



Dear LACCD Community,

Even as federal and state challenges dominate the headlines, our District remains strong. We know our students, faculty, and staff are navigating uncertain times, yet we also know that the arc of justice bends toward hope and progress. That hope is found in every classroom, in every campus, and in every student who believes in a brighter future.

Our enrollment continues to grow, a testament to the resilience of our students and the dedication of all who serve them. But enrollment numbers are not just statistics, they are lives changed, families strengthened, and communities uplifted. That is why we hold tighter than ever to our mission and further advocate for the resources, equity, and opportunities our students deserve.

I am personally inviting you to gather as one District family at the **State of the District** on **Monday, October 27 at East Los Angeles College, S2 Recital Hall. Please note the new date.**

At this gathering, we will:

- Share our budget outlook and fiscal strategies in the face of statewide challenges.
- Highlight our strategic goals that will guide the year ahead.
- Celebrate our students' achievements and the collective impact of our nine colleges.
- Look ahead to new innovations and partnerships that will prepare LACCD to lead in the decades to come.
- And yes—there will be a few surprises.



Register today: [LACCD State of the District Tickets](#)

Together, we will chart the course for the next chapter of LACCD's story—one rooted in resilience, equity, and the unshakable belief that education transforms lives.

I look forward to seeing you there and celebrating the incredible progress we are building together.

With gratitude,



Chancellor Alberto J. Román  
Los Angeles Community College District

## Campus Events & Updates



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### **LACC Will Host the Following Events for Hispanic Heritage Month**

- October 8: Hispanic Heritage Celebration
- October 9: Intergenerational Wisdom in Difficult Times with Dr. Cesar Cruz
- October 13-17: UndocuScholar Week of Action
- October 14: Celebrating Cuentas with Conchas and Coffee



### **LACC Hosts Student Success Town Hall on Persistence**

LACC hosted a Student Success Town Hall focusing on Student Persistence on September 24.



## LACC Hosts Bilingual Poetry Event Featuring Acclaimed Korean Poet Oh Eun

LACC is proud to present a special bilingual poetry program featuring renowned Korean poet Oh Eun on Wednesday, October 22, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Student Union Multi-Purpose Room (SU MPR). This free event, open to students, faculty, staff, and the public, includes a lecture, live poetry reading, and interactive Q&A—all delivered in Korean and English with professional translation to ensure full access and participation. This event is presented in partnership with the Korean Cultural Center Los Angeles (KCCLA) and aligns with classroom learning objectives across multiple disciplines, offering measurable student outcomes in critical thinking, cultural competence, and civic dialogue.

## LACC Mime Festival

LACC Theatre hosted the LA Mime Festival in the Caminito Theatre from September 25 through September 28.



## Food Giveaway for Students

LACC's Food Pantry is open for Fall. Presented by Basic Needs, the program provides fresh produce and staples to students in need. Our food giveaway is held every Thursday beginning at 1pm (while supplies last) in front of the Student Union Building.



## HAMC Faculty & Staff Concert

LACC's Herb Alpert Music Center will host a [Faculty and Staff concert](#) on October 30 in the Alpert Recital hall at HAMC at 6pm.

## LACC Sports

### Women's Volleyball

October 8 vs East Los Angeles College  
October 17 vs Long Beach  
October 29 vs Pasadena

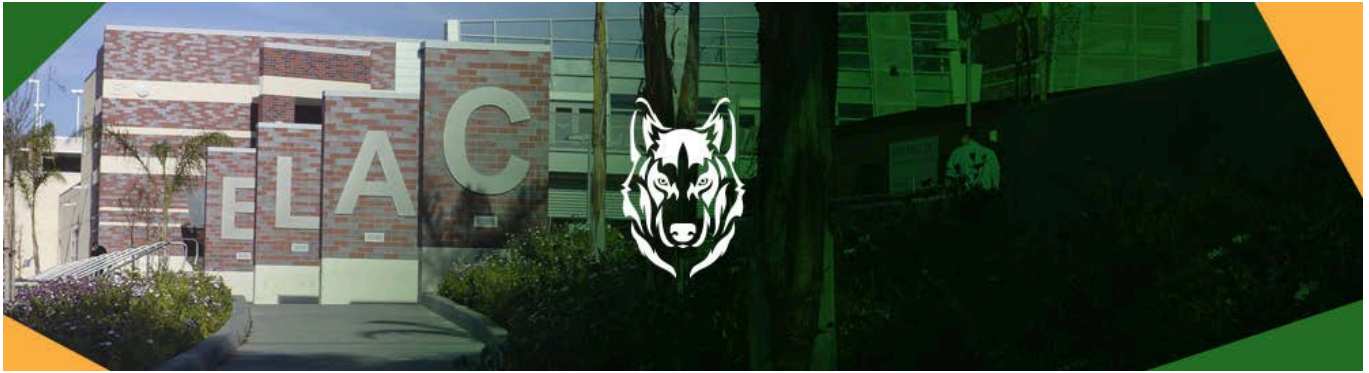
### Women's Soccer

October 10 vs LA Harbor  
October 28 vs Mt San Antonio

### Men's Soccer



October 10 vs LA Harbor  
October 28 vs. San Antonio



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## **ELAC Students' Lives Transformed Through Campus Essentials Donation**

Thanks to the kindness of a recent donor, students at ELAC received a tremendous boost to their well-being and academic success. On Friday, September 12, the ELAC Foundation, Basic Needs Center, Athletic Department, and Associated Student Union (ASU) teamed up for a shopping trip to Costco. With the generous donation, they were able to stock up on food, snacks, and basic needs items that will make a real difference for our students on campus.

The ELAC Foundation, which leads fundraising and community engagement efforts for the college, organized the effort and purchased more than \$2,500 worth of basic needs supplies. This included nutritious snacks, pantry staples, hygiene products, and other essentials that help ensure students have access to the resources necessary to succeed both inside and outside of the classroom.

For many students, balancing the demands of coursework, work, and family responsibilities makes it difficult to meet even their most basic needs. Donations like those of our donors directly address this challenge, creating a stronger support system and empowering students to stay focused on their education.

Reflecting on his gift, the donor shared, "Being born and raised in East Los Angeles, I understand the importance of giving back to the community that shaped me. I am proud to support ELAC students and help provide the essentials they need to thrive and reach their full potential."

