

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

CHANCELLOR'S MONTHLY REPORT



Dear LACCD Community,

The fall semester has begun with strong enrollment growth across our district, a clear reminder that more students are turning to LACCD for opportunity and hope. This momentum comes even as we face shifting federal landscapes and broader challenges in higher education, making our mission more urgent than ever.

At the heart of this mission is you. Each day, whether front and center with students or working tirelessly behind the scenes, you provide an educational lifeline. You offer more than instruction or support services—you stand in defense of those who cannot stand alone. You bring hope, guidance, and the tools that allow students to persevere and succeed.



To capture this energy and commitment, we created a [First Day Around the District video](#), highlighting the excitement on our campuses as students returned. I encourage you to watch and share it—it's a powerful reminder of why our work matters and the impact we make in students' lives.

We also know many of our students carry heavy burdens, from hunger and housing insecurity to mental health challenges. By expanding our Basic Needs Centers and deepening our partnerships, we can

ensure they are supported both in the classroom and in life.

I was recently interviewed by Spectrum News, where I spoke about our students, our mission, and the critical role LACCD plays in shaping the future of Los Angeles. [Spectrum News Interview](#) Any

opportunity I have to communicate outward about the amazing work happening across our district is ultimately an opportunity for our students and our mission.



I also want to take a moment to congratulate Trustee David Vela for receiving the Concilio/NCCHC Campeón Trustee Award from the National Community College Hispanic Council (NCCHC). This is an incredible recognition of his leadership and commitment to advancing Hispanic student success.

This year, I ask that we continue to lead with urgency, unity, and compassion. Together, we will create the conditions for every student to thrive and to leave our campuses prepared to contribute to the well-being and prosperity of our communities.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication and for being the lifeline our students need.

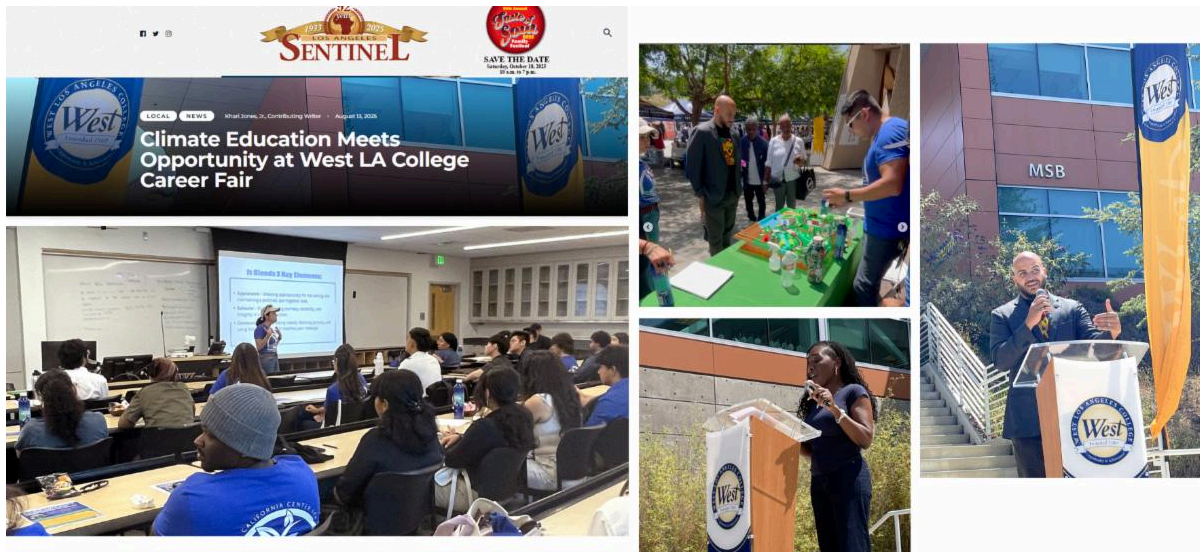
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Resilient Futures Career Fair & Registration Event

More than 350 community members, prospective students and returning students attended the **“Resilient Futures Career Fair”** and registration event at West Los Angeles College on Saturday, August 9. The fair was held in partnership with the Office of Assemblymember Isaac Bryan and featured more than 30 employers from the blue and green sectors, including Avenue 33 Farm, LA Conservation Corps, SunRun Solar, iFoster and the Metropolitan Water District. Several organizations offered immediate job and internship opportunities.

The family-friendly event also included children’s activities, food from Vurger Guys—a popular vegan food truck, and live music. Assemblymember Bryan and LACCD Trustee Nichelle Henderson addressed the crowd with remarks.

Alongside the career fair, West provided hands-on support with college applications, class selection and student services. The event also served to promote the Super Saturday enrollment event on August 23 where an additional 100 people advanced from the status of prospective to applied, from applied to enrolled, from enrolled to adding additional units, and/or connected with campus services.

Coverage of the August 9 event appeared in the [Los Angeles Sentinel](#).



LA5 Rotary Provides \$22,300 in Scholarships

The Rotary Club of Los Angeles Rotary (LA5) recently awarded \$22,300 in scholarships to 26 West Aviation Technology and Dental Hygiene students. LA5 has supported Dental Hygiene Bachelor's Degree students for several years, assisting them with the high cost of their tools and professional exams. After learning more about the new Bachelor's of Avionics path in the Aviation Technology program, the LA5 increased its support to aviation students who also have costly tools and licensing exams.

