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PRESS RELEASE

U.S. Congresswoman Judy Chu to Present \$200,000 Check to East Los Angeles College FACES Program

ALHAMBRA, CA – U.S. Congresswoman Judy Chu (CA-27) joined Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), East Los Angeles College (ELAC), and Alhambra Unified School District (AUSD) leadership at Alhambra High school on Friday, August 26, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. to present a \$200,000 check to the ELAC Family and Community Engagement Services (FACES) program which she helped to secure through the 2022 Congressional Community Project Funding (CPF) process. Community Project Funding allows Members of Congress to request direct funding for specific projects that benefit the communities they represent.

“As a former educator for over twenty years, I have seen firsthand how higher education serves as a proven pathway to a better future. However, the college preparation process can be difficult to navigate, particularly for students from underrepresented backgrounds such as first-generation students or those from low-income families,” said Congresswoman Judy Chu. “This funding for the FACES program will lower the barriers to higher education by providing resources to help students, parents, and families not only prepare for college, but also to succeed once they get there. I was proud to secure this funding through the fiscal year 2022 Congressional appropriations process.”

The FACES program provides support to parents/caregivers, communities, and families of K-12 scholars in the ELAC service area by engaging them and giving them opportunities to be involved. One of these partners is Alhambra Unified School District (AUSD) where students are already taking dual enrollment courses at ELAC and Alhambra High.

The goals of the FACES program are to build trust with families of K-12 students, provide a seamless transition from high school to college, connect families with information on college, and support educators with time and skills to connect more effectively with families about ELAC services.

"I want to thank Congressmember Chu for her continued support of ELAC and our students. These funds will help to strengthen our bonds with local high schools. FACES helps to build a college going culture with not only K-12 students in our service area but also their families," said ELAC President Alberto J. Roman.

FACES has provided outreach services at many local high schools including Alhambra High School and continues to build community partnerships and collaborations. Interested parents of first-time college students can also sign up for the First Year Scholar Parent Academy to receive information and support to help their students transition successfully from high school to college.

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“Funding provided for the FACES program will strengthen ELAC’s collaboration with the East Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley communities to promote college access while simultaneously strengthening community civic engagement,” said LACCD Trustee Kelsey Iino. “We thank Rep. Judy Chu for her relentless support of LACCD and East Los Angeles College students and their families.”

“The ELAC FACES program will serve students and their families in an intensive college preparatory academy that provides college information, resources, workshops, and college campus tours for high school students,” said LACCD Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez. “As a result, students will enter college better prepared with the necessary supports at school and at home to be successful college students.”

“We are so appreciative for the wonderful AUSD ELAC Dual Enrollment that opened up doors for Mike that we couldn’t have imagined. We are so thankful to have been a part of it,” said Candace Winn, Parent of an AUSD Dual Enrollment student and teacher at Brightwood Elementary School.

About East Los Angeles College

ELAC is the largest of nine two-year community colleges within the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), www.laccd.edu. More information about ELAC is available online at <http://www.elac.edu/>. Follow ELAC on social media, Facebook [@EastLACCollege](https://www.facebook.com/EastLACCollege), Twitter [@EastLACCollege](https://twitter.com/EastLACCollege), and Instagram [@ELACHuskies](https://www.instagram.com/ELACHuskies).

About Alhambra Unified School District

Alhambra USD is a richly diverse community of 15,557 students and 2,000 staff members. AUSD students speak more than 17 home languages and 76% qualify for free or reduced-fee school meals. In partnership with ELAC, AUSD offers students the opportunity for free Dual Enrollment which allows students to graduate with both a high school diploma and an Associate's Degree. Learn more about AUSD Early College program <https://alhambraunified.wixsite.com/ahs-ccc/concurrent-enrollment-classes> and [Early College Program – Career Technical Education – Alhambra Unified School District](https://alhambraunified.wixsite.com/ahs-ccc/early-college-program).

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