Rosalba Villalobos, ELAC's Basic Needs Coordinator, emphasized the lasting impact of the contribution: "This generous donation is more than just providing snacks and essentials; it is an investment in the well-being and success of ELAC students. Supporting their basic needs strengthens our community and empowers the next generation of leaders."

We are thrilled to partner with the Basic Needs Team and Athletic Department to make a tangible difference in students' lives through this donation. Contributions like these have a huge impact on our campus community, helping students feel supported and ready to succeed academically and personally," said Alison Fu, ELAC's President of the Associated Student Union.

"This donation reflects the power of community and generosity. By ensuring students have access to basic needs, we are investing in their future success and the growth of our campus community. Every nourished student is a step toward a stronger, more resilient ELAC," said Dr. Monte E. Perez, ELAC Interim President.

The ELAC Foundation continues to champion student success through partnerships with community members, businesses, and donors who recognize that access to food, clothing, and other basic needs is vital to educational achievement. This latest effort underscores ELAC's ongoing mission to remove barriers, promote equity, and uplift students as they pursue their academic and career goals.



## Vincent Price Scholarship Award: Congratulations, Jennifer Felix

Jennifer Felix has been selected as the recipient of the new Vincent Price Scholarship Award through the Hollywood Horrorfest! This year, the recipient was a makeup student since the award show also honored legendary makeup artist Rick Baker, who is known for his work in *Thriller* and *An American Werewolf in London*.

The event also featured an inspirational presentation from Victoria Price about her father's legacy and his connection to ELAC.

Jennifer was chosen for her scholarship because of her outstanding artistry, dedication to her craft, and the clear promise she demonstrates in the field. The faculty are especially impressed with her creativity, professionalism, artistic growth, and the many contributions she has already made to the department.



## Architecture Student Scholarships

The Architecture Department Scholarship Banquet took place recently, where \$19,700 in scholarships funded by donors and industry partners was awarded to students.

Over the summer, our students were awarded \$28,350 in scholarships from outside organizations:

- AIAS ELAC Architecture Club Scholarships

- ELAC Senate Scholarship
- Widom Scholarship Calif AIA
- Mel Ferris Scholarship
- Robert Kain Healthcare Design Scholarship
- JRDriskel Pasadena Foothill AIA
- AWAF Association for Women in Architecture Foundation



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## Transfer Fair Success!

The Transfer Center team hosted a successful Transfer Fair. We had all 9 UCs, Stanford University, USC, and ASU Local, to name a few, a total of 57 universities. Students had meaningful and strategic conversations with representatives as they made plans for their next steps. [The episode of Transfer TV](#), the team gave a shout-out to students who attended and the raffle winners.





## Blue Hour 2025 Event at Alta Sea

Yes chef! - [The Blue Hour 2025 – The Culinary Arts of Blue Food took place Saturday, September 27, at Land's End at the Alta Sea Campus.](#) [Chef Marie](#) is shown below with Chef Zimmernm from Bizzar Foods. What a great experience for the chefs and culinary students. This year's [Innovation Award honoree](#) is none other than [@chefaz](#), recognized for his decades of work championing ocean health and the blue economy through storytelling, advocacy, and food. Harbor's Culinary Department shines at the event not only with their skills but by promoting the department and all the opportunities students have.



## Harbor is the home of second chances

Rising Scholars Open House - "Scoop & Scholars" on Thursday, September 25, 12 pm – 2 pm in SSA 115 was a success. Getting a second chance and receiving the support and resources to get a head is what Rising Scholars is all about. The Harbor family came out to support the students and launch this critical project to assist our Rising Scholars.



## Congress Women Baragan's Annual Job Fair at Harbor

Harbor hosted Congresswoman Nanette Barragán's Annual Jobs Fair on **Friday, October 3, 2025, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Student Union**. Attendees met dozens of employers across industries, explored job opportunities, and joined free workshops to boost their job search! Since 2018, this event has helped connect 1,000+ job seekers with 100+ employers, and we're doing it again!

## Financial Literacy for Students

Having the tools to create and maintain a budget is key for young adults in this generation. **"Grinding for Gold: Financial Literacy Workshop Series"** for students comes to Harbor. The second session will be held on **October 14**, followed by sessions on November 18 and December 2. Students will learn about savings accounts, 401(k)s, budgeting, and more with financial literacy experts from Twinspace. Time: 1 pm to 2 pm; Place: GC108.

## Latine Heritage Celebration

**The Latine Heritage Closing Ceremony** will take place in the Free Speech Quad on Wednesday, **October 15, 2025 – 11:30 am – 1 pm**. What a great way to celebrate and appreciate the vibrant impact of Hispanic / Latine culture. All are encouraged to participate.

## Engaging Students in Creative Ways

The goal of the Harbor Advantage events is about building community, fostering confidence, and giving students the tools to succeed. The following are events that seek to create engagement and positive energy in our first-year students.





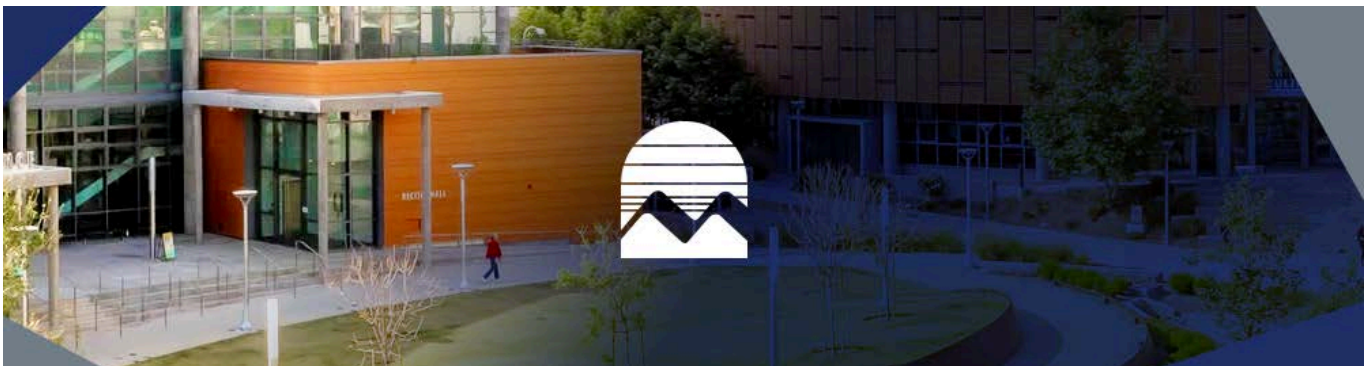
**Fall 2025 – Meet and Greet Peer Mentorship Program** – We kicked off the new Peer Mentorship program with a meet & greet that introduced our mentors to their mentees for the first time. This program was designed to help first-year students transition smoothly into college life by pairing them with peers who've been through the process. At the event, students joined in icebreaker activities, small-group conversations, and team-building games. It was amazing to see genuine connections forming, mentors stepping into leadership roles and mentees walking away with a sense of encouragement and belonging right at the start of the semester.