Remarks were provided by Paul Ekstrand, LA5's past president of LA5 and Founder and Chair of their Vocational Scholarships program. Another greeting was given by LA5's Stayce Harris, a retired Inspector General of the U.S. Air Force with the three-star rank of Lieutenant General, who also served as a United Airlines pilot. Harris presented a scholarship in her name to Aviation Tech student Isiah Butler.

National Academy of Sciences Engineering & Medicine Invites President to be a Climate Conversations Panelist

West Los Angeles College President Dr. James M. Limbaugh recently participated in *Climate Conversations: Pathways to Action*, a monthly webinar series hosted by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM).

The discussion, moderated by Neil Leary of Dickinson College, explored how higher education can expand pathways into resiliency-focused careers. Dr. Limbaugh joined Leah Dundon of the Vanderbilt Climate Change Initiative in highlighting how colleges and universities are preparing learners with the skills needed for a climate-resilient future.

Topics ranged from renewable energy and electric grid modernization to resilient infrastructure and community adaptation. Dr. Limbaugh emphasized the role of community colleges, like West, in equipping students across a wide range of disciplines with competencies that employers increasingly seek.

By participating in this national dialogue, Dr. Limbaugh spotlighted West's leadership in aligning workforce training with the realities of a changing climate, ensuring students are prepared for meaningful, future-ready careers.



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Los Angeles Valley College Awarded \$657,538 NSF Grant to Launch Cybersecurity Career Pathway

Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC) has been awarded a \$657,538 grant from the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) to establish "A Pathway to Cybersecurity Careers in California." This new initiative will develop a comprehensive curriculum and training program to address the urgent demand for skilled cybersecurity technicians in the state.

"I am excited that the National Science Foundation is supporting LA Valley College to expand our cybersecurity program given the local, state, and national significance and the estimated 36% of cybersecurity jobs are currently unfilled in California," said Dr. Barry Gribbons, president of Los Angeles Valley College.

LAVC is poised to be the first community college in California to create Cybersecurity and Network Support certificates that follow the Cybersecurity Model Curriculum for California Community Colleges and align with the National Institutes of Standards and Technology's (NIST) NICE Workforce Framework. This rigorous model curriculum ensures a high-quality education that meets national standards.

The project, led by Principal Investigator Mario Perez and Co-Principal Investigator Shirin Herrington, will develop two non-credit certificates and one credit certificate, with the non-credit certificates acting as a bridge to the credit certificate and allowing students to stack their learning. The certificates will serve as a foundational step for students to enter the workforce or continue their education towards an Associate of Science degree.

"This grant is a game-changer for our students and for the cybersecurity industry in the Los Angeles region," said Mario Perez, LAVC faculty member. "We are creating a clear, accessible path for individuals to gain the technical expertise required for high-paying, in-demand jobs. By collaborating closely with industry leaders, we will ensure our curriculum is directly aligned with employer needs."

A key component of the new program will be an apprenticeship component, providing students with structured on-the-job training coupled with classroom instruction to give them practical, real-world experience.

The grant will also fund recruitment efforts to attract high school and community college students to the cybersecurity program and raise awareness about these critical career opportunities.

“Congratulations to President Barry Gribbons and Los Angeles Valley College for receiving a valuable NSF federal grant to help students be prepared to enter the workforce as cybersecurity professionals,” said Congresswoman Luz Rivas. “This highlights the growing need for serious, long-term investments in STEM education that allows students to see that a future career in STEM is possible and attainable. I look forward to working with President Gribbons and LA Valley College faculty members Mario Perez and Shirin Herrington to continue finding ways to strengthen STEM workforce pathways for students across the San Fernando Valley.”



Getting Ready for the Start of the Academic Year at LAVC Opening Day

On August 28, faculty, staff, and administrators gathered in preparation for the start of the new 2025-26 academic year at LAVC's Opening Day.

This annual professional development event kicked off with welcome remarks from President Barry Gribbons, LACCD Trustee Andra Hoffman, LAVC Academic Senate President Edgar Perez, and union leadership. In the morning, Monarch Hall was filled to hear keynote speakers Dr. Liza Chavac, assistant director of the Center of Excellence for Labor Research, and Daniela R. Amaya, Ph.D. student at UCLA's School of Education & Information Studies in the Higher Education and Organizational Change department.

In the afternoon, there was an emergency preparedness session before faculty broke off to meet with their Career and Academic Pathway (CAP) group, and classified professionals attended an SAP/PCR Training.



Welcoming new & returning students at LAVC Welcome Week

LAVC hosted a series of Welcome Week activities to kick off the school year and give students an opportunity to connect with programs and services, student government leaders, clubs and make friends. The Unity Center held a three-day Department & Services Fair with free coffee and pastries. The Associated Student Union (ASU) Carnival brought students together for food, fun games, and a chance to meet student clubs. The week ended with a family-friendly Welcome Week Movie Night screening of *A Shark Tale*!

Upcoming Events

ASU Outdoor Movie Night: Encanto!

Thursday, September 11 at 6 a.m.

Grab your blankets, bring your friends, and get ready for a magical night under the stars! The Associated Student Union invites you to an [outdoor screening of Disney's Encanto](#).

Women's Water Polo Tournament

Saturday, September 13 from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The LAVC Women's Water Polo will host an [LAVC Mini Tournament](#) with Bakersfield College, Crafton Hills College, Rio Hondo College, and East LA College. Come support the team and watch the Monarchs in action!

