was founded by rapper Snoop Dogg in 2005. It is an organization that provides the opportunity for inner-city children to participate in youth football and cheer. Children between the ages of 5 to 13 years old learn the value of teamwork, good sportsmanship, discipline, and self-respect, as well as the importance of academics. Over 2,500 people attended the event.



promotes unity in the prevention of gun violence. The award honors those who have made a difference in the world through their advocacy. Mr. Pullum is the founder and executive director of the Fernando Pullman Communications Arts Center.

<https://deadline.com/2023/11/a-fathers-promise-abramorama-acquires-north-american-rights-to-rick-korn-film-sheryl-crow-1235613461/>



### LASC Business Pitch Competition

On December 8, 2023, LASC hosted a LASC Business Pitch Competition, organized by LASC Business professor Hasib Azhand. The first 15 applicants competed for a chance to pitch their business in front of a panel of judges, which included President Culpepper. They described their business, product or service, marketing strategy, and financial projections. The winners were: Emani Morris in first place, awarded \$3500, Pam Licavoli in second place, awarded \$1000, and Miguel Delgado in third place, awarded \$500.



### LASC Foundation

On December 13, 2023, the LASC Foundation presented a LASC-Foundation grant of \$5,000 to student families at the LASC Child Development Center. 34 LASC student families received a Target gift card of \$125 as an incentive to continue their educational journey. Five of the families received two gift cards for early submission of the requested eligibility survey and one dad (only dad present) was given a gift card by the committee. Ms. Hattie Fraizer, Dr. Janet Clark, and Dr. E. Robinson presented each family with gift cards and shared words of inspiration and encouragement.







## LATTC Hosts the First Barber Battle!

On December 11, LATTC's Cosmetology Pathway hosted its first Barber Battle. 33 LATTC Barbering students faced off in a competition across six categories, including Best Haircut & Style, Most Creative, The GOAT (greatest of all time), Fastest Fade, Crispiest Lineup, and Best Beard Style. The competition began in the college's Cosmetology Building where students had two hours to complete the styles on their models.

Following the competition, the evening hosted an official program with featured guest speaker, Mr. Elton Robinson. Mr. Robinson was a former LATTC Cosmetology instructor, and eventual department chair, starting at the college in 1997 before retiring just two years ago. He was instrumental in founding the Barbering program at LATTC in 2015, which became one of the first Barbering programs established at a California community college. Mr. Robinson's legacy continues to course through the halls of LATTC, as demonstrated by the evening's lively competition.



The growth and success of these students is dependent upon their instructors who work steadfastly alongside them. Kudos to Barbering Instructors Ms. Jacquelyn Glover, Mr. Benjamin Hernandez, Mr. Ruben McCain, and Ms. Jacqueline Monge, Creative Director of the Barber Battle.

Congratulations to all of the college's barbering participants; it was an evening to remember!

Read more about the event in the [LATTC News post](#).



## Cosmetology Attends Senator Steven Bradford's Christmas Fair and Toy Giveaway

On December 9, LATTC's Cosmetology pathway attended Senator Steven Bradford (District 35)'s Christmas Fair and Toy Giveaway at CSU Dominguez Hills. It was an afternoon filled with holiday fun and giveaways and also featured a special booth for children's face painting staffed by LATTC's own Cosmetology students and faculty.

It was a great day to be out in the community, showcasing the best that LATTC has to offer.



### Fall 2023 Gold Thimble Fashion Show: Immortal Fashionistas

On December 8, LATTC's Design & Media Arts (DMA) pathway hosted its Fall 2023 Gold Thimble Fashion Show. The evening included category looks such as swimwear, children's wear, athleisure, men's wear, avant-garde, gender neutral, evening—and the show's theme Immortal Fashionistas, paying homage to legendary fashion designers including Virgil Abloh, Hubert de Givenchy Issey Miyake, and Vivienne Westwood. It was a night to remember!

Read more about the event in a recent [Apparel News feature](#).