**Fall into Focus: Vision Board for Success!** Our vision board workshop gave students the chance to reflect on where they are and where they want to be. Using magazines, images, and words, they created boards that mapped out their academic, career, and personal goals. Beyond the creative aspect, the event provided space for students to share their aspirations with each other, sparking conversations about motivation, balance, and the resources they can tap into on campus. Students were left with visual reminders of their goals and a stronger sense of focus for the semester.

**Virtual: Fall into Focus: From Boo to Breakthrough – Study Tips that work for You.** Wednesday, October 22, 2025 – 6 pm to 7 pm. Reaching the mid-way mark of the semester can create some anxiety. Harbor Advantage has strategically placed a workshop to engage students in a virtual form to make it easier for them to participate. **Students need to RSVP in order to receive the zoom link.**

**Paint and Treat: Pumpkin painting and Boo bag making** – Tuesday, October 28, 2025 – 12 pm to 2 pm in SSA119. Release some stress before finals begin and get into the holiday spirit.



**Los Angeles Mission College**

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## New Chicano Resource Center Celebrates History, Culture, and Community

To kick off Latino Heritage Month, Los Angeles Mission College announced the creation of a new **Chicano Resource Center** to highlight and celebrate the history, culture and contributions of the Chicano community.



Located on campus in the Learning Resource Center, the Chicano Resource Center serves as a space where culture, art, and academia intersect. It provides students with access to educational resources and programs that deepen their understanding of Chicano culture and support their academic success.

The Center offers areas for the study and exploration of Chicano history, culture, and contemporary issues; resources that support culturally relevant teaching and learning; and spaces for art exhibitions, cultural events, and community engagement.

Designed as a hub for both academic work and cultural enrichment, LAMC faculty will develop specialized programming, host class visits, and integrate the Center's resources into their courses.



## College Fair Brings Hundreds of Students and Parents to Los Angeles Mission College

On Saturday, September 20, Los Angeles Mission College hosted the **13th Annual San Fernando Valley Goes to College Fair** in collaboration with LAUSD Region North. The event brought high school and college students, their parents, and community members from across the San Fernando Valley to our Sylmar campus.



Attendees connected with representatives from UC, CSU, HBCUs, private universities, and the Los Angeles Community Colleges to explore academic programs, transfer pathways, and student support services. Workshops covered topics including college admissions, financial aid, and career readiness, helping students and their families prepare for the next step in their educational journey.

The fair's success was made possible through the support of LAUSD Region North, which helped bring students and families to campus to engage with colleges and universities from across the San Fernando Valley and beyond.



## Supporting Undocumented Students

From Monday, October 13, through Friday, October 17, Los Angeles Mission College will host a series of events in recognition of **Undocumented Student Action Week**.

Planned activities include an Open House at the Dream Resource Center, consultations with the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA), a Basic Needs Resource Fair, and a Healthcare & Wellness painting session, which are designed to provide resources, guidance, and community for undocumented students.



## Fall Financial Aid Workshops

From October 1–3, Los Angeles Mission College's Financial Aid Department hosted a series of workshops to help students prepare for the opening of the 2026–27 FAFSA and California Dream Act applications on October 1. These three-hour sessions provided one-on-one support to guide students through completing their applications for state and federal aid.



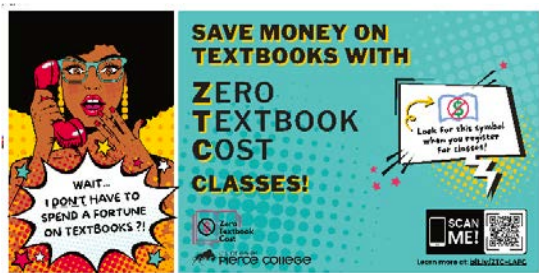
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## Pierce College Expands ZTC Program with New Support for Faculty and Students

Los Angeles Pierce College continues to expand its commitment to access and affordability through its growing Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) program. With more than 300 class sections designated as ZTC





each semester, students are saving nearly \$1 million collectively on textbooks every term.

To help students take advantage of these savings, the college has launched a new campus-wide advertising campaign. Informational signs are being installed around campus and in the mall to help students recognize the ZTC symbol in the class schedule and understand how to search for these sections when registering. Faculty who are teaching ZTC courses

are encouraged to inform their department chairs so that the ZTC designation can be included in the schedule.

In addition to helping students, the college is also investing in faculty through a new paid professional development program aimed at supporting the creation of high-quality, zero-cost courses. This effort includes participation in the Peer Online Course Review (POCR) process, a statewide initiative developed by the California Virtual Campus (CVC) to improve the quality of online teaching and learning.

POCR is a structured, faculty-driven review process that evaluates online courses against a set of research-based design standards. These standards ensure that courses are accessible, easy to navigate, and designed to engage students meaningfully. Faculty participating in POCR receive detailed feedback and support as they refine their courses, improving everything from content organization to multimedia integration and alignment with student learning outcomes.

Research shows that courses aligned with POCR standards have a 10% higher student success rate than the average online course. By integrating POCR into the ZTC initiative, LAPC is reinforcing its commitment to educational equity—ensuring that free-to-students doesn't mean lower quality. Instead, it's an opportunity to improve both access and outcomes.

Faculty can participate through two levels of support: first, a \$1,000 stipend is offered for faculty to complete the POCR process on their own ZTC course. This opportunity is open not only to instructors teaching within the ZTC grant's defined pathways, but also to those teaching General Education and other supporting courses. After completing POCR, faculty can choose to take the next step and develop a MasterClass version of their course for an additional \$500 stipend. These MasterClasses serve as high-quality, accessible templates for future instructors to adapt and personalize, ensuring that course excellence is sustained even as instructors change.

These efforts support Pierce College's commitment to building a strong, sustainable foundation for teaching and learning that is affordable and offers quality education.