Farmers Market

Sunday, September 14, 21, 28 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Good Times Farmers Market is hosting a [farmer market at LA Valley College](#) every Sunday year-round. There will be fresh produce, live music, food, beverages, baked goods and handcrafted items.

Women's Soccer vs. East LA College

Tuesday, September 25 at 4 p.m.

The LAVC Women's Soccer team will [host East LA College](#) in a thrilling home game. Come out and support! Free admission to the game.

Men's Water Polo vs. Whittier College

Wednesday, September 24 at 4:30 p.m.

The LAVC Men's Water Polo team is hosting Whittier College for a face-to-face match up in the Aquatics Center. Free admission.

Football vs. Santa Monica College

Saturday, September 27 at 1 p.m.

The LAVC Football team will face-off against Santa Monica College on the grid iron. Come out and support our Monarchs for this thrilling home game! Free admission to the game.



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LATTC's Convocation Brings Together Faculty, Staff, and Administrators for the Start of a New School Year

On August 28, LATTC's faculty, classified professionals, and administrators kicked off the start of a new school year at the annual convocation.

The college was pleased to be joined by LACCD Trustee David Vela, who provided welcome remarks to the LATTC family. The full day covered 20 topics, including student services & discipline, fostering a sense of belonging for students outside of the classroom, teaching dual enrollment, and guiding growth through mentoring.

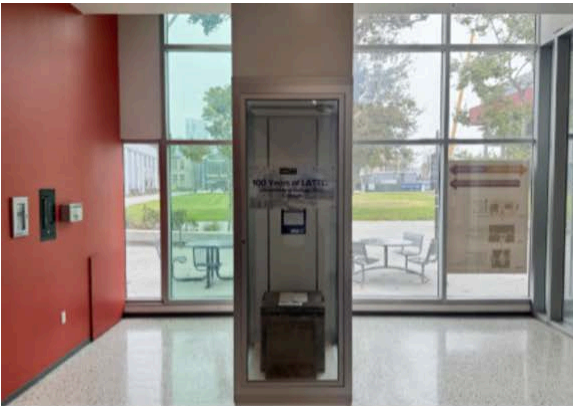
Additionally, a lunch panel discussed student protections for our differently documented students and how LATTC can support all communities within the college.



LATTC Hosts Adjunct Rising Gathering and New Faculty Academy

In August, LATTC welcomed a cohort of dedicated adjunct faculty at a pre-Fall semester gathering, *Adjunct Rising: Building Our Collective Impact*. Adjunct faculty are an essential part of the LATTC college family—bringing talent, expertise, and passion that directly shape the learning experience for our students. *Adjunct Rising* was created to connect, strengthen, and celebrate our adjunct community while also equipping them with the tools and support needed to thrive.

Days earlier, the college also welcomed a cohort of tenure-track faculty (both first and second year) during the New Faculty Academy. These events were a great way to gather as the college celebrates its centennial year and looks forward to building on 100 years of excellence—continuing to prepare students for success across every pathway.



New Library Exhibition Showcases LATTC's Time Capsule Buried 50 Years Ago

This past January, LATTC unearthed a time capsule that had been buried 50 years earlier. The plaque marking the capsule's location instructed the college to dig up the capsule during its centennial year. The capsule, and highlights of its contents, are now formally on view for the first time in the college's Library (D3/The Hub).

Looking for a preview? Check out the [latest news post](#) from the college.

LATTC Makes the News!



LATTC made big news on Tuesday, August 5 with a special feature in the *LA Times*' new Learning section. The article highlighted Culinary Arts and the continuous positive enrollment the pathway has seen over the years.

In addition to the college's stellar students and faculty (special appearances by Culinary Arts Department Chair, Chef Jerry Vachon and Chef Bob Wemischner), the story spoke of the success of its graduates after finding LATTC, even amidst seasons of uncertainty.

"A Russian immigrant, [Katya] Shastova came to the U.S. in 2011 and settled in New York before eventually relocating to Los Angeles. Pondering her next move, she thought about her mother's bakery back home. "I figured I already knew how to do that," she said with a laugh. "Then I found Trade-Tech."

[Read the full story](#)

Upcoming Events



LATTC Foundation Gala

Wednesday, October 16 | 6 pm

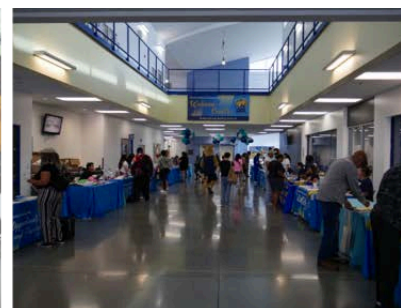
LATTC's Foundation hosts the Fall gala, honoring architect and LATTC Alum, Mr. Herb Nadel and President of LA County Federation of Labor, Ms. Yvonne Wheeler.

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Super Saturday Fall Kick-Off Cougar Carnival

Los Angeles Southwest College kicked off the fall semester with a lively Fall Kick-Off & Enrollment Day that welcomed new and returning Cougars to campus. Students and their families enjoyed a day filled with support, resources, and community fun.

Attendees received hands-on help with admissions, class selection, counseling, and financial aid, including workshops on the Fall 2025 \$0 Tuition Promise Program and FAFSA.

Information sessions and guidance services ensured students left prepared to start the semester strong.

