









August 7, 2024

Dear LACCD Colleagues:

This August marks the beginning of another promising academic year at LACCD. Together, our nine colleges embody exceptional educational opportunity and service to our students and the many communities that we proudly serve.

As educators, we have the privilege and, frankly, the audacity to make a profound difference in the lives of our students. Education is the greatest accelerant for social and economic mobility. In just one generation, we can help our talented and hard-working students and their families break loose from intergenerational poverty and set them on a path to self-actualization and prosperity.

This Saturday, August 10, we are excited to kick off the year with our **Enrollment Super Saturday event**. On Monday, August 26, our students and faculty will return to all nine colleges for the start of the fall semester, launching the academic year into full swing.

While some of the enrollment gains of the last two years have tapered off, we see strong growth in our dual enrollment partnerships, the College Promise programs, and by serving an increasing number of adult learners. Our mission is a clear testament to the collective impact and the power of education to transform and improve lives. Our student body is vibrant, diverse, and eager for opportunities to excellet's provide them with those opportunities and position them for success at every turn.

Thank you for being a valued member of the LACCD family. Let's make this academic year one of growth, achievement and life-changing success.

With admiration and respect,



Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D. Chancellor

District Office Events & Updates





Supporting Students in Need

The Foundation is proud to facilitate gifts and programs to help students address financial hardships that may otherwise impact their studies. We thank all community supporters who ensure such resources are available to LACCD students, including those highlighted below.

- United Way of Greater LA 42 students at LA City College and 59 students at LA Trade-Tech College nearing graduation but facing financial challenges received grants of up to \$500 each in spring 2024 through a generous grant of \$50,000 and strong collaboration with LA City College Foundation and LA Trade-Tech College.
- Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation 137 LA College Promise students received emergency grants of up to \$500 each in spring 2024, thanks to a multiyear grant of \$175,000.
- Leonetti/O'Connell Family Foundation 220 students received a total of \$86,608 in hardship
 grants in 2023-2024 through the Foundation's altAid program. Students in the nursing programs
 at East LA College, LA Valley College, LA Harbor College and participants of the HireLAX
 program at LA Southwest College used these timely grants to cover unforeseen financial
 challenges.

Fall 2024 Scholarship Applications Opening Soon

This fall the Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges will award more than \$300,000 in scholarships and basic needs grants. Students can review the opportunities and <u>apply through the "Scholarships" tab in their student portal</u> or through this <u>direct link</u>.





Los Angeles Allied Health Collaborative

This is a new series of events designed to support adult education allied health program providers by creating opportunities to collaborate, network, share, and discuss problems of practice.

This first event will be held Saturday, September 14, 2024 from 9AM -1 PM at the Van de Kamp Innovation Center part of Los Angeles Community College District. Lunch will be included

It is free to participate for adult education teachers, administrators, counselors, and program developers in LARAEC and surrounding consortia, but you must pre-register.

Click here to view PDF version



Nonviolence Project Internship Opportunity

The LACCD Dolores Huerta Labor Institute (DHLI) has partnered with the UCLA Labor Center to establish the Nonviolence Project Internship program. LACCD students will have the opportunity to be trained in the Nonviolence curriculum and help share its framework in their campus communities.

Using the Nonviolence curriculum and framework, students will lead on-campus events and activities to raise awareness about the Immigrant Rights Movement and issues impacting the district's undocumented students.

Click here to view application









LACCD Fall 2024 Enrollment Day is Saturday, August 10!

Join us at any of our nine colleges for Enrollment Day! New students can participate in a variety of events and activities to help them get started on their educational journey. Whether you need assistance with enrollment, financial aid, or academic advising, we're here to support you every step of the way.

Don't miss this opportunity – see you this fall!

For more enrollment information click below on each college's logo.





















I am LACCD Advocacy

The Office of Legislative and Government Relations proudly presents 'I Am LACCD Advocacy,' a video that celebrates the legislative accomplishments and achievements of LACCD and the Board's collective efforts. We are delighted to share that these milestones were made possible through the leadership of the LACCD Board and our Advocacy Team, whose unwavering support, substantial contributions, and tireless efforts have greatly benefitted LACCD and community college students statewide. Click here to view the 'I Am LACCD Advocacy' video.