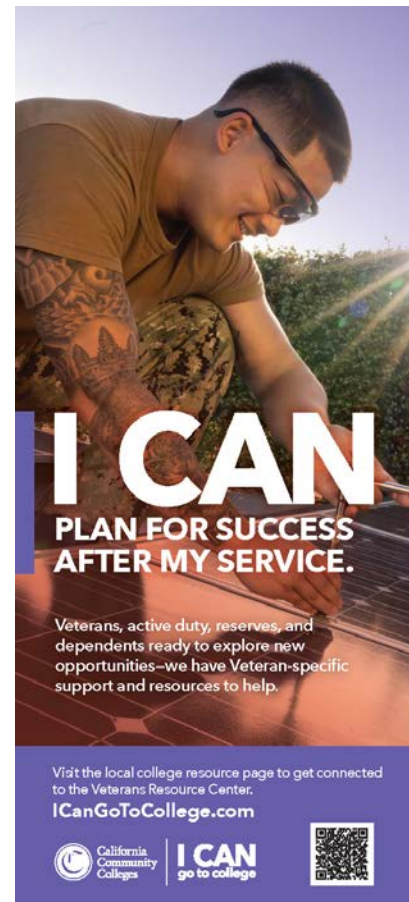
## Pierce College Expands Credit for Prior Learning Opportunities

Pierce College is strengthening its commitment to student success by expanding opportunities for students to earn credit for what they already know. During the 2024–2025 academic year, Pierce faculty collaborated with Interim Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) Coordinator, Cristina Castelo Rodriguez, to develop nearly 70 new CPL opportunities. These include credit-by-exam, portfolio review, recognition of industry credentials and military training.

This local effort aligns with a broader statewide initiative led by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to expand CPL access across the state by 2030. Spearheaded by the Mapping Articulated Pathways (MAP) Initiative, this movement aims to recognize and validate the diverse learning experiences of students—especially working adults, apprentices and veterans.

The 2030 vision includes building the capacity and procedures necessary to ensure that at least 250,000 Californians—including 220,000 working adults and apprentices, and 30,000 veterans—receive CPL offers and awards. The goal is to boost equitable access to college, increase degree and certificate completion and support long-term career success. The potential economic impact of this initiative is substantial: projections estimate a \$32.4 billion combined benefit over 20 years. This includes \$3.7 billion in immediate savings and preserved funds, along with \$28.8 billion in long-term economic gains.

To explore how your course could offer Credit for Prior Learning or to learn more about CPL at Pierce College contact Cristina Castelo Rodriguez at [rodrigcc@piercecollege.edu](mailto:rodrigcc@piercecollege.edu) or visit the [CPL website](#).



## **Pierce College Welcomes Global Experts at Successful International Early Childhood Education Conference**

Los Angeles Pierce College recently hosted the International Early Childhood Education Conference, drawing educators, researchers, and advocates from around the world for two days of inspiring collaboration, professional learning, and cross-cultural exchange.

The conference opened with a keynote presentation by Mrs. Santa Greene and Dr. Kathleen Van Antwerp, who introduced participants to their acclaimed framework, Full Circle Consulting Systems. Their presentation emphasized a systems-level approach to nurturing children's developmental needs and supporting early education professionals across diverse communities.

In addition to the speaker sessions and workshops, participants had the opportunity to take part in preschool site visits, including a guided tour of Valley Beth Shalom Preschool in the San Fernando

Valley. These school visits offered valuable insight into high-quality early childhood environments and gave attendees a firsthand look at innovative approaches to learning in action.

Held on the Pierce College campus, the two-day conference also served as an opportunity to showcase the college's newly opened Childhood Development Academic Building. Attendees explored the modern, purpose-built facility, which reflects Pierce's investment in the future of early childhood education and the students preparing to lead in the field.



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### **Distinguished Faculty Awards**

**Congratulations to the 2025 LASC Distinguished Faculty Awardees!**



Dr. Travis DuBry, LASC's Distance Education Coordinator, ZTC Coordinator, and Professor of Anthropology, has been recognized as the Distinguished Full-Time Faculty of the Year.



Rachelle Thomas-Green, Co-Director of the Student Success Center and Program Counselor-Coordinator with GATEWAYS Housing, has been named Distinguished Adjunct Faculty of the Year.





## Welcome Week

On Wednesday, September 3, and Thursday, September 4, 2025, the Student Services Building was transformed into a festive island getaway as LASC kicked off the new school year with a Luau Welcome Week party. From 11:30 am to 1:30 pm each day, students, staff, and faculty gathered to enjoy an afternoon filled with community, connection, and celebration.

The event featured free food, exciting prizes, and live entertainment, all bringing the spirit of aloha to campus. A highlight of the festivities was a special appearance by the Power 106 radio station street team, who brought music, energy, and giveaways that had the crowd dancing and smiling throughout the event.

Students had the chance to meet new friends, reconnect with classmates, and learn about the many resources and opportunities available at LASC—all while enjoying a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

Thank you to the LASC Associated Student Organization and everyone who joined and helped make the Luau Welcome Week a memorable start to the semester. Here's to a year filled with growth, success, and community!



## Constitution Day

Students and faculty gathered for a thought-provoking Talk & Discussion led by Dr. Lance Robert, ASO Co-Advisor, exploring the recent Supreme Court cases *Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard* and *Students for Fair Admissions v. UNC*. The conversation centered on the Court's rulings, their impact on affirmative action, and what these decisions mean for the future of higher education and equity in admissions.

Participants engaged in an open dialogue, asking questions, sharing perspectives, and reflecting on

how national legal decisions connect to their own educational experiences. To encourage deeper learning and civic engagement, attendees were also provided with a free link to the U.S. Constitution.

The event fostered an important space for discussion, critical thinking, and awareness around issues of law, policy, and access to education.