Beyond academics, guest stars included the KJLH broadcast team and on-air talent Adai Lamar. She welcomed students and helped facilitate the raffle of LASC swag and Gardena Jazz festival tickets. The event also brought the community together with free food, games, activities, face painting, and prize giveaways. The welcoming atmosphere made it easy for students to connect, learn about campus resources, and get excited about their educational journey.

The Cougar spirit was on full display, and the event set the tone for a successful semester ahead.



LASC AI Robotics Academy

On July 19 and July 26, 2025, Los Angeles Southwest College proudly hosted the AI Robotics Academy, welcoming students from partner high school Ivie Burton for an inspiring two-Saturday experience.

For many participants, it was their first time building and programming a robot. Using mBot kits, students learned the fundamentals of assembly and coding, quickly gaining hands-on skills through teamwork and exploration. Their enthusiasm and curiosity made the sessions both engaging and memorable. The Academy culminated in a friendly robotics challenge, where students showcased their creativity, problem-solving, and team spirit. The excitement and energy in the room reflected the power of experiential learning and the potential of these future innovators.

This program was made possible through the support of Dean Brach and Rodnette, along with the guidance of Counselor Seoun-Canas, who helped students take their first steps toward enrolling in college programs. Special thanks go to Mr. Leon and Mr. Ghssoub for their first-time contributions as presenters, as well as Professor Sosa for his valuable assistance. We are also grateful to Dr. Bradford and Dr. Moore for their continued encouragement.

The Academy highlighted not just robotics, but also the importance of collaboration, mentorship, and community. We look forward to building on this momentum at the next AI Academy!



Opening Day

Los Angeles Southwest College proudly welcomed faculty and staff back for the 2024–2025 academic year with an inspiring Opening Day celebration on Thursday, August 28, 2024. The in-person session brought the campus community together for a morning of reflection, collaboration, and motivation.

The day began with welcome addresses from LACCD and LASC leadership, including the Academic Senate president, LASC president, LACCD superintendent, board members, and union leaders. Their remarks underscored the collective commitment to student success and to creating a supportive and innovative learning environment.

The highlight of the morning was the keynote workshop, “Getting Back to Purpose,” led by Mike Walsh. In an engaging and interactive session, Walsh invited employees to reconnect with their personal “why” and reengage with the shared values that drive meaningful collaboration. Through reflective activities, dialogue-driven strategies, and team-building simulations, participants explored how trust, clarity, and purpose contribute to a healthy workplace culture. Attendees left with renewed focus, stronger connections, and practical tools to foster purpose-driven engagement within their teams.

In addition to the in-person celebration, the Opening Week also featured a virtual keynote on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, with Mark Warschauer. His session, “Promoting Academic Writing and AI Literacy with PapyrusAI,” explored the evolving role of generative AI in higher education. Warschauer emphasized both the opportunities and challenges AI presents for teaching writing, introducing PapyrusAI, an evidence-based, instructor-controlled platform designed to support student learning while maintaining academic integrity.

Together, these sessions set a powerful tone for the year ahead that is rooted in purpose, innovation, and community.

Upcoming Events

Welcome Week - Fall 2025;

Wednesday, September 3, 2025 and Thursday, September 4, 2025, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, Student Services Building.

Kick-off the school year with a Luau Welcome Week party. there will be free food, prizes, and entertainment

LASC Founder's Day

Wednesday, September 17, 2025, Student Services Building Lobby

LASC ASO invites the campus community to honor our origins, celebrate our legacy, and honor the individuals who played pivotal roles in our establishment.



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Leaders Gather to Launch Vision for Fall 2026: Pierce College Hosts Annual Leadership Retreat

On Tuesday, August 26, Los Angeles Pierce College hosted its annual Leadership Retreat for administrators, academic leaders, and key staff to set the stage for a successful Fall 2026 semester. Held in a collaborative and forward-thinking spirit, the event was a motivational gathering and a strategic planning session to ensure the college delivers its promise to its students and staff.

The retreat agenda reflected key institutional priorities, including accreditation, scheduling, budgeting, and the Student-Centered Funding Formula (SCFF). Participants engaged in discussions on innovative revenue generation strategies—ranging from campus facility rentals to efficiencies in student

communications and scheduling. A working session invited teams to brainstorm around curriculum enhancements, improved student pathways, and retention strategies, all aligned with the college's Strategic Master Plan goals of financial stewardship, organizational stability, and equitable student success.

"As we prepare for the year ahead, this retreat reminds us of the power of collective leadership," said Pierce President Aracely Aguiar. "Together, we're not just preparing for another academic year but also shaping the future of the college and ensuring student success and outcomes."

With the foundation laid at this year's retreat, Pierce College enters Fall 2025 with renewed momentum and clarity of purpose.



Super Saturday Welcomes Students, Supports Families, and Kicks Off Fall Semester

Los Angeles Pierce College welcomed students and their families to campus last weekend for Super Saturday, an all-in-one support event designed to assist Brahmas and ensure they begin Fall 2025 with confidence and connection.

The event provided critical assistance with registration, enrollment, and financial aid. Counselors and staff were on-site to help students complete their applications, submit FAFSA forms, and register for classes. The event also officially onboarded this year's LA College Promise Scholars, ensuring they are ready to begin their academic journey at Pierce.