Los Angeles County Government Relations Professionals Inaugural Convening

A special thanks to Assemblymember Mike Fong (D-49), LATTC President McQuarters, and the SB 895 team, including Eric Robles, Political Director for UNAC, Senator Richard Roth's staffers Mikaila Kruse and Rob Wilcox for joining

us at the inaugural meeting of the LA County Community Colleges Government Relations Officers. The meeting was a resounding success and a significant step in fostering collaboration among our colleges, District, and partners.

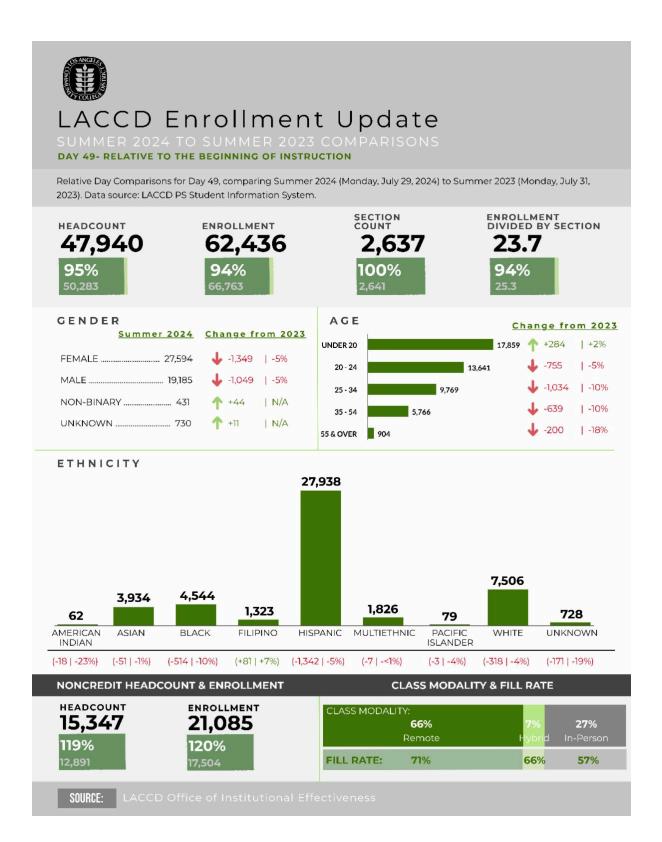
Preparing for the 2025 legislative year

We urge you to stay involved and continue to share your ideas for consideration for next year's legislative priorities. Your input is crucial in shaping our advocacy agenda, and we look forward to hearing your thoughts. We are pleased to share that we continue to experience tremendous success with our advocacy efforts at the federal and state levels, and we couldn't have done it without your support. **LACCD's 2024 Legislative Priorities**

Share your thoughts and suggestions as we develop our District's advocacy priorities for 2025. Please complete the form and return it by September 30, 2024.



LACCD Enrollment Update

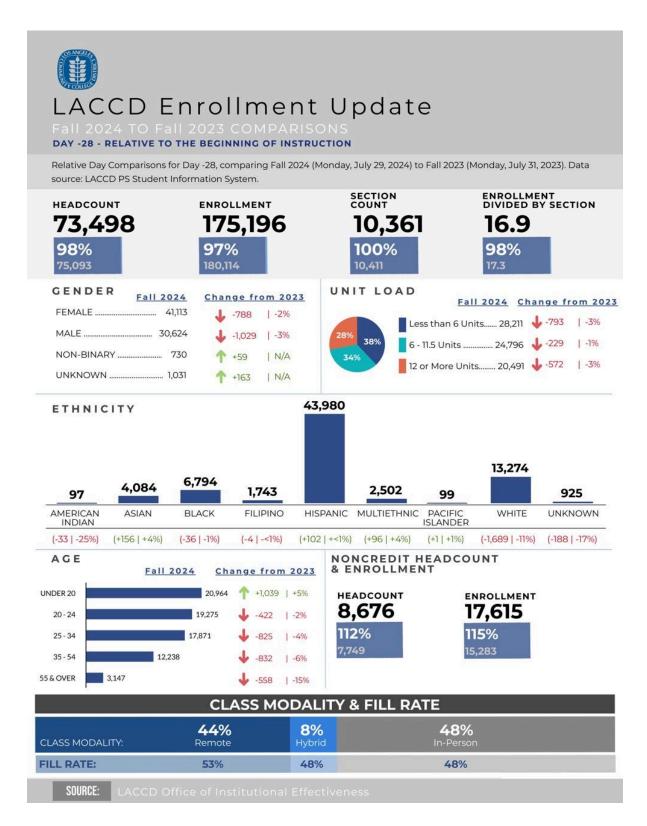


Summer 2024 Credit Enrollment Update:

Comparing Summer 2024 to Summer 2023 as of day 49 of the semester, districtwide, student credit headcount is down by 5% and enrollment is down by 6% while class offerings are unchanged and enrollment per section is down by 6%. Declines are observed for most age, ethnic, and gender with large declines in students aged 25-34 (-1,034, -10%), Hispanic students (-1,342, -5%), and female students (-1,349, -5%). The observed declines likely stem from more stringent identity verification requirements for enrollment in Summer 2024 in comparison to Summer 2023. Noncredit headcount and enrollment increased by, respectively, 19% (12,891 to 15,347) and 20% (17,504 to 21,035). 66% of

classes are being taught remotely, 27% are in-person, and 7% are hybrid. Remote classes have the highest fill rate (71%) followed by hybrid (66%) and in-person (57%) classes.

View the LACCD Summer 2024 Credit Enrollment Update PDF version



Fall 2024 Credit Enrollment Update:

Comparing Fall 2024 to Fall 2023 as of 28 days prior to the start of the semester, districtwide, student credit headcount is down by 2% and enrollment is down by 3% while class offerings are unchanged and

enrollment per section is down by 6%. Declines or small increases are observed for most age, ethnic, unit load, and gender groups, although there is a 5% increase observed for younger students (under age 20) and a 4% increase in Asian students. The observed declines likely stem from more stringent identity verification requirements for enrollment in Fall 2024 in comparison to Fall 2023. Noncredit headcount and enrollment increased by, respectively, 12% (7,749 to 8,676) and 15% (15,283 to 17,615). 44% of classes are being taught remotely, 48% are in-person, and 8% are hybrid. Remote classes have the highest fill rate (53%) with hybrid and in-person classes have comparable fill rates (48%).

View the LACCD Fall 2024 Credit Enrollment Update PDF version

Campus Events & Updates











A2MEND Trip to Zambia

From July 16 through August 3, staff, faculty, and students attended the A2MEND student trip to Zambia. The summit brings together minds from across the globe and fosters meaningful connections, inspires important discussions, promotes cultural diversity, and encourages participants to make positive impacts on their institutions and the world.



Mayor and Government Officials of Sejong City in Korea to Visit LACC

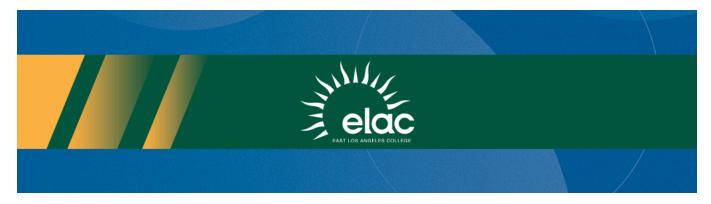
Sejong City in Korea chose LACC as one of only three colleges in the United States to visit in July. The city mayor, government officials, and reporters visited LACC on July 17 to promote exchange and discover policies for the globalization of Hangui and the Korean language.

LACC Enrollment Fair

LACC will hold our Fall Enrollment Fair on August 10, 2024, from 10 am to 2:30 pm. The fair will be at the Student Quad in the Student Services Building. We will provide services in admissions, financial aid, and counseling, as well as the business office and bookstore, and our student services offices will be open. Our bookstore will provide books and Metro passes. The Welcome Center will be open and servicing student IDs, registering students and submitting new applications. We will have financial aid onsite to help with questions. The Resource Fair on the main quad north of Student Services with offer free food and will provide opportunities for students to find out about resources from student service groups, meet faculty from various academia on campus, discover student activities groups on campus, and network with community organizations from the area.

Construction on the Cafeteria

Construction of the Cubby Den cafeteria installation has begun as of 8/1/24. An alternative lounging space, formerly Pete's Coffee, has been renovated for students to socialize, dine, or study.













