



OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

TO: LACCD Board of Trustees

FROM: Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez

DATE: January 8, 2020

SUBJECT: January 2020 - Chancellor's Monthly Report

The LACCD January report includes brief updates on the following:

- I. District Updates
- II. District Updates for Basic Student Needs
- III. Reports from the College Presidents
- IV. Community Engagement and Partnerships
- V. LACCD Media Outreach and Coverage

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I. District Updates

Special Screening of PBS Videos Featuring Two LACCD Colleges

The District and Los Angeles Southwest College are hosting a special screening of the PBS videos featuring the HireLAX program at Southwest and Los Angeles Harbor College's Nursing Program and you're invited!

The screening, followed by a panel discussion, begins at 4 p.m., Wednesday, January 15, in the Little Theater at L.A. Southwest College, 1600 W. Imperial Highway.

More information at:

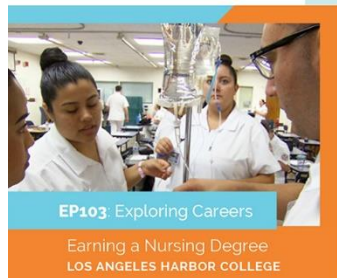
<http://laccd.edu/Documents/NewsDocuments/Two%20LACCD%20Colleges%20Featured%20in%20New%20PBS%20Series.pdf>

INVITATION: Los Angeles Premiere Screening!

DATE:
Wednesday, January 15, 2020
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION:
Los Angeles Southwest College
The Little Theater
1600 West Imperial Hwy.
Los Angeles, CA 90047

EVENT SCHEDULE:
4:00 p.m. Doors Open / Hors d'Oeuvres
4:30 p.m. Welcome by LACCD Chancellor
Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D.
4:45 p.m. Preview Screening of
"Inside California Education:
Community Colleges"
Discussion Panel



ABOUT THE SERIES:

We're pleased to announce the fourth season of the acclaimed, public television series, *Inside California Education*, airing on PBS KVIE and PBS stations throughout California. Each new half-hour episode explores at least four stories **directly from community college campuses** across California.

The programs provide viewers with a thoughtful, insightful look into the diverse range of students enrolled in local colleges and their goals and aspirations — and the educators, staff and partners who serve and support them.

Watch new episodes statewide—
coming this Winter!

New President for LATTC Nominated

Chancellor Rodriguez has recommended for Board approval Katrina VanderWoude, Ed.D. as the new President for Los Angeles Trade Technical College (LATTC). Dr. VanderWoude's appointment is on the January 8, 2020 board agenda, with a start date of Monday, February 24. This date allows for a transition period with Dr. Andrew Jones, who will continue to serve as Interim President through February.

Dr. VanderWoude has more than 20 years of administrative experience, the last six years in California, providing leadership and instruction in community college, university and K-12 environments, with an emphasis on academic affairs, career and technical education and workforce development. Her most recent position was President at Contra Costa College in Northern California. She received her doctorate of education and master's degree, both in educational leadership, from Eastern Michigan University, and a bachelor's in social science from Michigan State University.

A special thanks to the District's Search and Interview Committee, chaired by West Los Angeles College President Jim Limbaugh, for an outstanding job in reviewing applications and conducting first-round interviews from a large pool of national candidates developed by executive search firm ACCT.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Katrina VanderWoude to the LATTC and LACCD family!

Human Resources

The Human Resources Division (HRD) reports that the East Los Angeles College (ELAC) President Search Committee has been confirmed by the Chancellor and the search process is underway.

The position is posted at <https://laccd.csod.com/ats/careersite/JobDetails.aspx?site=6&id=825>. The Search Committee is chaired by Interim ELAC President Raul Rodriguez and an executive search firm has been hired to attract diverse, qualified candidates.

HRD has also launched its first technology initiative in collaboration from the District's Information Technology staff using Viatron scanning services to digitally image more than 2.5 million documents into a searchable digital personnel file within SAP.

HRD is also collaborating with several stakeholders throughout the District for a taskforce to review existing resources for retirees and determine how best to provide information for employees transitioning into retirement.