In addition to academic support, Super Saturday featured a Brahma Bodega fresh food distribution, offering fresh produce, canned goods, and pantry staples to anyone in need. The effort reflects Pierce College's ongoing commitment to holistic student support—both inside and outside the classroom.

Thanks to the dedicated faculty, staff, and volunteers who made it possible, Super Saturday was a resounding success and a powerful start to a new academic year filled with opportunity and promise.



Pierce Journalism Alumna Delilah Brumer Honored by Society of Professional Journalists

Pierce College celebrates recent graduate Delilah Brumer, who has been named one of two Outstanding Student Journalists of the Year by the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ), Greater Los Angeles Pro Chapter. Brumer will be recognized at SPJ's 49th Annual Distinguished Journalist Awards Banquet on October 22, 2025, at the Castaway in Burbank.

A bilingual journalist with a strong commitment to covering education, immigration, and government through data-driven reporting, Brumer graduated from Pierce in June 2025 and will begin her junior year at UCLA this fall as a transfer student.

While at Pierce, she served as editor-in-chief of both the *Roundup* and *The Bull*, leading the award-winning student publications with distinction. Her growing body of work also includes internships with CalMatters, Southern California News Group, and EdSource, as well as a Capital Reporting Fellowship with Colorado Newsline this past summer.

Brumer is also a member of the New York Times Corps, a selective national mentorship program, and has contributed on-the-ground reporting as a stringer for The New York Times, covering major events including the January 2025 L.A. wildfires and the 2024 election from Arizona.

Delilah's recognition reflects the excellence of Pierce College's journalism program and the potential of community college students. The Pierce College community congratulates her on this well-deserved honor and look forward to watching her journalism career continue to rise.



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LAMC to Host The San Fernando Valley Goes to College Fair in September



In partnership with LAUSD Region North, Los Angeles Mission College will host the 13th Annual San Fernando Valley Goes to College Fair on Saturday, September 20, from 9 am to 1 pm.

The College Fair offers San Fernando Valley students and their families the chance to meet with college and university representatives, attend workshops, and explore admissions pathways for UC, CSU, HBCUs, and private institutions. Attendees can also learn about Financial Aid, College Promise, and services for foster youth, as well as additional support opportunities.

This event is free and open to the community. For more information, please visit lamission.edu/sfvguestocollege.

Mexican Consul General Hosts Community Forum

On Tuesday, August 26, Los Angeles Mission College welcomed Ambassador Carlos González-Gutiérrez, Consul General of Mexico in Los Angeles, for a special community forum. Ambassador González-Gutiérrez shared updates on consular services, highlighting areas where demand has grown, and engaged directly with attendees during a question-and-answer session.



The event also featured remarks from LACCD Trustee Gabriel Buelna, who underscored the importance of collaboration between the Consulate, the College, and the District in serving the community.



Allied Health Pinning Ceremony

On Friday, August 29, Los Angeles Mission College hosted its Allied Health Pinning Ceremony, honoring students who completed certificates across a range of healthcare programs, including Phlebotomy Technician, EKG Technician, Medical Assisting, Medical Billing and Coding, and In-Home Support

Services. The ceremony also celebrated the first graduating cohort of the Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) program, marking a major milestone for the Allied Health program.



Mission College Hosts Enrollment Events to Kick Off Fall Semester

From late summer through the start of the fall semester, Los Angeles Mission College held a series of enrollment events to welcome students and provide support as they prepared for classes.

On August 23, the College hosted Super Saturday, drawing the highest enrollment day turnout since February 2023. Just a week later, Student Services teams offered Just-In-Time Enrollment Assistance

on September 2–3, helping students finalize schedules in the Student Services & Administration Building and campus quad.

LAMC's Associated Student Organization (ASO) kicked off the semester with a three-day Welcome Week celebration featuring games, resources, and free food. The first week concluded with a Last Chance Enrollment Day on September 6, giving students who had been disenrolled an opportunity to re-enroll and stay on track toward their goals.



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Opening Day Hoedown 2025

Our Western-themed opening day kickoff was filled with collaboration, inspiration, and a whole lot of heart! 💙💛💜 Our staff is dedicated to providing the most personal and supportive experience for our students this fall. 📚👩🏫 See you there Seahawks! 🦅🦅 Thank you to our partners at Pierce College for sharing western gear with us! [#lahc](#) [#lahcedu](#) [#openingday](#)

Harbor Palooza 6.0 was a hit!

The start of Palooza started with a friendly competition of basketball with administration, faculty and staff. The staff won the challenge! Palooza was well attended with special guests from Carson High School AEE and VHTPA Students. What a way to start the semester! [Harbor Palooza brought the fun, the vibes](#), and the whole Seahawk crew together from carnival games to campus spirit; this fall is already off to an unforgettable start. 💙💛 [#HarborPalooza](#) [#lahcedu](#)

Rising Scholars comes to Harbor College

At LAHC, the program will officially be launched in Fall 2025. In this first year, we are maintaining our initial goals of building strong infrastructure, recruiting students, and creating an early support network while continuing to grow the program's long-term vision. A central part of this effort includes establishing a dedicated program area on campus where Rising Scholars can find a welcoming space that fosters comfort, connection, and belonging. Looking ahead, the Rising Scholars Program will expand to include comprehensive academic and career counseling, peer mentorship, transfer and workforce readiness support, and culturally responsive programming that acknowledges and affirms the lived experiences of justice-impacted students.

