

Dear LACCD Community,

The start of a new academic year brings with it a sense of hope—and perhaps now more than ever, that hope matters. In times of uncertainty and challenge, education remains one of the most powerful forces for progress. It offers a path forward, a sense of purpose, and the promise of something better. And across the Los Angeles Community College District, that promise is alive and well.

This Fall 2025 semester, our campuses are filled with students who believe in their future, and we are here to believe in them, too. Whether they're beginning their journey or returning to complete it, they bring goals, grit, and determination. And thanks to your continued leadership, they'll find the support, community, and opportunity they need to thrive.

To our faculty, staff, and administrators: thank you! Your work does more than educate, it uplifts and empowers. Because of you, LACCD remains a place of belonging, transformation, and hope.

In that same spirit of momentum and purpose, we spent the summer strengthening the District's connections with partners across Los Angeles. We met with former Councilmember Paul Krekorian, now Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Special Events, and with LA28 CEO Lieutenant General Reynold Hoover to explore ways our colleges can contribute to and benefit from the city's preparations for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. These meetings opened the door to exciting new opportunities, for collaboration, workforce development, and civic engagement, that will directly benefit our students and communities.



But as we look to the future, we also remain grounded in the realities our students face today. As an immigrant and the first to lead LACCD with that lived experience, I know personally the hopes and hardships carried by so many in our District, especially those who came to this country seeking safety, opportunity, and a better life.

At LACCD, we stand with our immigrant students and families. We reject fear-based tactics and any actions that compromise the trust, safety, or dignity of our communities. That is why I was proud to recently stand with Mayor Karen Bass and Senator Caroline Menjivar, leaders who have spoken out forcefully against the unnecessary deployment of troops in our neighborhoods.





Their courage and conviction remind us what principled leadership looks like: bold, compassionate, and unwavering in its commitment to justice.

As we begin this new semester, let us continue to lead with purpose and unity. Thank you for the work you do every day, for your service, your leadership, and your belief in what we can accomplish together.

Here's to a strong and inspiring start to Fall 2025.

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Dr. Alberto J. RománChancellor
Los Angeles Community College District











New Vice Presidents Join LACC Team

It takes a dream team to keep momentum and LACC has some phenomenal additions! Please welcome our new Vice President of Administrative Services, Shannon Carter, and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Sobia Kahn.



Shannon Carter Vice President of Administrative Services

Shannon Carter joins us with over 15 years of progressive experience in higher education administration, financial strategy, and operational management. She most recently served as Acting Vice President of Administrative Services at Mt. San Antonio College, but has previously worked within LACCD schools.



Dr. Sobia Khan Vice President of Academic Affairs

Dr. Sobia Khan joins us with nearly two decades of experience driving student success, institutional transformation, and community impact. She most recently served as Provost of East and Lake Nona Campuses at Valencia College, an Inaugural Aspen Prize winning college for Community College Excellence.



LACC Prioritizes Foster Youth Services

The Foster Youth Programs at Los Angeles City College exist to support and uplift current and former foster youth through a holistic and trauma-informed approach. We are committed to creating a safe, inclusive space where students feel seen, heard, and valued. We are looking for more former Foster Youth to join our programs – Next Up and Guardian Scholars for personalized academic guidance, mental health support, life skills training, community connections and financial support.



First Year Experience (FYE) – Summer Bridge

LACC has had a busy summer of onboarding our First Year Experience (FYE) through our 3-day summer bridge experience session. Through these sessions, students received support with career exploration, counseling, financial aid, and connections to valuable campus partners. We are ready to start a great first year with our FYE Promise students!

LACC Noncredit program

Learning is an investment in achieving personal and financial goals. LACC welcomes learners of all ages and backgrounds! Last month, celebrated 900+ students who completed a Noncredit Certificate, earned a GED or studied to become US Citizens through the LACC Noncredit program.















ELAC Alumni Golf Tournament Generates Nearly \$20,000 for Student Support

The East Los Angeles College Alumni Association celebrated tremendous success at its second annual Master of the Green Golf Tournament on July 11, 2025, at California Country Club. The event united alumni, community leaders, and friends of ELAC for an impactful day of golf and fundraising, raising \$19,516 for student scholarships and programs.

The tournament represents a significant milestone in the Alumni Association's mission to strengthen alumni connections while generating essential funding for scholarships, student engagement programs, and community outreach initiatives.