II. District Updates for Basic Student Needs

On December 6, LACCD Board of Trustees President Andra Hoffman, together with L.A. Valley College Dean of Workforce Development Doug Marriott and LAVC Family Resource Center Director Marni Roosevelt, presented at the Basic Needs Summit, #RealCollegeCalifornia, <https://realcollege.org/realcollege-california/> convening on "Strengthening Student Families: Creating a Culture of Care on Your Campus" at Laney College, California.

The outstanding work performed at Valley's Family Resource Center also was the subject of a recent article in the *Los Angeles Times*: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-12-27/community-college-program-helps-student-parents>

As part of Los Angeles Harbor College's commitment to having a "Hunger Free" campus, about 200 bags of groceries and \$25 gift cards were distributed to students on November 19 in time for Thanksgiving. On December 5, another 200 meals were provided on campus in partnership with the St. Francis Center. To alleviate stress on students during finals, December 9-11, Harbor provided snacks, free pizza and tacos for students. During the Fall Semester, 341 L.A. College Promise students received vouchers to receive bookstore credit, food dining credit or student transit passes (Upass).



III. Reports from the College Presidents (based on the District Strategic Plan 2018-2023)

Goal 1: Access to Educational Opportunities

- Los Angeles Mission College - Students from the college's Elementary Education and Child Development recently attended the LAUSD STEP Up Forum at Mulholland Middle School. The forum included topics related to entering teaching careers; restorative justice; trauma informed strategies for classrooms; interviewing skills and credential options. The trip was made possible through the Career Education Teacher Preparation Pathway (TPP) grant.
- Los Angeles Harbor College - Harbor's L.A. College Promise program office reports that in the first two years of operations, they had 1,054 promise students, (723 in first year and 331 in the second year).
- West Los Angeles College – Last year, West received a \$24,500 grant to pursue the use of Open Educational Resources (OER) to replace expensive required textbooks where possible. Through the hard work of faculty and staff tasked with researching resources and integrating OER into the classroom, several academic areas, including Communications and Economics, now rely exclusively on OER for students versus costly textbooks. The cost savings to students has been more than \$500,000 in textbook expenses since Fall 2018.

Goal 2: Premier Learning Environments

- Los Angeles Mission College - L.A. Mission College graduate and CSUN Sociology major, Genesis Pia, recently presented the findings of her research on "Latinas in Higher Education: Balancing Academic Responsibilities with Work and Family Obligations" at the California Sociological Association Conference in Sacramento. Ms. Pia is only the second L.A. Mission College sociology major to be accepted to the Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI)-Pathways to the Professoriate program at CSUN, <https://www.csun.edu/humanities/pathways-professoriate>.
- Los Angeles Pierce College – Former long-time Pierce College Baseball Coach and Athletic Director, Bob Lofrano, was recently inducted into the California Community College Baseball Hall of Fame Class of 2020. The Sports Hall of Fame is the highest honor bestowed in California community college athletics, recognizing those who have made the most of their experiences, bettering themselves and those with whom they come into contact.
- Los Angeles City College – LACC hosted numerous great music events including Gospel & Latin Ensembles, the Jazz Band and Choirs for the Evening Concert Series and the HAMC Music Academy Completion Concert in December.
- Los Angeles City College – LACC’s Law and Administration of Justice Department hosted Pathway to Law School: Financing Law School, a webinar presentation by AccessLex, a nonprofit assisting students with financial planning for law school.
- West Los Angeles College – “Toms” shoes returned to West for a second year on Giving Tuesday to conduct mock interviews and networking sessions for more than 50 students who practiced their skills and received immediate feedback from company executives and managers.
- Los Angeles Valley College - The college’s Nursing Department held its Fall 2019 Nursing Pinning Ceremony on December 12. This semester’s class includes 36 students who will be receiving their Associates of Science in Nursing on December 12. LAVC is the only nationally accredited nursing program in the San Fernando Valley and has a 95.59% passing rate on the National Council for State Boards of Nursing licensing exam (NCLEX) on the first time.
- Los Angeles Valley College - LAVC’s Marni Roosevelt has been identified as a State Leader in the Student Parent Success movement. She recently presented at the National Governors Association - Ascend Network (Aspen Institute) Conference in Maryland at a convening on “Institutions and States Working Together” with representatives from the Aspen Institute and the University of Minnesota.
- Los Angeles Valley College - Dennis Reed, LAVC professor emeritus of art, has a number of pieces from his collection of Japanese-American photographs, acquired by the Getty Museum this summer, in two exhibitions. The first show, “Unseen: 35 Years of Collecting Photographs,” celebrates the Getty Museum’s acquisitions over the past 35 years, and featured the “Dennis Reed Collection.” The second show “Director’s Choice” is a handful of works selected by the museum director as his favorites among those acquired this year.