<u>East Los Angeles College Awarded Prestigious 2024 Dr. John W. Rice</u> <u>Diversity & Equity Award</u>

ELAC has been selected as the winner of the 2024 Dr. John W. Rice Award for Diversity & Equity. ELAC is the sole community college to receive this prestigious state-wide recognition for its outstanding efforts in advancing diversity and equity, and for successfully closing equity gaps in completion and transfer rates for traditionally underrepresented students.

This achievement marks a significant milestone for ELAC, building upon its 2021 Honorable Mention in the same awards program. The college's continued dedication to improving educational outcomes for students of color, particularly in English and Math, has now culminated in this top honor. This is also the first time East Los Angeles College has ever earned the John W. Rice Award for Diversity & Equity.

"This prestigious recognition is a testament to the unwavering commitment of our entire ELAC community in advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion. From our dedicated faculty and staff to our resilient students, this award reflects our collective efforts to create an environment where every student, regardless of background, can thrive and succeed," said ELAC President Alberto J. Román.

The Dr. John W. Rice Diversity and Equity Award, established in 2001, honors community college staff members, districts, colleges, or programs that have made exceptional contributions towards faculty and staff diversity or student equity.

ELAC Alum Steve Padilla Inducted into NAHJ Hall of Fame

ELAC alum Steve Padilla was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists on Saturday. Padilla is editor of Column One, the Los Angeles Times front page story-telling showcase.

Padilla began his career as a journalism major at ELAC, where he was editor-in-chief of Campus News, before transferring to USC, where he worked on the Daily Trojan.

He spent a short time as a reporter with the San Diego Union, then was an editor with Hispanic Link in Washington, D.C. before joining the L.A. Times 36 years ago. There he began as a night police reporter but soon became an editor. A story he edited on a botched bank robbery in North Hollywood in 1987 won a Pulitzer Prize.



At the Times, he has been an editor of national politics, higher education and religion before taking his current role. He also headed Metpro, the Times' training program to bring diversity to newsrooms.











Harbor College Success Spotlight

The <u>Career Center is Spotlighting Maria</u>, one of Harbor Adult Learners. Maria was recently laid off and needed assistance finding immediate employment. After much searching, the team assisted her in thinking of a long-term career change can developed a plan. With guidance, she completed a Spanish Child Development (CD) course and applied for an internship under the <u>ECE-SAP</u>, <u>an initiative by the Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity specifically designed for ECE students</u>. (Early Childhood Education-Student Advancement Program). Maria applied for the ECE-SAP and as a Teacher's Aide and landed with ChildCare Careers. She is currently completing hours in both places while enrolled in her ESL and CD courses and is excited to launch her new career. Success!



Registration, Registration, Registration

We are ready to assist new and current Seahawks late on Wednesdays and at the Super Saturday Event on August 10th. We've added an additional Saturday, August 24 for any last-minute registrations.







Seahawks in the Community!

Harbor Athletes are in the community this summer pouring into future Seahawks and their families. Thank you to the <u>Softball Team</u> for making a difference at Banning Parks and Recreation. During the month of July, the Harbor College Sports Management Club volunteered at the <u>USA Flag Football Tournament at the Dignity Health Sports Park</u>. The One Flag Championship is the tournament where youth and adult teams can prove they're the ones to beat and get counted for the U.S. National Team. What an experience! The Outreach and Recruitment Team represented Harbor at the <u>MPC Summer Youth Mock Career Fair</u>. Once a Seahawk, always a Seahawk!



75th Harbor College Gala

Save the Date and join us for the 75th Gala – October 10, 2024 @ 6 pm @ the Elks Lodge in San Pedro. Come celebrate the rich history of Harbor College as it has spent 75 years educating the hearts and minds of the community. Sponsorship Opportunities Available **HERE**.

Tickets on Sale Now.













Celebrating 50 Years of Student Success

Los Angeles Mission College (LAMC) will kick off its 50th year on Thursday, August 22nd, with an all-day celebration.

As the youngest college in the District and the 100th community college in California, LAMC was established in 1975 with a humble start in scattered storefronts and leased facilities throughout the city of San Fernando and surrounding communities. 16 years later, the college officially opened its permanent campus in Sylmar. In 50 years, the college has served close to 300,000 students from the Northeast San Fernando Valley.