"We were overjoyed by the incredible turnout and energy at this year's tournament," said Reyna Valadez, President of the ELAC Alumni Association. "The generosity and spirit of our alumni and supporters make events like this possible. Every dollar raised represents a step closer to creating more opportunities for ELAC students, and we couldn't be more thankful."

The tournament featured a comprehensive day of activities beyond golf, including a putting contest, hole-in-one challenge, and diverse raffle prizes. Local vendors contributed to the festive atmosphere, while the day concluded with a post-tournament banquet and silent auction where guests shared stories and celebrated their shared commitment to supporting students.

"The overwhelming support we received from participants, volunteers, and friends of ELAC speaks volumes about the pride our community feels," said Emiliano Sauceda, Vice President of the ELAC Alumni Association and Chair of the 2025 Golf Tournament Planning Committee. "We are building something meaningful—a legacy of support that will benefit students for years to come."

The Master of the Green Golf Tournament has established itself as a signature event for the ELAC Alumni Association, serving as both a fundraising mechanism and a powerful demonstration of the Husky community's unity and dedication to supporting future students.

"The ELAC Alumni Association's Master of the Green Golf Tournament is more than just a day on the green—it's a powerful reminder of the lifelong bonds formed here and the impact our alumni continue to make," said Dr. Monte Perez, ELAC Interim President. "We are proud to bring together past and present members of our college community to support student success and celebrate our shared legacy."

The ELAC Alumni Association continues to focus on strengthening alumni engagement, expanding student opportunities, and building a culture of philanthropy within the college community.













Faculty Member Mario Valadez Studies Abroad this Summer:

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) provided the scholarship for one week to take courses at the Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca (UPSA). The one-week intense program offers the opportunity to deepen knowledge in the Spanish language, culture, and history to enhance teaching as well as students' learning experiences. Participants also gain firsthand experience in innovative language teaching methodologies while exploring Salamanca as a potential study-abroad destination for students. Opportunities for Administration to attend are also available.



Have You Registered?

Harbor continues to assist students with all their registration needs. <u>Super Saturday</u> will be just that, SUPER! Faculty will be there to meet students, programs and services will be tabling to provide additional information to students and recruit for their programs. It's a TEAM effort on Super Saturday!

ZERO WEEK ~ Unlock Your Potential: Register Now for Flex Week!

Zero week engages not only the faculty but also our students. Below is a list of the great activities planned:

- Tuesday, August 19 ~ Harbor Advantage Laptop Distribution: 11 am 1:30 pm
- Tuesday, August 26 ~ <u>Harbor Palooza 6.0 is BACK!</u> ~ Zero week is a busy week on campus.
 This is a fun way to engage our Seahawks and have some fun before the semester begins. Students will enjoy food, giveaways, fun games, music and much more!
- Wednesday, August 27 ~ Flex workshops are scheduled for faculty to reengage and make connections with collogues.
 - 9 am to 11 am Dual Enrollment Faculty Orientation ~ A great opportunity to connect and guide the faculty that will be teaching our Dual Enrollment Students.
 - 11 am 12 pm Supporting Student-Athletes: Faculty Strategies
- Thursday, August 28 Opening Day ~ Country Western Style! Welcome back to campus!
 Connect with colleagues, hear the state of the college, get updates from the new Academic
 Senate, and participate in engaging department updates during our Fall 2025 Kick-Off
 Event. Yes, wear your western/cowboy/cowgirl attire! Registration is in the VRC Workshops
 available:
 - Student Learning Outcomes & Credit for Prior Learning: Two Tools for Academic Alignment
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 - Nervous System Hacks: Tricking Your Brain into Relaxing
 - Al-Powered Quiz Creation: From Text to Canvas in Minutes
 - Library Collaboration for Student Success
 - Hands-Only CPR
 - How your course(s) help our students transfer
 - Al-Powered Quiz Creation: From Text to Canvas in Minutes

Welcome Back Seahawks!

- Welcome Stations will be placed around the campus to help our new and returning Seahawks now to navigate the campus during the first week of Fall 2025 semester!
- <u>Tuesday, 9/2 to 9/4 ~ CalWORKS Open House Week</u> ~ 8 am to 5 pm in CDC 152-2 Students can learn more about the program and services available to them.
- <u>Tuesday, 9/2 ~ CalWORKS invites you to Taco Tuesday!</u> Come join us from 11 am to 1 pm in CDC 152-2.