Program Goals: 1. Recruitment of Rising Scholars; 2. Dedicated Program Space; 3. Building Infrastructure; 4. Early Support Services; 5. Community Engagement

To launch the program, we will host an Ice-Cream Social Open House in collaboration with the Harbor Advantage Program on **Thursday, September 25, in the SSA Building Room 115 & 219, including a hub tour.**

By investing in the Rising Scholars Program, LAHC affirms its mission as a student-centered, equity-driven institution committed to social justice. Education is not only a pathway to economic mobility but also a vital instrument for personal growth, empowerment, and community transformation.

The Rising Scholars Program represents a bold step forward for LAHC, one that will transform lives and strengthen our community. We are proud to welcome our first cohort of scholars this fall and to continue building a program that reflects the resilience, brilliance, and aspirations of our students and diverse communities.

LA Harbor College Pavilion – Blue Economy Culinary Arts Pavilion



In partnership with LA Harbor College's acclaimed Culinary Arts Program, this pavilion will spotlight next-generation culinary talent. Students will prepare recipes inspired by our 2025 Blue Hour Honoree, Chef Andrew Zimmern, with a focus on:

- **Ocean vegetables** (like kelp and sea lettuce)
- **Underutilized or overlooked marine species**
- **Artisanal seafood sausages** crafted with sustainability in mind



Expect bold flavors, inventive dishes, and a powerful showcase of how education and the Blue Economy intersect.

LA Harbor College Pavilion – Blue Economy Culinary Arts Pavilion

September 27, 2025, 5:30 pm – 10 pm at the Land's End at the AltaSea Campus – Renowned Chef Zimmern will be honored at the AltaSea's Blue Hour. **Harbor College culinary students will prepare recipes inspired by Chef Zimmern that evening.** Join in the arts and amazing food. For tickets and more information - <https://altasea.org/blue-hour-blue-food/> It will be an evening of arts and amazing food! This is the Culinary Innovation and Ocean Sustainability Take Center Stage at the 6th Annual Fundraiser.



2025-2026 – Student Athlete for the Upcoming Season!

🌟 **What a 2024-2025 season our Seahawks had!** Our student-athletes are making waves on the field and in the classroom.

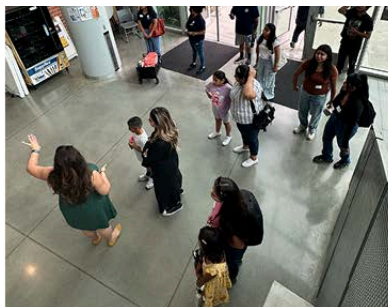
- 🎓 **45+ graduates & transfers** moving forward to their next big chapter
- 📖 **Half our team rocking a 3.0+ GPA**
- 🏆 **9 Presidential Distinguished Scholars (3.7+)**
- ⭐ **1 All-American & Conference MVP**
- 🔥 **9 First Team | 9 Second Team | 5 Honorable Mentions**
- 📈 **140+ recruited athletes... and counting!**

This isn't just about stats — it's about hard work, teamwork, and big dreams coming true. 💪💙



The Newest Addition to the Seahawk Essentials is the Community Child Team!

After providing them with a tour of what we have to offer our students: Seahawk Essential main office, the Boutique, and Market, they were amazed and wanted to partner with us. The new addition is having diapers and wipes available to our students and the community. We launched with our first donation on August 5th. The SE Staff reaches out to single-parent students and those with children three and under to stop by on a monthly basis for a diaper pick-up. The partnership led to the opening of a new infant pantry at Harbor. What a gift to serve students who need help caring for their infants. Thank you, Community's Child, for your generosity.



Super Saturday – Was Super!!

It was a Super Saturday at Harbor College! Welcome, Harbor Family, to our new and returning Seahawks! Students met with a counselor, visited program tables, backpacks from Seahawk Essentials, campus tours, and most importantly, students are enrolled in classes for the Fall!

[#educationchangeseverything](#) Didn't make it today? Come visit the Welcome Center (Ssa118) or the Community Engagement Center (Tech 100) that is open extended hours - [@lahcadulteducation](#). We are here to help you find a class that meets your educational goals.



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Groundbreaking Early Childhood Education Apprenticeship Program Enters Second Year

The CFES Department at ELAC is making remarkable strides with its Early Childhood Education Apprenticeship Program, now in its second successful year. This pioneering initiative, supported by a CAI innovation grant, represents a transformative approach to workforce development in early childhood education. The program operates through a strategic partnership with [Woodcraft Rangers](#) and ECEPTS, creating the region's first registered apprenticeship for early childhood educators and one of only three such programs nationwide.

The three-year program structure allows students to earn multiple credentials



Annual Summer Kickback Enrollment Fair Draws Strong Community Response

ELAC demonstrated its continued commitment to student accessibility and community engagement through its annual summer kickback enrollment fair held on Saturday, August 23rd. The event attracted over 400 new and returning students, providing a welcoming environment where participants could register for classes, receive academic and counseling support, and enjoy complimentary desserts. The fair exemplified ELAC's student-centered approach, combining practical enrollment services with community-building activities that help ease students into the college experience.

simultaneously: an AAT in Early Childhood Education, an AS degree in Child and Adolescent Development, and at least one workforce certificate. Currently serving 37 students across two cohorts (15 in Cohort 1 and 22 in Cohort 2), the program aims to expand to 25 students per cohort. What makes this program particularly noteworthy is its 100% retention rate in the inaugural cohort, with 11 of the 14 original apprentices already earning their Child Development Associate Teacher Skills Certificate after just nine months. The program's success stems from its comprehensive wraparound services and the fact that participants earn while they learn, graduating debt-free and prepared for transfer to four-year universities.