## Hispanic Heritage Month

LASC's Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations kicked off with students pinning their families' countries of origin on a world map, displaying the diversity that makes our campus so special. The map will soon be featured in the bookstore window as part of our month-long decorations, proudly showcasing our students' heritage. Future Hispanic Heritage Month events include:



- **Cultura Quest: A Hispanic Heritage Adventure** - Tuesday, September 30, 2025, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm: Welcome Center - Get ready for a day of fun, mystery and exploration at the Cultural Quest: A Hispanic Heritage Adventure scavenger hunt.
- **Latin Music Dance Party & Hispanic Heritage Trivia Game** - Wednesday, October 1, 2025, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Student Services Building Lobby – Latin music, dancing and fun-filled trivia night to bring the community together and learn more about Hispanic Heritages.
- **Art Exhibit Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month** - Thursday, October 2, 2025, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm: LASC Library Art Gallery - Los Angeles Southwest College has been invited to participate in a Southern California-wide exhibition organized by Professor Erika Hirugami, MA, MAAB, Phil., Curatorial Director of FotoSoCal.
- **Cultura Y Calma: Toltec Yoga for Mind and Body** - Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm: Cox Building Field facing Imperial Hwy - Celebrate heritage while nurturing holistic wellness. Loaner yoga mats will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Noche de Cine: Encanto** - Friday, October 10, 2025, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm: LASC Outdoor Theatre - Join us at the LASC Amphitheatre Theatre (between the CDC and SSEC building facing Imperial Hwy) as we screen Disney's Encanto.
- **Loteria Fiesta** - Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm: Student Services Building Lobby - Please join us at the Student Services Building to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and Undocumented Student Action Week. There will be free food and prizes while supplies last, games, and activities!



## **Los Angeles Trade-Technical College**

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*Left: Dean Clarence Banks, Dr. Alfred McQuarters, DMA Chair Joe Guerrieri, and Vice President of Student Services Dr. Henan Joof*

## LATTC Recognized at City Hall

LATTC proudly celebrates its [100th anniversary](#) this year. On September 19, representatives from the college went to City Hall, where Dr. McQuarters gave a presentation on the college's rich history. He was joined by LACCD Board President Dr. Kelsey Iino and staff in receiving a recognition certificate from Councilmember Curren D. Price, Jr. The college was pleased to accept the recognition on behalf of the entire LATTC community and its century of impact.

## Design & Media Arts Building Reaches Milestone at Topping Out Ceremony

Construction projects at LATTC are progressing at a strong and steady pace. On Friday, September 19, Swinerton, the contractor for the college's Design & Media Arts Building, invited a small group of LATTC representatives to take part in their topping out ceremony, marking the placement of the structure's final beam. The day also marked National Tradesmen Day, serving as a timely celebration of the hardworking hands that build and maintain the proud structures that power our campuses and communities.



*Left: Aztec Dance Performance; Center: Dr. McQuarters distributing paletas to students; Right: LFSA Vice President Stephanie Meza, Dr. McQuarters, LFSA President Benjamin Isais, Professor Robert Cristo, and Professor Jennifer Victoria*



*Scenes from Día de la Familia*

## LATTC Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month!



LATTC proudly celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month with a vibrant series of events honoring the rich histories, cultures, and contributions of the Latino community. This year's festivities highlighted LATTC's commitment to inclusivity, education, and cultural appreciation, drawing participation from students and their families, faculty, staff, and the wider community.

A recent event open to the community was “**Día de la Familia**,” a special event designed to welcome both prospective and continuing students along with their families. The day offered a warm and informative introduction to college life at LATTC, with campus tours, resource fairs, and informational sessions covering academic programs, financial aid, and student support services. Families engaged directly with faculty and staff, building connections that underscored LATTC's role as a community-centered institution.

The college has hosted other exciting events, including Mesoamerican clay workshops, an Aztec dance performance, paletas con El Presidente/frozen treats with LATTC President Dr. McQuarters.

Celebrations continue through October 15, 2025. View the [full schedule of events](#).



*Left: LATTC Professor Ife J, Umoja Counselor Roshell McKeve, President Alfred McQuarters*

## LATTC Umoja Hosts Welcome Back Cookout

On September 18, LATTC Umoja hosted their Welcome Back Cookout, welcoming students, faculty, and classified staff to an afternoon getting to know their Umoja family at LATTC. Attendees enjoyed burgers and hotdogs, with games, music, and community. It was a great way to start the school year!

## Upcoming Events

### Empowering Dreamers Luncheon

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 | 12–1:30 pm  
Culinary Arts Building/ E3-106A

#### [RSVP](#)

LATTC's Dream Resource Center invites you to the Empowering Dreamers Luncheon, celebrating the resilience of undocumented and mixed-status students at LATTC. This event raises awareness and support for scholarships that help cover tuition, books, technology, and essential needs like housing, transportation, and mental health services.

### 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.

[Learn more](#)

## LATTC Men's and Women's Basketball 2025–26 Season

Mark your calendars 2025–26 Men's and Women's basketball season! The regular season kicks off at home on October 15, 2025. View the games on the [calendar on the college website](#).



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### **The Valley College Connection Podcast highlights the LAVC Rising Scholars**

Valley College Connection Podcast, hosted by LAVC Professor Scott Weigand, features conversations on success with dedicated educators, students and community leaders to explore strategies on overcoming challenges, achieving goals, and navigating a path to success.

In the latest podcast episode, it shines a light on Los Angeles Valley College's Rising Scholars Program with an insightful interview with program coordinator Dr. Alex Ojeda,



*The Balance of Bravery by Gina Herrera*

### **Solo Exhibition by Artist Gina Herrera at the LAVC Art Gallery**

The 2025–2026 LAVC Art Gallery season opened this September with "A Perilous Reckoning", a solo exhibition by artist [Gina Herrera](#).

As an artist of Native American (Tesuque Pueblo) and Costa Rican heritage, Herrera's work embarks on a spiritual journey of self-knowledge and reflection on our planet's uncertain future. She utilizes natural materials and organic forms, such as branches, rocks, cocoons, and nests, as a juxtaposition to industrialization and environmental damage. The artist draws deeply from her experiences during her 25

assistant coordinator Marissa Arranaga, and Rising Scholars student Stephen Escalante.

The Rising Scholars Program is dedicated to supporting former incarcerated students impacted by the justice system with guidance, resources and a supportive community to help them succeed. [Listen to the Valley Connection Podcast on Spotify.](#)

years in the Armed Forces, where she witnessed the long-term effects of conflict and war, including the large-scale abandonment of ruined machinery by the military.

The show runs through October 17th and is free to the public. For more information, visit the [LAVC Art Gallery](#).



## LAVC ASU Celebrates Constitution Day

The LAVC Associated Student Union (ASU) celebrated U.S. Constitution Day by hosting a fun Jeopardy-style Constitution trivia game on September 17, 2025.

Students from across the campus gathered in the Student Union's Study Lair to show off their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution and history. There were discussions on the lasting impact the Constitution has on American society, and everyone learned a lot.

## Upcoming Events

### National Coming Out Day

Thursday, October 9 from 12-2 p.m.