Athletics!

Join us as we launch the fall athletic season with our first home game on Friday, August 29, at 3 pm, with the **Men's Soccer Team vs Imperial Valley at Seahawk Stadium**.













Transfer Center Hosts Application Workshops

Throughout August, LAMC's Transfer Center will host a series of application workshops to support students planning to transfer to UC and CSU campuses for Spring 2026. CSUN representatives will be on campus on August 12 for a special admissions day to help students prepare for the CSU application deadline in September.



Enrollment Days Help Students Soar into Fall

Los Angeles Mission College is ramping up its fall registration efforts this August by hosting Enrollment Days most Wednesdays from 2–5 pm, with additional support available at the Super Saturday Enrollment Day and Open House on August 23. Students will get help with applying to college, enrolling in classes, financial aid, counseling, and more.



President Ornelas Named to Valley 200 for Second Consecutive Year

Los Angeles Mission College President Armida Ornelas, Ph.D., has been named to the Los Angeles Business Journal's 2025 Valley 200 list for the second year in a row, recognized in the Government & Education category. The annual list was announced on Tuesday, July 15.













Pierce College Named Best Community College in 2025 Daily News Readers' Choice Awards

Pierce College has been voted *Best Community College* in the *Los Angeles Daily News* 24th Annual Readers' Choice Awards—a prestigious honor made possible by overwhelming community

support and thousands of readers' votes across the San Fernando Valley.

In addition to earning the top spot as Best Community College, Pierce also took home *Favorite Nursing School*, *Favorite Trade/Specialty School*, and *Favorite College Extension Program*, solidifying its reputation as a leader in accessible, high-quality education across disciplines.

"This is an extraordinary recognition of our college's mission and the incredible work our students, faculty, and staff do every day," said Pierce President Aracely Aguiar. "To be named 'Best' in multiple categories is a testament to the strength of our programs, the dedication of our teams, and the trust we've built with the communities we serve."

Now in its 24th year, the *Daily News Readers' Choice Awards* highlight the most beloved businesses, institutions, and service providers across the region. The 2025 edition was published on Sunday, August 3, and featured winners in categories ranging from dining and entertainment to education and healthcare. Pierce's sweep across multiple education categories places it among the most celebrated organizations in this year's contest.

Expanding Access to STEM: Directed Studies Program Flourishes at Pierce College

Pierce College is seeing growing success with its Plant Science Directed Studies and Projects courses, including PLNT SC 896 (Horticulture Projects) and PLNT SC 185, 285, and 385 (Directed Studies). Though these offerings have been part of the catalog for over a decade, they are now gaining recognition as a vital strategy to expand student access to hands-on STEM research.

Designed to provide flexible, student-driven research experiences, the courses support a variety of academic and career goals while helping students meet unit requirements for financial aid. Dr. Savanah Senn, faculty in Plant Science, emphasized that the program is especially valuable for students who need a more adaptable, low-barrier way to engage with scientific learning and build resumes.

Students are drawn to Directed Studies for a range of reasons, from gaining technical skills to improving their competitiveness for internships, jobs, and transfer programs. Many use the units toward timely graduation or to explore plant science from other majors.

The program promotes critical thinking, research literacy, and equitable access to applied learning. While traditional research experiences often come with barriers like unpaid internships or travel, the Pierce College model brings research opportunities directly to students.

This initiative is part of a broader effort at Pierce to embed undergraduate research across disciplines. Faculty from Plant Science, Physics, and Biotechnology are working to integrate Course-Based Undergraduate Research Experiences (CUREs) into STEM and Career and Technical Education programs, supported by a growing Community of Practice.

Pierce College Vet Tech Program Offers Affordable Spay/Neuter Services While Training Future Veterinary Professionals

At Pierce College, students in the Veterinary Technology Program are gaining valuable real-world surgical experience, and your pet can be part of the process. The college is currently accepting patients for its low-cost spay and neuter clinic, held weekly during the fall semester. This initiative not only provides an affordable solution for pet owners but also serves as an essential hands-on learning opportunity for students enrolled in the "Clinical Procedures in Animal Care" course.

Each week, up to three cats or dogs receive spay or neuter surgery in a teaching environment supervised by a licensed veterinary surgeon. Students assist with every stage of the procedure, from patient check-in and prep to surgical assistance and post-operative recovery. This provides students with vital experience in veterinary care.