- Los Angeles Southwest College - More than 30 of college's nursing students took part in the Nursing Department's Pinning Ceremony on December 14 in the Little Theatre. The LASC pin awarded to the nursing students symbolizes that they completed the program of study leading to an Associate Degree in Nursing.



- Los Angeles Southwest College - Twenty-three students became the first to graduate from the innovative Careers for a Cause job training program at LASC and are poised to be hired as employees in the growing homeless services industry. Many of the graduates had struggled to find jobs in the past and some had experienced homelessness themselves. The eight-week program offered career exploration and assessment, job shadowing, skills training, on-the-job coaching, and job retention support. In addition, students received wrap-around support services and a stipend.



- Los Angeles Trade-Technical College - The college's Fashion Center program held its once-a-semester Gold Thimble Fashion Show, based on the theme "Game of Thrones." Graduating fashion students competed in eight categories including the theme category presenting designs that rivaled Hollywood costumes and designs. Chancellor Rodriguez was in attendance with more than 500 others as the show was unveiled on the campus' B-Plaza for the first time. The event was highlighted in the Apparel News. <https://www.apparelnews.net/news/2019/dec/19/lattcs-gold-thimble-show-goes-game-thrones/>



- Los Angeles Trade-Technical College--A handful of faculty, students and friends assisted in decorating one of the most spectacular floats for the 2020 Tournament of Roses Parade seen on January 1. The float was the one celebrating the anniversary of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. Riding on the float was labor activist Dolores Huerta, among several other women icons. The LATTC Labor Center is named after Ms. Huerta and Dr. Ayeesha Randall encouraged the Trade-Tech community to volunteer in the float-decorating activity. Several folks came out to help decorate including nursing faculty member Dr. Paula Johnson, in photo.



Goal 3: Student Success and Equity

- Los Angeles Mission College_- Seven students from the Biotechnology program at Los Angeles Mission College have been selected for paid internships with Takeda Pharmaceutical. The students selected by Takeda are Odet Alfaro, Sergio Torres, Serob Makhmuran, Estefani Robles, Jonathan Quijano, Nataniel Jimenez, and Anandkumar Mistry.
- Los Angeles Harbor College - Congratulations to Harbor's Women's Cross-Country Team for winning their 3rd consecutive Southern California Conference (SCC) Title. Kudos to Marai Atanacio (Freshman) for capturing the individual SCC title with a 21:24.3 time in the 5-kilometer course.
- Los Angeles City College – On December 5, the college and the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health hosted a Day of Giving on December 5 to assist the LACC population and surrounding communities with issues of housing, food and other outreach resources while LACC's Umoja Program presented a Kwanzaa Holiday Celebration.