Join Basic Needs Center & Rainbow Pride Center for our 4th annual [National Coming Out Day](#). Come celebrate courage, authenticity, and the power of student voices. Everyone is welcome!

### Football vs. Compton College (Homecoming Tailgate & Game)

Thursday, October 9 from 4 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

It's Homecoming! Enjoy free food for all, plus games, music, and giveaways to show your Monarch pride at our annual [Homecoming Tailgate](#) at 4 p.m. Stick around for the big [Homecoming Game](#) at 6 p.m.—Go Big Green!

### Monarch Market's Weekly Food Distribution

Wednesdays, October 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Join the Basic Needs Center for its weekly food distribution, [Monarch Market](#), every Wednesday during the semester. We offer nutritious perishable and nonperishable groceries at no cost, and everyone is welcome.

### College Fair

Wednesday, October 15 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Career and Transfer Center is hosting its annual [College Fair](#). Students are invited to come and meet CSU, UC, and Private university representatives to learn about their programs, services, and how to apply.

### Hispanic Heritage Movie Night

Thursday, October 16 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

The World Languages & Culture Department invites you to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a [Movie Night](#)! Join us for an evening of culture, community, and cinema as we showcase a powerful film



highlighting Hispanic stories and voices. Everyone is welcome!

### **Juntos en las Estrellas con Luna Sprinkle**

Thursday, October 30 from 4:30-6 p.m.

The LAVC Unity Center presents [Juntos en las Estrellas con Luna Sprinkle](#) (Together in the Stars with Luna Sprinkle) as part of its Nuestra Raza: Fall 2025 Connection Series. Join us under the stars for a whimsical evening with Professor Luna Sprinkle.

### **Self-Defense Workshop with the Rainbow Pride Center**

Thursday, November 6 from 2-4 p.m.

The LAVC Rainbow Pride Center (RPC) invites you to a Self-Defense Workshop led by Dr. Vanessa Carlisle. Come and learn verbal boundary-setting skills and self-defense techniques. No experience needed!



## **West Los Angeles College**

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## **LAUSD College & Career Fair, Transfer Fair & Club Rush**

West again hosted a College & Career Fair for over 3,000 high school seniors from the LAUSD Region West. Students toured the campus, interacted with over 60 college and university representatives and attended workshops covering university application essays and financial aid. Concurrently, the college held its Transfer Fair and ASO Club Rush, serving existing WLAC students. The event, a joint effort of the college Transfer Center, Outreach and ASO, was coordinated by Dr. Kassidy Camilleri, WLAC's Transfer Center Director.



**Larrell Murchison, LA Rams Defensive End**, shared his personal story of having transferred from a community college with students and provided words of encouragement. Performances were provided by bands, dance and cheer squads, and a drumline from Venice, Hamilton and Westchester High Schools. A representative of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. also provided a greeting and artfully demonstrated stepping.



## **\$100K Grant to Launch New Real Estate Appraisal Program**

West has been awarded a \$100,000 grant from Wells Fargo to launch a groundbreaking real estate appraiser education program this Fall. This is a first-of-its-kind, Bureau of Real Estate Appraisers (BREA)-approved program that provides aspiring appraisers with an innovative pathway to licensure without the traditional supervisory requirement.

The new program offers a structured, classroom-based alternative to the conventional one-on-one apprenticeship model, creating greater access for students from all backgrounds. Real estate appraisal has historically faced challenges in attracting and retaining talent, in part due to reliance on hard-to-



access mentorship models. WLAC's program is among the first in California to offer an alternative, competency-based pathway to licensure, expanding opportunities for those previously shut out by traditional entry points.

"We are deeply grateful to Wells Fargo for their investment in our students and in the future of the appraisal profession," said WLAC Dean, Dr. Carmen Dones. "This grant helps us create a more inclusive and equitable pathway into an industry that is vital to fair housing, lending, and economic opportunity."

The \$100,000 grant will fund curriculum development, faculty training, student recruitment, and real-world learning experiences as WLAC prepares to welcome its first cohort of students to the groundbreaking program.

## Congratulations to our Professors



**Computer Science Professor Ashok Patil** has helped launch the non-profit Shikshana Seva Foundation USA, which is on its way to providing smart classroom teaching solutions to at least 100 rural government schools in India.



**Language Arts Professors Elena Aviles and Sandra Ruiz** were both selected to attend a full-day institute funded by a Mellon Foundation Initiative at The University of Riverside titled, **"Speculative Critical Approaches to Language Education and Latinx Studies Fall Institute 2025."**





## Caring Campus Award

The Institute for Evidence-Based Change (IEBC) announced that West was among three colleges across the country that recently earned Caring Campus silver certification. This certification is awarded to campuses “demonstrating their deep commitment to fostering connection, belonging, and opportunity for all students,” according to the IEBC press release.

The release continued, “At WLAC, staff have championed Caring Campus by building a culture of celebration and connection that supports both employees and students. From wearing WLAC-branded attire and nametags to organizing lighthearted events like Donut Socials and “West Wednesdays,” the college has made Caring Campus a shared experience.”

“When we got the news that we achieved silver Caring Campus certification, it just made my whole day,” said Vicky Nesia, WLAC’s Executive Assistant to the President and Caring Campus lead. “We have really seen a shift in our culture, and students are noticing. Many have shared that they feel authentically cared for and that they matter at West. And our president, Dr. James Limbaugh, continues to show his support and trust in this staff-led implementation.”

The college has further institutionalized Caring Campus by embedding its principles into the Enrollment Management Plan, ensuring that care and connection remain central to student success strategies.

“Community colleges in particular can be life-changing for students,” said Michelle Long-Coffee, WLAC’s Public Relations Manager. “The difference often comes down to whether students feel cared about. Caring Campus gives us the structure and accountability to ensure that care is consistent and intentional.”



## Rising Scholars Welcomes Students Ready to Move Up

The Rising Scholars program hosted its Fall 2025 Open House just before the start of the semester. New and continuing students came together to connect with peers and mentors, and explore all the services WLAC has to offer. From campus tours to learning about programs and resources, and even enjoying a complimentary lunch, it was a day of learning, fun, and community building. A special thanks to our program partners, Five Keys High School and

Anti-Recidivism Coalition, for bringing their youth to experience college life at West.



## Ribbon Cutting on New Basic Needs Hub

West recently celebrated the return of an on-site Student Health Center and the relocation of its food pantry and wardrobe to an expanded and improved location. Students toured the facilities, received grocery care packages and enjoyed pizza and communing on a sunny September afternoon. The new Basic Needs hub has been dubbed the Wildcat's Den.