Interim President Monte Perez took an active role in the event, conducting staff interviews to ensure that both current and prospective students have access to all the information necessary for a successful semester at ELAC. These interviews, captured on video, reflect the administration's hands-on approach to student success and transparent communication about available resources and support systems.

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LACC Fall Enrollment Fair

On Saturday, August 23 LACC held their Fall Enrollment Fair. More than 200 people attended.

KABC-TV aired coverage during its broadcast.

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Summer Labor Appreciation BBQ

On August 11, 2025, general contractor, GMZ Engineering hosted a Summer Labor Appreciation BBQ to thank the hardworking construction crew, Campus staff & facilities, College Project Team, Architect & Inspector of Records, Project Management Office & District staff, behind the Central Quad Improvements project at Los Angeles City College. This \$9.8 million project is transforming the heart of the almost 100-year-old campus. The project will enhance the area's safety and accessibility, add Wi-Fi connectivity, replace the outdated hydronic pipe system, and install a new water-efficient irrigation system. When completed, the new central quad will include several seating options, including concrete

benches, site furniture, and an amphitheater-style bench, improved pathways with lighting, drought-tolerant landscape, and 29 new 20-40 gallon boxed trees.



LACC Convocation

LACC held its annual convocation on August 28 and welcomed special alumnus guest speaker Mark Hamill.

First Year Experience (FYE) Summer Bridge

First Year Experience (FYE) onboarding workshops are preparing new LACC students for the coming academic year. Students take a college success course, meet with a counselor and make friends with their cohort group. Nearly 800 students will participate this summer. Workshop dates are August 25th to August 28th.

Asian Pacific American Student Success (APASS)

Our APASS Summer Leadership Academy brings our API students to a unique first-year and second-year workshop series.

Dates include:
July 28, 2025 – August 28, 2025

Beat The Rush

LACC is ready to help students Beat the Rush to start Fall semester. During this period of time, we extend our service hours and days in Admission, Financial Aid and a full array of student services.

Monday, August 25th – Friday, September 5th
M-Th 8:00am –7:00pm, F 8:00am-4:00pm

District Office Events & Updates



Office of Communications and Marketing



LACCD Chancellor and LAUSD Superintendent greet students at Carson Academy

LACCD Chancellor Román, Superintendent Dr. Alberto Carvalho, and U.S. Rep. Nanette Diaz Barragán had the opportunity to see the Los Angeles Unified's CTE-Linked Learning Dual Enrollment in action - giving high school students the opportunity to earn college credit early through our partnership with Los Angeles Community College District.

From Child Development labs to CTE Gaming courses, student leaders proudly shared their success stories — proving that with the right opportunities, our students can



Chancellor Román gets featured in the Community College Voice Podcast.

Chancellor Román joined Tabitha Whissemore on the Community College Voice Podcast from the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) to discuss Navigating Challenges & Creating Opportunities at LACCD.

Thank you to Tabitha and AACC for the thoughtful conversation and the opportunity to share LACCD's story!

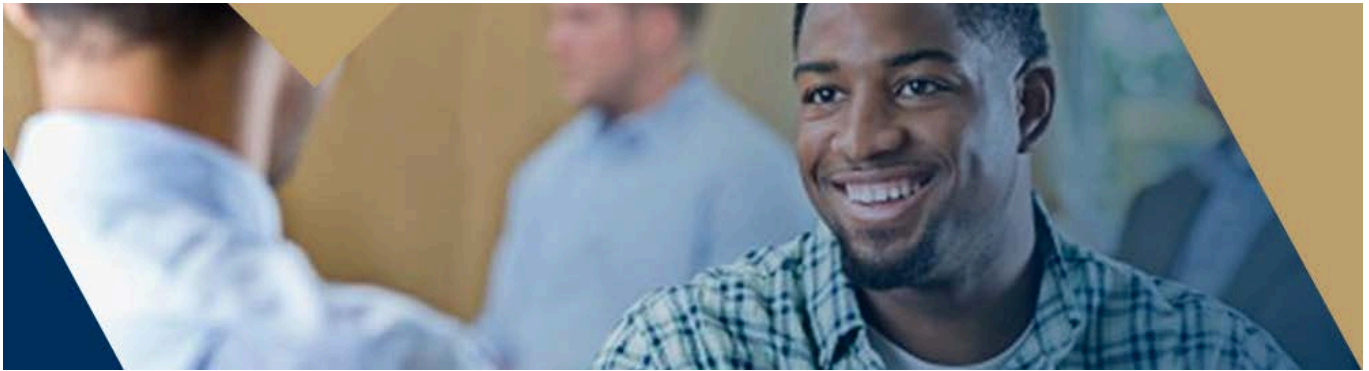
dream bigger, achieve more, and lead the way.



The Chancellor shared the voice of LACCD students and faculty at the State Capitol.

Chancellor Román represented the LACCD at the California State Capitol, where he shared our District's housing priorities at the Community College Select Committee Hearing led by Senator Reyes. He also met with Assemblymember Jessica Caloza (District 52) and other state leaders to highlight the importance of access, equity, and student success across our nine colleges.