On August 22nd, LAMC will begin its 50th year by celebrating the college and its history in the morning, followed by a block party and enrollment & community resource fair in the afternoon.



Biomanufacturing Degree to Take Flight this Fall

The first cohort of students in Los Angeles Mission College's Bachelor's Degree in Biomanufacturing will start this fall semester.

To date, 30 applicants have been selected, with 25 students onboarded for the fall semester. These students will begin the

program as juniors after completing the first two years of requirements by previously earning an Associate's Degree in Biotechnology or Biology.

The bachelor's degree addresses the workforce needs of the biotechnology manufacturing sector by providing hands-on training and practical insights. "This is an applied degree that will cultivate professionals ready to tackle the real-world challenges of biotechnology manufacturing, bridging the gap between theory and application," said LAMC Biotechnology Program Director, Chander Arora, Ph.D.



3rd Annual Distinguished Instructors Awards

The Los Angeles Mission College (LAMC) Distinguished Faculty Selection Taskforce recently announced the winners of their 3rd Annual Distinguished Instructor Awards. Honorees were selected for their efforts to create an equity-minded, student-centered educational environment at LAMC.

Robert Cucuzza is an Associate Professor and Vice Chair of Theatre Arts. Since joining the college in 2015 has directed and produced fourteen productions. Professor Cucuzza has also been instrumental in writing curriculum for several degrees and certificates, including a Theatre Arts Degree for Transfer, and more recently, a Certificate in Video for Live Entertainment and Technical Theatre. "The intention is to open pathways not just to the theatre community in Los Angeles, but also to move our students into the field of TV and film production, for which most of the skillsets of technical theatre are applicable.", said Cucuzza.

This coming academic year, Professor Cucuzza will share with faculty his work on open-educational resources and will conduct workshops to review tools that are available in Canvas and other software programs.

Thea Manalang Lao is an adjunct professor of English and the Writing Center Coordinator at LAMC where she oversees the tutoring services in the Learning Resource Center. As the Writing Center Coordinator, Professor Manalang Lao has promoted the tutoring services provided on campus and

virtually. "I am proudest of our daily-themed activities, specifically Talkative Tuesdays which assists our ESL students with practicing their spoken English in a safe and supportive environment."

For her upcoming workshop this academic year, Professor Manalang Lao will show colleagues how to enhance college preparedness using syllabus quizzes as well as employ non-violent communication strategies to create a welcoming classroom culture.

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Brahma Transfer Summer Camp Open for Registration

Our annual Brahma Transfer Summer Camp prepares first generation college students with a targeted but not mandatory GPA between 2.4-3.4 for the upcoming transfer application cycle. At this three-day event, invited students will learn about all of the transfer options as well as financial aid and scholarships after transfer. They will leave the three days with: a college application list tailored to them; two scholarships to apply to; the outline of their personal statement to be used for scholarships and college



CSUN On the Spot Admissions Event for Spring 2025 Transfers

Students interested in transferring in the Spring 2025 semester to CSUN will have the opportunity to join CSUN at Pierce College for a special on the spot <u>admissions event</u> on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Business 3207! To qualify, students must:

 Have 60 CSU transferrable units by the end of Fall 2024 applications; accounts for their UC TAG and CSU applications. On the final day of camp students will visit one CSU, one UC and one local private university, this year the bus has been donated by Council member Bob Blumenfield's office and the students will visit CSU Channel Islands, UC Santa Barbara & California Lutheran University. All participants will also receive a counseling appointment and a 2024 Transfer baseball cap upon attending a fall Transfer Center Application workshop. See flyer for registration information!

When: August 20-22, 9am-3pm Locations: Building 600 & CSUCI, UCSB, California Lutheran University

- 2.0 minimum GPA for non-impacted majors. Click for a list of impacted majors
- "Golden Four" courses complete by end of Fall 2024: Oral Communication, Written Communication, Critical Thinking, Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning
- Complete the CSU Application- help is available in the Pierce College Transfer Center:

Summer 2024 Office Hours Zoom Remote Office Hours

Monday to Thursday: 8:00AM - 7:00PM

Friday: 8:00AM - 4:00PM

In-Person On Campus Office Hours: Monday to Thursday: 8:00AM - 4:00PM

















LASC Super Saturday Enrollment Event

Calling all superheroes! Los Angeles Southwest College will assemble our all-star admissions, counseling, financial aid, and student services teams to welcome new and returning students on August 10, 2024, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Not only will participants receive assistance with admissions, financial

aid, and class selection, but they'll also have the chance to learn about all the amazing resources available.