## District Office Events & Updates



### Office of Communications and Marketing



### **LACCD and LAUSD Strengthen Partnership to Expand College Access**

Chancellor Alberto J. Román and district leadership hosted Superintendent Alberto Carvalho and his team to further strengthen collaboration.

Together, we are expanding pathways that ensure every Los Angeles Unified School District student has opportunities to take college courses while still in high school.

LACCD is proud to be a key partner in building college and career readiness—where every student can dream that college is for them.



### **Chancellor Alberto J. Román Delivers Keynote at 2025 ACHRO/EEO Conference**

Chancellor Román was the Keynote Speaker at the Association of Chief Human Resource Officers (ACHRO) / Equal Employment Officers (EEO) 2025 Annual Conference in Costa Mesa. Chancellor Román shared his journey of becoming Chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District.

In his keynote, he reminded us that no matter where our paths take us, our true mission remains the same: serving students and opening doors of opportunity. His words were a powerful call to keep students at the heart of everything we do.

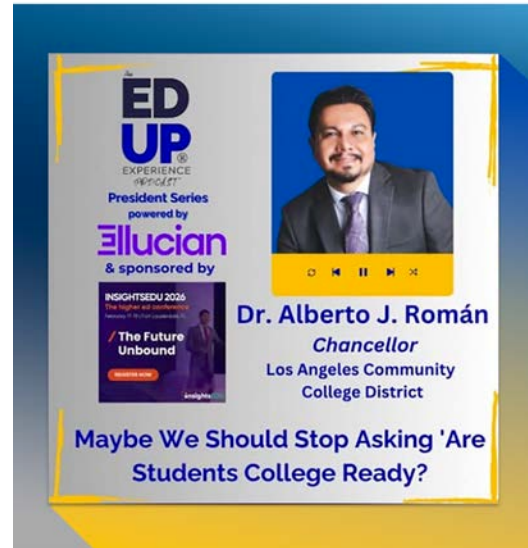




## **LACCD Strengthens Community Partnerships in the San Gabriel Valley**

Chancellor Alberto J. Román attended the San Gabriel Valley Public Affairs Network Mayor's event last week and connected with community leaders,

He was honored to share the LACCD vision—focused on driving economic mobility, expanding access, and strengthening student support—and discuss how we can deepen our partnership with the local community to better serve the San Gabriel Valley. Community collaboration is key to student success.



## **Access. Equity. Opportunity. Chancellor Román Shares the LACCD Story**

Chancellor Alberto J. Román was recently featured on The EdUp Experience Podcast with Dr. Joe Sallustio. Chancellor Román shared our story and highlighted all the incredible work happening across LACCD.

Tune in for an inspiring conversation on access, equity, and the future of higher education.

<https://www.edupexperience.com/albertoroman/>



## **Educational Programs & Institutional Effectiveness (EPIE)**

**IAAP Impact Award Nominee**





The International Association of Accessibility Partners (IAAP) has nominated Saša Stojic-Ito for the 2025 Impact Award in recognition of her outstanding work and dedication to advancing accessibility.

Saša, one of our Online Multimedia Specialists, has collected over 700 hours of professional development in the last two years through conferences, certifications, webinars, and education, solidifying her expertise in educational

leadership, accessibility, instructional design, and equitable education practices. Saša has directed training programs that provided educators with cutting-edge tools, methodologies, and frameworks to deliver accessible, engaging, and inclusive online courses. Saša has spearheaded compliance initiatives for Section 508, WCAG 2.1 AA, and ADA standards, ensuring integration of Open Educational Resources (OER) to support accessibility and equity at the institution-level adoption. She also has presented at conferences across the world on the topic of accessibility."

Thank you and congratulations to Saša for supporting LACCD's continued efforts to be a safe, equitable, and accessible space for all!



## Office of Human Resources



The Human Resources Division is pleased to share the October 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 the Open Enrollment Fairs schedule, [visit HBU SharePoint](#).



## **Safety and Security Updates**

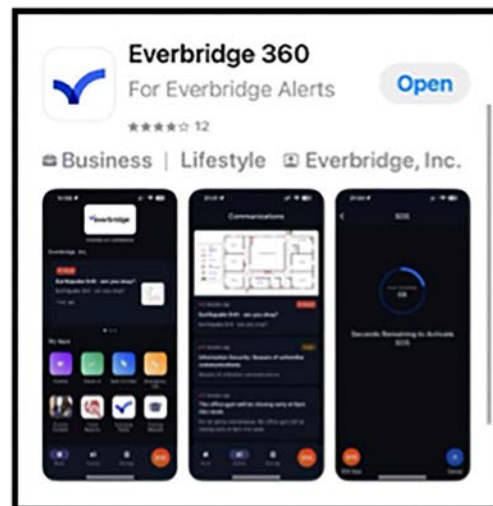
### **Everbridge mobile application Everbridge 360**

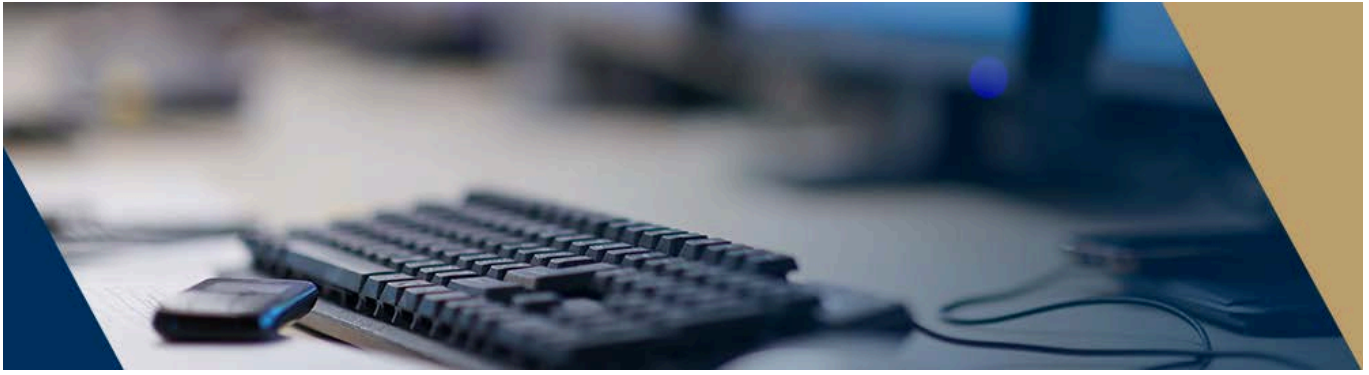
A new version of the Everbridge mobile application **Everbridge 360** is now available in the App Store and Play Store. Please download this version and delete any older versions. Everbridge 360 carries forward the existing virtual tools (personal safety plans, college maps, Title IX resources, Sheriff's contact numbers, etc.) and adds direct phone numbers for each college president's office, supporting compliance with SB98 (SAFE Act) procedures.