- Los Angeles City College – LACC’s Food for Thought program provided meals to students during Finals Week, including a \$10 credit for food items at the Cub Store.
- Los Angeles City College – LACC’s Nursing hosted a nurse pinning ceremony on December 12 for students who completed the nursing program.
- East Los Angeles College – On Tuesday, December 3, ELAC launched the “1,000 Meals Challenge” initiative in conjunction with “Giving Tuesday.” The program was created to support students with vouchers for food at local restaurants. The vouchers will have the company’s name on it, along with a tracking number. The restaurants will receive stickers to display at their establishments to show their support of our students.
- Los Angeles Southwest College - LASC football standout Deion Malone accepted an offer to play next year for Portland State University. Malone was one of the most decorated football players in LASC history. As a freshman in 2018, Malone was named first-team all-conference as a wide receiver and all-purpose player in the Metro League’s American Division.
- West Los Angeles College – The Wildcats Football program announced that 13 of its 16 sophomores have been offered university scholarships and expects that the remaining three will also receive scholarships. This achievement speaks to the athletic program commitment to not only developing strong athletes but also capable scholars and a culture of transfer.
- Los Angeles Pierce College – Out of 160 entries, Pierce’s Roundup newspaper was one of four publications to garner the 2019 Associated College Press Pacemaker Award for its “tenacious in-depth reporting and impartial and objective coverage” at the Fall National Media Convention in Washington, D.C.
- Los Angeles Valley College - LAVC Workforce Training hosted a BioTech Graduation on December 10 with President Dr. Barry Gribbons and regional and state partners. The class completed an intensive six-week industry specific training, a three unit of BioTech Manufacturing class, and industry visits to Grifols, <https://www.grifols.com/en/home>.
- East Los Angeles College - On Wednesday, December 11, 2019, the Southern California Chapter of The National Organization of Minority Architects was honored by chapter sponsor Stantec in awarding six scholarships to deserving students. ELAC students Stephen Curtiss and Gustavo Bernal were among those selected to receive \$1,000 scholarships to help further their education and career. The scholarships were provided in celebration of Stantec’s 65th anniversary.
- East Los Angeles College - ELAC music student Christian Martinez won First Prize in the Music Association of California Community Colleges (MACCC) Music Theory Competition held recently in San Francisco. MACCC holds an annual conference for both music faculty and students from California community colleges. ELAC music students have been finalists each year since the competition’s inception in 2015 and they have won First Prize three times, in 2016, 2017 and 2019.

- Los Angeles Harbor College - Congratulations to 10 well-deserving students who received a \$500 scholarship sponsored by Harbor's Associated Student Organization.



Goal 4: Organizational Effectiveness

- East Los Angeles College – ELAC and the ELAC Foundation hosted its inaugural “Celebrating the Spirit of Perseverance Holiday Dinner” on December 3, 2019 to recognize ELAC students who work diligently on their education despite facing daily hardships. More than 300 people attended.
- Los Angeles City College – Wesley Community Clinic was approved to provide health services at the LACC Health Center for students on campus and additional health services at the Wesley Clinic and at Kaiser Hospital.
- Los Angeles Trade-Technical College--On December 16, the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations announced LATTC among the winners for its national 2019 Paragon Award in the brand promotional video category. The college’s video, “Find Your Pathway,” is among the top three nationwide to be recognized. The piece was put together by the college’s Public Relations Manager David Ysais and faculty member Jack LeFelt. The award will be presented to Trade Tech at NCMPR’s national conference in Orlando in March. Watch the video at: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Find+Your+Pathway
- Los Angeles Southwest College - Faculty, classified professionals and administrators donated dozens of gifts to students and their families in need this holiday season during the employees Winter Holiday Party on December 5.



Upcoming Campus Events and Activities for January 2020

DATE	COLLEGE	EVENT
1/6-1/10	VALLEY	Free NCLEX Review Course
1/7	HARBOR	Fresh Produce Give-Away (every Tuesday)
1/8	TRADE-TECH	LATTC alumni Donald Campbell will have an City of Los Angeles intersection on Crenshaw Boulevard after him. Campbell created the dance style known as “pop-locking” which he created while dancing in the LATTC cafeteria. He attended art classes here before becoming a dance icon with the group “The Lockers.”
1/8	HARBOR	OCR Wednesday - (hosted every Wednesday) Orientation/Counseling/Registration
1/18	SOUTHWEST	LASC will march in Inglewood's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade https://www.cityofinglewood.org/1173/2020-MLK-Day on Saturday, January 18. This is a family-friendly event and we would love for you to participate! If you plan to join us, complete this form .
1/21	WEST	Evening Open House
1/24	MISSION	Allied Health Information Session
1/29	SOUTHWEST	LASC's Student Services areas will provide students with a free hot meal and complimentary bags of groceries at the “Food For All: Providing Food Security At LASC” event 12-2 p.m., January 29, at the School and Career Technical Education (SoCTE) building. https://www.lasc.edu/administration/public_information/Food-For-All-Jan-2020
1/31	TRADE-TECH	LATTC will host a candidate’s forum for the 2nd County Supervisorial District seat. Several people are vying for his seat including Herb Wesson, Jan Perry and Holly Mitchell.