To qualify for the program, dog and cat patients must be friendly and between six months and four years old. Cats of any weight are eligible, and dogs must weigh between 10–50 pounds. Additional services, including vaccinations, microchipping, and diagnostic testing (such as heartworm and viral tests), can be provided during the surgical visit.

To inquire about availability or to schedule a procedure, please contact Angela Killips, RVT, Veterinary Technology Instructional Assistant, at killipam@piercecollege.edu or 818-610-6593. If you require disability accommodations to participate, please reach out at least five business days in advance.





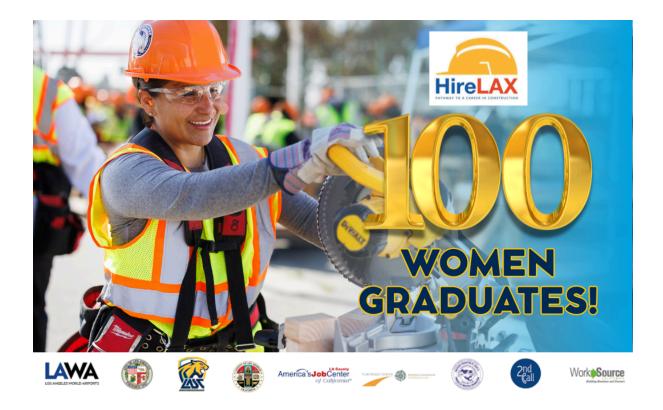












HireLAX Celebrates 100 Women Graduating

Breaking Barriers and Building Futures: Earlier this month, Los Angeles Southwest College's HireLAX Apprenticeship Readiness Program proudly celebrated the graduation of its 24th cohort—a milestone moment that marked more than just another class. This group included the 100th woman to graduate from the program, a powerful testament to increasing diversity in the construction industry. These graduates are now equipped with the skills, training, and drive to launch fulfilling careers in construction—right at the heart of Los Angeles' transformation through the multi-billion-dollar LAX Capital Improvement Program.





Football Changing Lives at LA Southwest College

Game-Changer at LA Southwest College: Sports open doors—and at LA Southwest College, those doors are leading to incredible opportunities. KCAL's Chris Hayre recently spotlighted how the Cougar football program is making a major impact, helping student-athletes excel on and off the field. The inspiring segment featured passionate coaches, driven students, and even the LACCD June Student of

the Month—showcasing how teamwork, discipline, and determination are fueling success far beyond the game.

Upcoming Events:

- <u>HireLAX Apprenticeship Readiness Program Orientation</u> Saturday, August 9, 2025, 7:00 am
 1:00 pm, LASC Little Theatre. Learn about the HireLAX Apprenticeship Readiness Program and submit your application for the program, be screened, and interviewed all on the same day.
- <u>Student Immigration Legal Clinic Consultations</u> Tuesday, August 19, 2025, 9:00 am 1:30 pm, Dream Resource Center, Student Services Building Room 116. Legal representatives from CHIRLA will be at the DRC to answer questions about immigration relief, assist with DACA renewals, the Citizenship application, and more.
- Super Saturday Enrollment Day Open House Saturday, August 23, 2025, 9:00 am 2:00 pm, Student Services Building. Students will receive assistance with admissions, financial aid, and class selection, and have the chance to learn about all the amazing resources available. Let's not forget about the best part - FREE food, 360 photo booth, activities and prizes!













Left: The 2025 Edison scholarship recipients; Right: Dr. McQuarters with President and CEO of Edison International, Pedro Pizarro

LATTC Joins Edison International in Celebrating 2025 Lineworker Scholarship Recipients

On Tuesday, July 15, LATTC and Edison International celebrated their 2025 Lineworker Scholarship recipients—all students who will enter LATTC's <u>powerline mechanic program</u> this Fall. This scholarship, now in its fifth year, is a powerful collaboration that shows how strong partnerships can build meaningful bridges between education and careers.

Twelve students in the Powerline Mechanic Certificate program are supported with \$25,000 to cover student fees and costs, allowing them to focus on their educational training and success. Read more about the scholarship recipients in the **Edison news post**.



LATTC's Fall Open House Welcomes Over 600 Attendees to Campus!