And let's not forget about the best part - FREE food, 360 photo booth, activities, and prizes! Everyone is welcome. We look forward to supporting our LASC Cougars. Additional Super Enrollment Saturdays will occur on August 17 and 31, 2024 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.





Los Angeles World Airports Hosts Construction MATOC Industry Opportunity Forum

The Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) hosted the Construction MATOC Industry Opportunity Forum on July 11 at Los Angeles Southwest College to announce a new construction procurement valued at \$2.5B. This Construction MATOC Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will enable LAWA to execute many capital improvement projects to support its terminal development, airport development and critical infrastructure programs. Over 320 contractors attended the event and networked before and after the formal presentation in the Little Theatre. LASC President Dr. Anthony Culpepper provided the official welcome to the construction industry forum. This event is a continuation of LAWA's strong partnership with Los Angeles Southwest College which began with the HireLAX Apprenticeship Readiness Program. The Construction MATOC contracts will require contractors to hire a minimum number of HireLAX graduates for each project.







Cougar Football Builds Character On and Off the Field

Football season is just around the corner and the LASC Cougar Football team is keeping busy on and off the field. In between classes, practice, and part-time jobs, they are making time to volunteer as much as possible in the community. Some of their favorite moments have been working with foster children and teaching them how to play flag football at The Academy Project's Camp Xavier at Loyola High School and passing out food to those in need at The Great Grocery Giveaway.

In addition, Assistant Coach Ron Jenkins was recognized by KCAL9 as the Hometown Hero of the Week. They highlighted his unique story and ability to transform lives through mentorship, coaching, and guidance. Coach and the LASC Cougar Football team will play West LA College on September 7, 2024.







LASC Hosts the Ivie Burton Al Robotics Academy

Los Angeles Southwest College Computer Science and Information Technology department welcomed the Ivie Burton AI Robotics Academy on Saturday, July 13, 2024. With great enthusiasm and excitement, 25 students, with a gender ratio of 15 girls to 10 boys began their journey into the world of artificial intelligence and robotics.

The first day began with an introductory session where participants were welcomed and given an overview of the program. This was followed by an interactive workshop that provided hands-on experience with building and programming robots. The academy aims to foster creativity, problemsolving skills, and teamwork among the participants. By the end of the academy, everyone had a sense of accomplishment and a keen anticipation for future STEM and AI projects.













LATTC Serves as Host to 5th Annual Immigration Summit

On July 11 and 12, LATTC served as the host location for the 5th Annual Immigration Summit. The two-day event served to bolster the power of LA's immigrant communities, bringing together cross-sector partners, immigrant inclusion advocates, community leaders, philanthropy, elected officials, academia, and media partners for dynamic conversations, immersive learning sessions and scenario planning.

Through dialogue and knowledge-sharing, attendees learned about the radiating impacts across the region and state. They also explored innovative approaches and best practices aimed at advancing immigrant inclusion and opportunities to forge a path forward locally and nationally.

As an introduction to the summit, President Alfred McQuarters welcomed guests to the Trade-Tech campus and highlighted the college's part in uplifting our immigrant students and community on campus through vital student services, particularly the Dream Resource Center.



LATTC Visual Communications Student Joins Snap Lens Academy

This summer, LATTC Visual Communications student, Johnna Bianchi was selected as one of 15 students to participate in the Snap Lens Academy (SLA). Launched in 2021, the academies are nine-week, summer educational programs for community college students hosted by Snap Inc., the makers of Snapchat. The programs are designed to provide meaningful career opportunities to students who are underrepresented and have been historically disconnected from equal opportunity in the tech sector to prepare young scholars for careers that may have been otherwise inaccessible to them.

Students experience custom creative and technical workshops led by Snap Inc.'s teaching team. They also gain hands-on learning with Snap team members through real-world project experiences, professional development workshops, guest speakers, product presentations, and mentorship.