IV. Community Engagement and Partnerships

Chancellor and executive staff community outreach for December 2019:

DATE	EVENT
December 4	Chancellor Rodriguez hosted the monthly “Chat With the Chancellor” at East L.A. College.
December 5	Chancellor Rodriguez and the District Academic Senate held their monthly consultation.
December 6	Chancellor Rodriguez met with the Presidents’ Council at the Campaign for College Opportunity office.
December 6	Chancellor Rodriguez attended LATTC’s Gold Thimble Fashion Show.
December 10	Interim Deputy Chancellor Nish and Vice Chancellor Cornner met with Parminder Jassal, CEO of SocialTech.ai to discuss fee-based delivery methods
December 11	Board Trustee Fong, Chancellor Rodriguez, Interim Deputy Chancellor Nish, Harbor President Lee and Pierce President Montevirgen participated in the API Advisory Committee at ELAC.
December 11	Chancellor Rodriguez was a guest speaker at a DACA program hosted by Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis.
December 11	Vice Chancellor Cornner served on the panel entitled <i>The State of AB705 Implementation in California Community Colleges</i> at the Math Equity Convening hosted by the University of Southern California.
December 13	Chancellor Rodriguez attended the board meeting of the L.A. Coalition for Jobs & the Economy at the Hillcrest Country Club.
December 13	Board President Andra Hoffman, Chancellor Rodriguez and Vice Chancellor Cornner attended the Project Match reception at LAMC.

December 13	Interim Deputy Chancellor Nish and Vice Chancellor Cornner met with President Carmen De Roy about the California College Guidance Initiative.
December 17	Chancellor Rodriguez and Vice Chancellor Larry Frank met with representatives from the OneLA Regional Initiative, a partnership with public agencies, LA Area Chamber and ethnic chambers of commerce, to eliminate barriers that small, women- and minority-owned businesses face when trying to do business with a government agency.
December 18	Chancellor Rodriguez visited with the L.A. Chamber Education & Workforce Committee.
December 19	Chancellor Rodriguez and senior executives met with Jim Austin, who is serving as the interim CFO for the State Chancellor's Office.

V. LACCD Media Outreach and Coverage

Gold Thimble Fashion Show

<https://www.apparelnews.net/news/2019/dec/19/lattcs-gold-thimble-show-goes-game-thrones/>

Valley's Family Resource Center

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-12-27/community-college-program-helps-student-parents>

LA Times Columnist Steve Lopez on college food insecurities

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-12-07/column-hungry-minds-and-empty-stomachs-at-east-l-a-college>

DACA news & issues

<https://www.arabamericannews.com/2019/12/26/daca-beneficiaries-could-stay-in-the-u-s-for-years/>

<https://www.worldjournal.com/6673042/>

Accessibility issues

<https://www.insidehighered.com/digital-learning/article/2019/12/12/diminishing-duplication-evaluating-accessibility-education>

Rubio Sisters serving in State Legislature are ELAC graduates

<https://headtopics.com/us/once-deported-the-rubios-are-the-first-sisters-to-serve-in-the-california-legislature-10499324>

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-ca-col1-rubio-sisters-20190531-story.html>

<https://www.latimes.com/espanol/california/articulo/2020-01-06/aunque-una-vez-fueron-deportadas-las-rubio-son-las-primeras-hermanas-en-servir-en-la-legislatura-de-california>