LATTC is helping students get ready for the Fall semester! On Saturday, July 12, LATTC College hosted its Fall Open House, welcoming 611 guests to campus. Attendees were able to complete the new student application, enroll in classes, get counseling assistance, complete the Financial Aid application, get a student ID card, and pick up the new Metro GoPass.

Lines formed early at the college's entrances, with a steady flow of attendees throughout the afternoon. It was a great day to showcase our academic and career pathways, along with the breadth of wraparound student services available at LATTC.















The LAVC TRIO SSS team gathered to celebrate the renewal of the TRIO grant for five years.

U.S. Dept of Education Renews the LAVC TRIO Student Support Services Grant

The U.S. Department of Education awarded Los Angeles Valley College a five-year \$1.4 million federal TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) Grant to improve college retention and graduation rates among low-income, first-generation students, and students with disabilities. This award will allow LAVC to offer TRIO SSS services on campus for five more years.

The <u>LAVC TRIO SSS</u> empowers students to overcome barriers to success by offering individualized services, including academic tutoring, financial aid, scholarship guidance, career exploration, personal and academic counseling, and mentoring. These comprehensive supports make it significantly more likely that students will complete their degree or successfully transfer, with the lowest possible debt.



LAVC Monarch Summer Bridge

First-Year students attend Monarch Summer Bridge, a day of on-campus workshops in the Summer to prepare them for college.

Upcoming Events

Farmers Market

Sunday, August 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

Monarch Enrollment Day (Virtual)

Wednesday, August 13 & 27 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Get help and enroll at our <u>Virtual Enrollment Day!</u> Chat live with Admissions, Counseling and Financial Aid and get enrolled for Fall 2025.

Monarch Enrollment Day

Tuesday, August 21 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Get help and enroll at our **In-Person Enrollment Day**! See admissions, counseling and financial aid and get enrolled for Fall 2025.

Super Saturday Enrollment Day

Saturday, August 23 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Get help and enroll at our <u>Super Saturday Enrollment Day</u>! Stop by in person to see Admissions, Counseling, and Financial Aid and get enrolled for Fall 2025.

Monarch Enrollment Day (Virtual)

Wednesday, August 27 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Get help and enroll at our <u>Virtual Enrollment Day!</u> Chat live with Admissions, Counseling and Financial Aid and get enrolled for Fall 2025.











Conferencia de Liderazgo

On Saturday, July 26, West Los Angeles College's Adult Education Program, in collaboration with the Center for Climate Change Education, held its 2nd Annual Conferencia De Liderazgo. This free, Spanish-language conference brought together over 70 students and community members for a day of inspiration, education, and cultural pride. Featuring seven dynamic Latino speakers, including Telemundo reporter Enrique Chiabra, the conference centered on empowering attendees with tools and knowledge to build agency in their personal lives, workplaces, and communities. Topics covered included U.S. history, individual rights, leadership development, and climate change education—each shared through the lens of Latino experience and resilience. This impactful event aimed to foster dialogue, strengthen community ties, and spark lasting change through education and advocacy.

Univision generously provided pre-event publicity on their social media. View video at www.lnstagram.com/p/DL3PdYehqeb/





Coming Child Development Center Remodel Highlighted by Early Edge California

Early Edge California recently profiled the Child Development Center (CDC) at West. Early Edge, founded in 2003, is a nonprofit organization working to advance policy changes and investments that will expand access to high-quality Early Learning and Care programs.

Among the highlights was a description of the coming CDC renovation funded by a \$2 million grant secured by Joanne Grey, Center Director. Outdoor learning spaces will be revamped and built from eco-

friendly materials, studded with shade trees and wooden benches, and designed for exciting learning opportunities throughout the children's days. "There will be a little hill with a telescope, and when they look out, the children will be able to see the ocean,' said Grey. The outdoor area will also have a theater for the kids to perform. Other renovation plans include a new connection area for children and families to spend time together, a study area for parenting students to do homework, a milk locker and refrigerator, and a fully-stocked family resource center."



A New Hub for Serving Students

The Fine Arts Complex will continue to house the college art program and serve as a gathering place for events large and small. But it has also become home to the Wildcats Den, Health Center, Veterans Center and new WLAC Pride Center.

The Wildcats Den, a reimagined Basic Needs Center, offers food pantry services, housing and transportation assistance, hygiene supplies, and case management

support. The Den strives to ensure that students never have to choose between hunger and their education. "It embodies West's commitment to meeting students where they are mind, body, and soul," said William Syms, Vice President of Student Services.