On July 18, the college's Design & Media Arts Chair, Mr. Joe Guerrieri, DMA instructors Ms. Silbina Lepe and Mr. Robert Silva, and DMA Pathway Navigator Ms. Armine Javadyan went to the Snap Inc. Offices in Santa Monica to attend the Snap Academy Partner Luncheon. The team had the chance to tour the Snap Inc. Offices and meet with the students to learn about the exciting work they had been doing this summer.



LATTC's Fall Open House Welcomes More than 650 Prospective Students

On Saturday, July 20, LATTC hosted its big Fall Open House and Enrollment Fair, welcoming more than 650 prospective students for a day where they could learn about pathways, speak with a counselor, explore and register for open classes, start their Financial Aid application, pick up their Metro GoPass, and learn about the college's student services.

Guests enjoyed free food, with charburgers from The Habit and tasty eats prepared by the college's Culinary Arts pathway—along with music, and other giveaways.

View a highlight of photos from the event via the college's **Facebook event album**.



LATTC Hosts Urban Peace Academy's Community Violence Intervention Training graduating class

On July 30, LATTC had the privilege of hosting the Urban Peace Academy's Spring 2024 Community Violence Intervention Training graduating class. Since it began in 2011, the Urban Peace Academy has supported numerous cities across the U.S. in implementing community safety solutions and training

local law enforcement in an effort to prevent and reduce violence. The program trains peacemakers to effectively address gang-related violence and presents strategies for forming relationships and trust between residents and officers to ensure neighborhood safety.

During the ceremony, President Alfred McQuarters provided welcome remarks, followed by words from civil rights attorney and Urban Peace Academy's founder, Dr. Constance Rice. Dr. Rice shared evidence that when professionally trained intervention workers respond to a homicide in Los Angeles, the chance of a retaliatory killing falls from 24% to 0.7%.

Trade-Tech is proud to connect with key organizations like UPA who are doing important work to build up our communities.



LATTC President Dr. Alfred McQuarters Named to National Commission on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

This July, Dr. McQuarters was pleased to accept the appointment to the National Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion by the American Association of Community Colleges. AACC is the primary advocacy organization for the nation's community colleges, representing more than 1,000 2-year associate degreegranting institutions and nearly 12 million students. During his three-year term, Dr. McQuarters will work with other college CEOs and administrators to champion inclusivity, amplify underrepresented voices, and foster an environment where every member of our campus community thrives.

Read more

Upcoming Fall Enrollment Events

Fall Super Saturday Saturday, August 10, 2024 9 am–1 pm













New Students Participate in Monarch Summer Bridge

The LAVC First Year Experience / Valley Promise Program held a Monarch Summer Bridge (MSB) from July 15-24 to help prepare more than 200 new students for their transition from high school to Valley College, and learn the necessary skills to succeed in college and beyond.

All MSB students enrolled in a Counseling 04 course to help them make realistic and informed decisions regarding their career goals and Career and Academic Pathway (CAP). Additionally, they participated in a daily English, math, or statistics workshop to increase their confidence in their ability to succeed in the courses.

Students also participated in a 075 CE Introduction to Post-Secondary Education course where they learned the opportunities and benefits of secondary education and the importance of developing cognitive and learning strategies, content knowledge, and self-management skills to achieve their academic and career goals.

At the end of this summer transition activity, MSB students received a recognition of participation.

Upcoming Fall Events

In-Person Registration Days

August 10, 20 & 24

LAVC is holding <u>In-Person Registration Days</u> with drop-in counseling, admissions and records support, financial aid guidance, and help from the Welcome Center.

LAVC Farmer's Market

August 11, 18, 25

Good Times Farmers Market is hosting a <u>farmer market</u> at LA Valley College every Sunday year-round. There will be fresh produce, live music, food, beverages, baked goods and handcrafted items.

LAVC Opening Day

August 22

LAVC faculty and staff will prepare for the start of the school year at LAVC Opening Day, an annual professional development activity for faculty and staff.

Welcome Week

August 26-28

LAVC kicks off the start of the new school year with **LAVC Welcome Week**.

