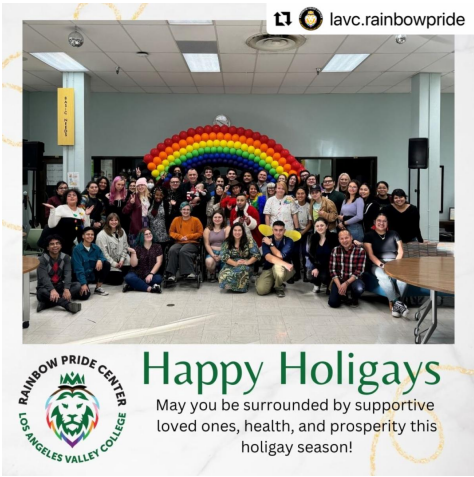
**Join Us for Spring Monarch Registration Days**

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**LAVC Students Prepped for Fall Finals at Late-Night Crunch Time**

The LAVC Academic Resource Center and the Associated Student Union held its popular Late-Night Crunch Time on December 4-7 to help students as they prepare for finals. For four evenings, students dropped in to use a dedicated study space with free tutoring, and get free coffee, snacks, and massages!



**Coming Together for LAVC’s 2nd Annual Hologay Mixer**

The LAVC Rainbow Pride Center hosted an LGBTQIA+ Hologay Mixer on Thursday, December 7 in the Mosaic Village. This annual gathering brings together LGBTQ+ students and employees together to share coming out stories, entertainment and food.





West's Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) wins award

### **WLAC Named MAP College of the Year**

The California Mapping Articulated Pathways (MAP) Initiative has awarded West their College of the Year recognition. West awarded 292 students an average of 9.6 units of Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) for a total of 2812 units in Dental, Real Estate, Aviation, EMT, etc. This saved over \$6.5M in education-related expenses and opened the college door to over 200 working adults who may not have entered were it not for CPL. The recognition stated, "Your amazing progress in awarding CPL is an inspiration to the field and proof that the opportunity to increase equitable access and attainment among our working adults and veterans is substantial and overdue."

### **LACCD / WLAC Baccalaureate Meeting**

In mid-November, a team from West shared our learnings with the District Office of Information Technology (OIT) and Educational Program and Institutional Effectiveness (EPIE) teams in an all-day meeting titled "Baccalaureate Program Current Process Map." The meeting was intended to evaluate the current functionality of the SIS system to determine if it is sufficient to support the growing number of baccalaureate degrees being offered among the nine colleges. The steps reviewed included paying educational fees, curriculum development, financial aid distribution, advising services and more.



Participants from WLAC included the Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs and Student Services, the Dean of Admissions, Financial Aid staff, the Allied Health Division Chair and Director of the Dental Hygiene Bachelor's Degree program.



## Men's Basketball Highlighted in State Ranking Poll

A poll of the California Community College Men's Basketball Coaches Association (CCMBCA) highlighted the recent winning streak of WLAC's men's basketball team. "West LA makes a major jump in the poll after stringing together seven consecutive wins.

West LA was a perfect 3-0 at the Fullerton Crossover event, which included wins over LA South, San Diego City and Compton." The poll ranks the top 30 teams across the state and West has climbed to #5.



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**"West LA (10-2) - West LA makes a major jump in the poll after stringing together seven consecutive wins..."**



## Steve Soboroff Among Millionaires Sharing Wisdom with High School Students at West

Over 300 high school students heard from successful entrepreneurs at the Future Entrepreneurs Conference (FEC) recently held at West Los Angeles College.

Speakers included Steve Soboroff who pulled volunteers on stage to demonstrate how to effectively present your business card, shake hands and make eye contact. The little things can be critical, he explained. Soboroff was Chairman and CEO of Playa Vista, a former LA Mayoral candidate, and a Los Angeles Police Commissioner for 10 years.

The event emcee and a fellow millionaire was David Shands. Shands told the youth, "I need you all to make a goal. Whoever takes care of you all, you are in debt," explaining that children owe a debt to those who teach, clothe and feed them into adulthood. Shands is CEO of David Shands LLC, a business training and coaching firm that specializes in helping people become the best versions of themselves.

Several other millionaire entrepreneurs addressed the youth, who received gift cards, hats and books, as well as opportunities to connect with representatives from local tech companies. Students from Fremont High; Hamilton High; Washington Prep High; Westchester High; Hilda Solis High; and Morningside High participated. The FEC was sponsored by PVJOBS, a 25-year-old local nonprofit organization, and the event exposed students to various outlets for their futures.



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