An on-campus Health Center returns to West and is in a space immediately adjacent to the Wildcat Den. Services will include both physical and mental health care, as well as referrals.

The Veterans Center has moved from an upper floor to the ground floor, providing easier access in addition to a more comfortable setting.

And, West welcomes a **new Pride Center** as a beacon of belonging and safety for LGBTQ+ students. This vibrant space will provide peer mentoring, identity-affirming programming, and community-building events designed to uplift and empower our diverse campus community.









Improving & Accelerating Paths to Transfer

West Los Angeles College has been selected to participate in two initiatives aimed at helping students complete their programs and transfer more quickly.

As part of the **Shortened Courses Community of Practice (CoP)**, West will redesign and pilot new accelerated course sequences that are both transfer-aligned and structured for faster completion. The initiative, led by the Success Center in partnership with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, supports colleges in converting full academic programs into shortened, accelerated formats.

Participating colleges will:

- Identify a complete academic program to redesign,
- · Create a new pathway map for that program,
- Launch at least two redesigned, shortened courses by Fall 2026 and Spring 2027.
- Contribute to systemwide research and shared learning.

Colleges will receive technical assistance, a dedicated coach, and limited implementation funding.

At the same time, West has been selected as one of 10 community colleges in the **UCLA ADT Pilot Program**, which gives priority consideration to students transferring with specific Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADTs) that align with approved UCLA majors. These majors include Political Science, History, Philosophy, Environmental Science, and others.



Film / TV Production Student Given Exclusive Tour

West's Film / TV Production students were welcomed to Stage 7 at nearby Sony Pictures Studios in Culver City to experience a tour of Pixomondo's state-of-the-art virtual production LED volume stage. Pixomondo is an Oscar, BAFTA, and Emmy-winning creative, innovation, and technology company that delivers Visualisation. Virtual Production, VFX, and Engineering for top films and episodic projects, including Game of Thrones, Star Trek, and John Wick. The tour was followed by a walk through the traditional sound/shooting stages, as well as a sound mix stage.



Building Teamwork and Recharging

As part of the Caring Campus initiative at West, several events to help staff reconnect and recharge have been held this summer, including a Paint & Sip Lunch Break, an Ice Cream Social where administrators did the scooping, and a three-hour team building session with an engaging facilitator.





In July the Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges marked the six-month anniversary of the January 2025 fires in Los Angeles with more than \$2 million deployed to impacted students, employees, and supportive services through the LA Strong: Disaster Response Fund. For month-by-month impact updates:

www.fundlacolleges.org/fireupdates







Lowe's Foundation Grants \$500,000 to LACCD Programs

Funding will enhance skilled trades programs and support LA's wildfire recovery.



Additionally, Lowe's Foundation announced a \$500,000 grant to enhance skilled trades curriculum and fire recovery workforce training. For more information about how this partnership will support LACCD students and our region: Lowe's Foundation Grants \$500,000 to LACCD Programs | LACCD







Chancellor Román was proud to welcome Mayor Karen Bass and Sen. Caroline Menjivar to Los Angeles Mission College for a critical conversation about strengthening our region's network of safety and support for students and community members.

Chancellor Román continues to reaffirm the District's strong commitment to student well-being: "As a District serving many student veterans, which operates dedicated Veteran Resource Centers across our nine campuses, we believe the military exists to protect, not to police, our cities and local communities."

LACCD is deeply committed to creating safe, inclusive environments where every student can pursue a high-quality education, free from fear of being targeted because of who they are OR where they learn.





A meeting was held between Chancellor Román and Los Angeles City Councilmembers Monica Rodriguez and Hugo Soto-Martinez to discuss key priorities for the city. The three leaders focused on collaborative efforts to support Angelenos, including workforce development and addressing the city's housing and infrastructure needs.





Board President lino, the Chancellor, and the LACCD Advocacy Team are engaged in building partnerships with the Los Angeles Olympic Committee, the Mayor's Office of Major Events, and the Los Angeles Sports & Entertainment Commission (LASEC) to create internships and workforce opportunities for students and to benefit our nine colleges.