Conferencia De Liderazgo Attracts Nearly 100 Attendees & Telemundo Coverage

Nearly 100 students and community members attended the 1st annual Conferencia De Liderazgo at West LA College on a sunny Saturday in July. The event was produced by the Adult Education Program within the College and Career Preparation Division in partnership with the college's CA Center for Climate Change Education (Climate Center). The conference was conducted entirely in Spanish with the goal of empowering learners to unlock their potential and shape a brighter future. Speakers included leadership professionals from many fields including Telemundo News Reporter Enrique Chiabra. Students also learned about Climate Change Leadership from Climate Center intern and Kent Cooke Scholar Marilyn Chavez. At the end of a day of informational presentations, learning activities, lunch, and fun, participants earned a Certification of Completion - 21st Century Employability Skills: Resilience and Self-Awareness.

Telemundo story on event

Newer Programs Showing Steady Growth

Steady growth can be seen in three of the college's newer programs. Already, 40 students are signed up to join the inaugural class of the Avionics bachelor's degree program. The Orthodontic Assistant Program has nearly 30 students ready to join their second cohort. And, now launching its fourth cohort, the Child Development in-Spanish certificate program has over 80 students interested in participating. The certificate program prepares students to be eligible for the teacher permit exam.



An Olympic Connection

Assistant Track Coach Tim Bowman is the latest Wildcat connection to the Olympics. As reported in the LA Sentinel, Coach Bowman is helping visually impaired bronze medal long-jumper Isaac Jean-Paul prepare for his appearance at the 2024 Paralympic Games in Paris in August. "I think training with him is going to change a lot of things," said Jean-Paul. "I'm not saying what he can do for me as an athlete because I feel like everything is already there but bringing out a different part of me, teaching me different things." This year, Jean-Paul is aiming for gold.

Other Olympic connections from West include:

- Three-time track gold medalist Valerie Brisco-Hooks is a long-time assistant coach for the Wildcats Track & Field Team.
- Track alumni Alex Amankwah represented Ghana in the first round of the 800 meters at the 2016 Olympics in Rio. While he did not make it past the preliminary rounds, he was the first Ghanaian to qualify for the Olympics in this race.
- C2C alumni Sara Kovacs took Gold in the 4 x 100 and Silver in the 800m at the 2019 Special Olympics.



Learning from West's CPL Program

Dr. Samuel Lee, Chief Ambassador for the California Community Colleges Mapping Articulation Pathways project for Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) and students from the University of Southern California's Global Education doctoral program visited West recently to learn more about the equity impacts across the state and at WLAC from the implementation of CPL. The CPL program at West recently received a leadership award from the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL). West faculty are leading the state in awarding CPL to students in our CTE programs. Over 350 students have been awarded more than 13,000 units through CPL, helping them complete their degrees and certificates faster while saving money. While on campus, the group visited the Aviation Tech program.

In The News

How Washington state stands apart as a model for community college bachelor's degrees

July 24, 2024

EdSource

Mayor Karen Bass' Office to Celebrate Childhood Education Program

July 15, 2024 KFI-AM 640

Andra Hoffman: We Enroll the Top 100 Percent of Students.

July 22, 2024

Local News Pasadena

<u>Political Notebook: CA budget funds LGBTQ college support, archives, and trans immigrant programs</u>

July 10, 2024

Bay Area Reporter

<u>Community Colleges: Making the Most of Philanthropic Dollars to Bring Equity to Higher Education</u>

July 25, 2024

Inside Philanthropy

America's demand for skilled electricians is entering a boom cycle

July 27, 2024

CNBC

The US lacks enough skilled clean energy workers, but solutions are close at hand

July 26, 2024

Utility Dive

How Community and Technical Colleges Are Building the Bioeconomy Workforce

July 10, 2024

New America

California faces a variety of workforce shortages. It can't afford to cut training programs

July 9, 2024

Cal Matters

Korean language study programs should serve as gateway to culture, history

July 26, 2024

Korea Times

McCarthy tapped for \$145M athletic center

July 23, 2024

Construction Dive

Valley 200 – 2024: Armida Ornelas

July 31, 2024

San Fernando Valley Business Journal



About the Los Angeles Community College District

LACCD (www.laccd.edu) is the nation's largest community college district, educating about 250,000 students annually at its nine colleges that serve the residents of more than 36 cities and communities

from 900 square miles of Los Angeles County. Since 1969, the District has been providing an important learning pathway for students seeking transfer to four-year colleges or universities while also offering two-year degrees and certificated training programs to Southern California's diverse workforce in many specialized trades and professions.

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