The Everbridge 360 mobile app is the official platform for receiving LACCD Safety Alerts directly on your phone. It replaces the older Everbridge app.

**With Everbridge 360, you'll have access to:**

- **Real-time emergency notifications**
- **College maps**
- **Personal safety plans and emergency procedures**
- **Anonymous incident reporting and Title IX reporting**
- **Mental health resources**
- **Quick links to contact the Sheriff and campus safety offices**





## Office of Information Technology



**CYBERSECURITY  
AWARENESS  
MONTH**

### **Cybersecurity Awareness Month 2025**

#### **Did you know?**

Last year, law enforcement in the United States received an average of one report of identity theft every 28 seconds.

In 2004, the U.S. designated **October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month** to help people understand the importance of protecting their information in today's digital world. Throughout the month, the LACCD Information Security Team will share weekly tips to help you stay safe online.

#### **This Week: Protect Your Passwords!**

Passwords are your first line of defense against hackers. Learn how to create stronger passwords and store them securely by visiting our "[Protect Your Password](#)" guide.



## LACCD Enrollment update





# LACCD Enrollment Update

Fall 2025 TO Fall 2024 COMPARISONS

DAY 28 - RELATIVE TO THE BEGINNING OF INSTRUCTION

Relative Day Comparisons for Day 28, comparing Fall 2025 (Monday, September 29, 2025) to Fall 2024 (Monday, September 23, 2024). Data source: LACCD PS Student Information System.

**HEADCOUNT**  
**126,662**  
**108%**  
116,945

**ENROLLMENT**  
**270,708**  
**106%**  
256,519

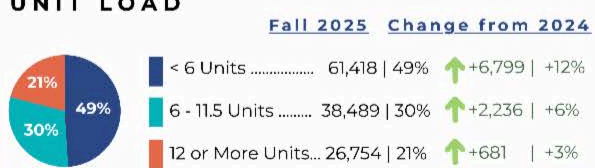
**SECTION COUNT**  
**10,178**  
**99%**  
10,277

**ENROLLMENT DIVIDED BY SECTION**  
**26.6**  
**107%**  
25.0

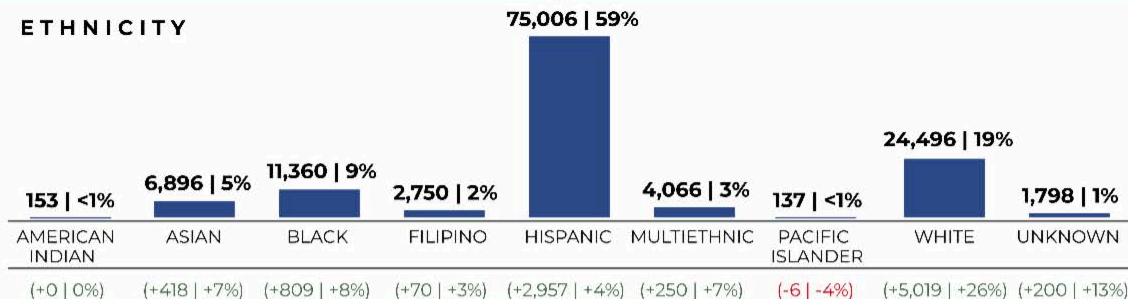
## GENDER

|                  | Fall 2025    | Change from 2024 |
|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| FEMALE .....     | 68,866   54% | ↑ +5,045   +8%   |
| MALE .....       | 54,830   43% | ↑ +4,440   +9%   |
| NON-BINARY ..... | 1,024   1%   | ↓ -44   N/A      |
| UNKNOWN .....    | 1,942   2%   | ↑ +276   N/A     |

## UNIT LOAD



## ETHNICITY



## AGE



## ENROLLMENT STATUS

|                     | Fall 2025    | Change from 2024 |
|---------------------|--------------|------------------|
| FIRST-TIME .....    | 20,772   16% | ↑ +3,668   +21%  |
| TRANSFER .....      | 9,782   8%   | ↑ +1,137   +13%  |
| RETURNING .....     | 7,377   6%   | ↓ -643   -8%     |
| CONTINUING .....    | 66,995   53% | ↑ +6,018   +10%  |
| CONCURRENT HS ..... | 21,689   17% | ↑ +2,268   +12%  |

## NONCREDIT HEADCOUNT & ENROLLMENT

**HEADCOUNT**  
**15,586**  
**104%**  
14,976

**ENROLLMENT**  
**29,828**  
**109%**  
27,254

## CLASS MODALITY & FILL RATE

|                 |        |        |           |
|-----------------|--------|--------|-----------|
| CLASS MODALITY: | 49%    | 8%     | 43%       |
|                 | Remote | Hybrid | In-Person |
| FILL RATE:      | 83%    | 73%    | 72%       |

SOURCE: LACCD Office of Institutional Effectiveness

## Fall 2025 Enrollment Update:

Comparing Fall 2025 to Fall 2024 as Day 28 of the semester, student credit headcount is up 8% and enrollment is up 6% Districtwide. Class offerings decreased slightly by 1%, while enrollment per section rose by 7%. Enrollment has grown across gender categories, with both female and male student populations increasing by 8% and 9%, respectively. Growth across all age categories was also observed, with the largest gains of 16%-17% among students who are 35 years and older. By race/ethnicity, enrollment grew among Asian (7%), Black (8%), Filipino (3%), Hispanic (4%), Multiethnic (7%), and White (+26%) student groups. Noncredit enrollment also increased in the Fall 2025 term, with a 4% rise in headcount (from 14,976 to 15,586) and 9% increase in total enrollment (from 27,254 to

29,828). Course modality distribution shows 49% of classes are offered remotely, 43% in person, and 8% in a hybrid format. Remote classes have the highest fill rate (83%), followed by hybrid (73%) and in-person (72%) classes.

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



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LACCD ([www.laccd.edu](http://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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