The LACCD team recently met with former Council President Paul Krekorian, Executive Director of the Los Angeles Mayor's Office of Special Events, to discuss

potential partnerships in preparation for upcoming major events. On July 23, 2025, LACCD's Board President lino, Chancellor, and members of his Cabinet also met with Lieutenant General Reynold Hoover, CEO of LA28. LACCD explored opportunities for collaboration as Los Angeles prepares to host the historic Olympic Games. Both meetings offered valuable insights and identified exciting possibilities for partnerships.

The Office of Legislative and Government Relations developed a District Framework to engage and partner with LA28 and the LA Mayor's Office of Major Events. Click here for a copy of the LA 28 Olympic and Paralympic Games and Major Sporting Events Consultation Document.





The Human Resources Division is pleased to share the August edition of our HR Newsletter. Launched in January 2025, this newsletter was created to celebrate and inform the District's greatest asset—our employees.

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Open Enrollment is Here!

September 15 to October 10, is the one time during the year you can make healthcare plan changes without a Qualifying Event for you and your family.

These changes will be effective January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

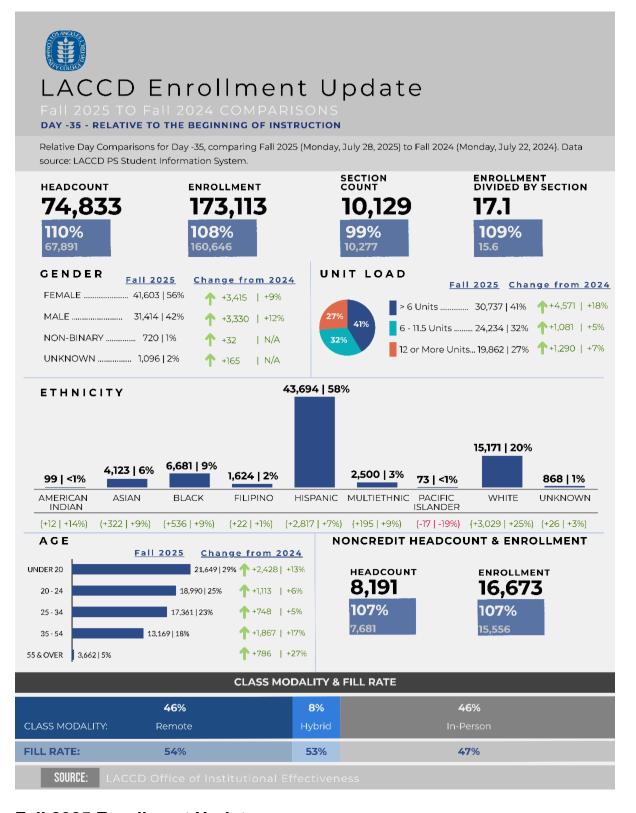
What is Changing: CalPERS announced that the Optimum pharmacy benefits contract will be replaced with CVS Caremark.

What is Not Changing: If you are not making changes to Medical, Dental, Vision, or Life Insurance, no action is needed.

Action Needed: For Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) funded by you, you must re-enroll in coverage using your SAP Employee Self-Service Portal.

For more information and Open Enrollment Fairs schedule, visit HBU SharePoint.





Fall 2025 Enrollment Update:

Comparing Fall 2025 to Fall 2024 as Day -35 of the semester, student credit headcount is up 10% and enrollment is up 8% Districtwide. Class offerings have decreased slightly by 1%, while enrollment per section has increased by 9%. Enrollment has grown across gender categories, with both female and male student populations increasing by 9% and 12%, respectively. Growth is also evident across all age groups, with gains of 5%-6% among students aged 20–34, and higher increases in under 20 (13%), 35-54 (17%), and 55 and older (27%) age groups. In addition, gains are observed across nearly all racial and ethnic groups, including Asian (6%), Black (9%), Filipino (1%), Hispanic (7%), Multiethnic (9%), and White (+25%) student groups. Noncredit enrollment has also increased in the Fall 2025 term, with a 7%

rise in headcount (from 7,681 to 8,191) and total enrollment (from 15,556 to 16,673). Regarding course modality, 46% of classes are offered remotely, 46% in person, and 8% in a hybrid format. Remote classes have the highest fill rate (54%), followed by hybrid (53%) and in-person (47%) classes.

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As feds plan new measures to prevent financial aid fraud, colleges hope real students still enroll

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At ELAC's Vincent Price Art Museum, an exhibition pays tribute to 30 years of Latina lesbian activism

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Mayor Karen Bass calls for troops to leave Los Angeles

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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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