From the hearing room to the Capitol steps, LACCD continues to ensure that the voices of our students, faculty, and staff are heard loud and clear in shaping the future of higher education in California.



Office of Human Resources



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

[HR-Newsletter--September-2025.aspx](#)

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](#).



LACCD Enrollment update



LACCD Enrollment Update

Fall 2025 TO Fall 2024 COMPARISONS

DAY 0 - RELATIVE TO THE BEGINNING OF INSTRUCTION

Relative Day Comparisons for Day 0, comparing Fall 2025 (Monday, September 1, 2025) to Fall 2024 (Monday, August 26, 2024).
Data source: LACCD PS Student Information System.

HEADCOUNT
108,278
101%
106,905

ENROLLMENT
250,949
102%
246,188

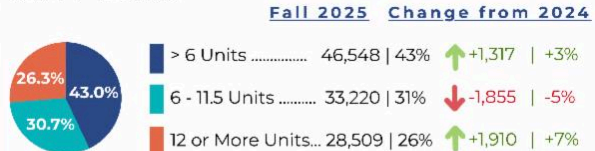
SECTION COUNT
10,091
98%
10,277

ENROLLMENT DIVIDED BY SECTION
24.9
104%
24.0

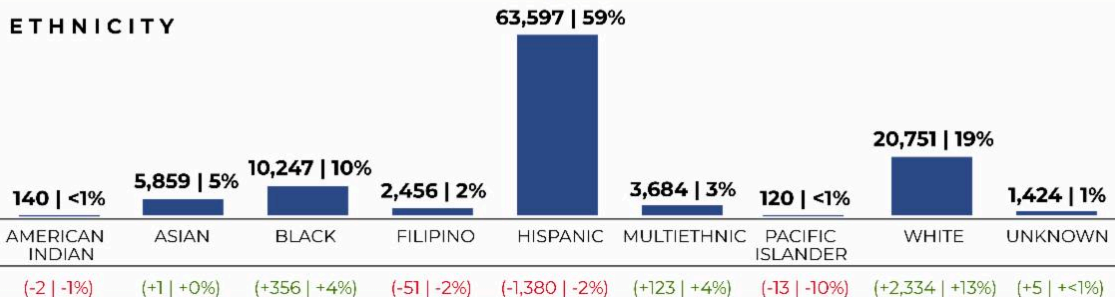
GENDER

	Fall 2025	Change from 2024
FEMALE	59,156 55%	↑ +602 +1%
MALE	46,469 43%	↑ +694 +2%
NON-BINARY	995 1%	↓ -35 N/A
UNKNOWN	1,658 2%	↑ +112 N/A

UNIT LOAD



ETHNICITY



AGE

	Fall 2025	Change from 2024
UNDER 20	34,473 32%	↓ -360 -1%
20 - 24	27,654 26%	↓ -545 -2%
25 - 34	24,366 23%	↑ +510 +2%
35 - 54	17,295 16%	↑ +1,310 +8%
55 & OVER	4,488 4%	↑ +457 +11%

NONCREDIT HEADCOUNT & ENROLLMENT

HEADCOUNT
12,624
110%
11,451

ENROLLMENT
25,517
119%
21,405

CLASS MODALITY & FILL RATE

CLASS MODALITY:	48% Remote	8% Hybrid	44% In-Person
FILL RATE:	80%	70%	68%

SOURCE: LACCD Office of Institutional Effectiveness

Fall 2025 Enrollment Update:

Comparing Fall 2025 to Fall 2024 as Day 0 of the semester, student credit headcount is up 1% and enrollment is up 2% Districtwide. Class offerings decreased slightly by 2%, while enrollment per section rose by 4%. Enrollment has grown across gender categories, with both female and male student populations increasing by 1% and 2%, respectively. Growth is also evident among older age groups, with gains of 2%-11% among students who are 25 years and older, while enrollment for students under 20 (-1%) and 20-24 (-2%) declined. By race/ethnicity, enrollment grew among Black (4%), Filipino (1%), Multiethnic (4%), and White (+13%) student groups, while declines were observed within the Hispanic student population (-2%). Noncredit enrollment also increased in the Fall 2025 term, with a 10% rise in

headcount (from 11,451 to 12,624) and 19% increase in total enrollment (from 21,405 to 25,517). Course modality distribution shows 48% of classes are offered remotely, 44% in person, and 8% in a hybrid format. Remote classes have the highest fill rate (80%), followed by hybrid (70%) and in-person (68%) classes.

[View the LACCD Fall 2025 Enrollment Update PDF version](#)

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[In Focus SoCal: Fontana school renaming; 1-on-1 with LACCD Chancellor](#)

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The Sacramento Bee

[Chancellor Salgado Receives National Award for Commitment to Equity, Access, and Student Success](#)

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[ASU Online offers California community college students even more affordable path to degrees](#)

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[Free AI training comes to California colleges — but at what cost?](#)

CalMatters

[Analysis: California community colleges offer quick return on tuition investment](#)

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[Cal State LA launches STEM Expo to spotlight community college interns and engineering careers](#)

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['On the Side of Angels:' New LA exhibit highlights Latina and lesbian activism](#)

Los Angeles Daily News

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[Los Angeles Mission College Launches an Inclusive Fall Choir for All Students and the Community-at-Large](#)

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[Undeterred by tough restaurant times, students are lining up for this college culinary program](#)

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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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