



OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

TO: LACCD Board of Trustees

FROM: Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez

DATE: September 6, 2017

SUBJECT: September 2017 - Chancellor's Monthly Report

The LACCD September report includes brief updates on the following:

- I. District Updates
- II. Fall 2017 Enrollment Update
- III. Reports from the College Presidents
- IV. Community Engagement & Partnerships

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I. District Updates

President Donald J. Trump's decision to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program was announced by U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions on September 5. Attorney General Sessions directed the Department of Homeland Security to "wind-down" the DACA program, and signaled to Congress time to address this issue over the next six months. This ruling affects approximately 11,000 undocumented students, enrolled in the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD). Naturally the White House action has caused anxiety and uncertainty for our students and communities. The college presidents, our Sheriff's Department, and the ESC are on high alert.

In anticipation of the announcement, executive staff worked over the Labor Day weekend to communicate our concerns to the White House, the Congress, and to prepare a message for LACCD students, staff and faculty. In addition, the following actions were taken:

- September 1 Sent letter to President Donald J. Trump
- September 5 Participated in "Defend DACA" Press Conference at invitation of LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis with Supervisor Janice Hahn, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, ELAC DACA student Francia Cruz, and Rigo Reyes, Office of Immigrant Affairs, LA County.
- September 5 Sent letter to Congressional leaders calling for passage of Dream Act or legislation protecting "Dreamer" students
- September 5 Sent letter to LACCD students, staff and faculty

Update on Chancellor's Retreat and Board of Trustees Fall Retreat

Planning for the fall Chancellor's Retreat has been finalized. The focus of the planning session is on student enrollment. The Retreat will be held on September 7 and 8 at the Van de Kamp Innovation Center, and includes presentations by Chancellor Eloy Oakley, and representatives from public higher education communications officials.

Planning for the Board of Trustees fall planning and leadership retreat will be held this weekend on Saturday, September 9, at the District Office. ACCT Vice President Narcisa Polonio is the facilitator and will lead the board through its 2017/18 goals exercise.

Legislative Update

With the State Legislature winding down its business for the 2017 Session on September 15, we have been closely monitoring the progress of two legislative measures - SB 628 (Lara) a bill making it permissible for the LACCD to go from at-large elections to district-based elections commencing in 2019, has reached the Governor's desk and we are awaiting a decision on the bill. AB 19 (Santiago) LACCD's sponsored College Promise bill made it out of the Senate Suspense File and is headed to the Senate Floor. Recent amendments requiring a future line-item budget allocation to fund the bill will increase its chances of passing the legislature. We are in conversations with the Governor's Office to address any concerns to garner his support.

New Executive Staff Members

David Salazar began his new role as the Chief Facilities Executive for the district on August 4, 2017. Mr. Salazar has extensive professional background in capital construction and facilities planning and management. Previously he served as Associate VP of Physical Planning and Facilities at Cal State, Long Beach.

Jeffrey Prieto began his role as General Counsel for LACCD on September 1, 2017. Mr. Prieto has managed the United States Dept. of Agriculture Office of General Counsel. The office is charged with providing legal services for all programs, operations and activities of the Department.

Foundation for the Los Angeles Community College District

A gift agreement for planned gift for Mike Rose has been signed by both parties. Mr. Rose agreed to allow us to announce his give to inspire others to make planned gifts. He is leaving the residual of his estate to the Foundation for an endowment to help students at Trade Tech. A press release announcing the gift is being prepared.

We had an extended meeting with Vicky Chang to review stewardship of her gift for nursing. An online form was presented to her that will make the process of distributing fund more efficient and effective. A meeting with the Chairs of each Nursing department has been scheduled.

Stewardship of gift is vital for the Foundation to build trust with donors and philanthropy foundations. A meeting to discuss parameters for grant reporting and stewardship of funds to the California Community Foundation takes place September 6. A grant report for the Edison contribution we received last spring was submitted.

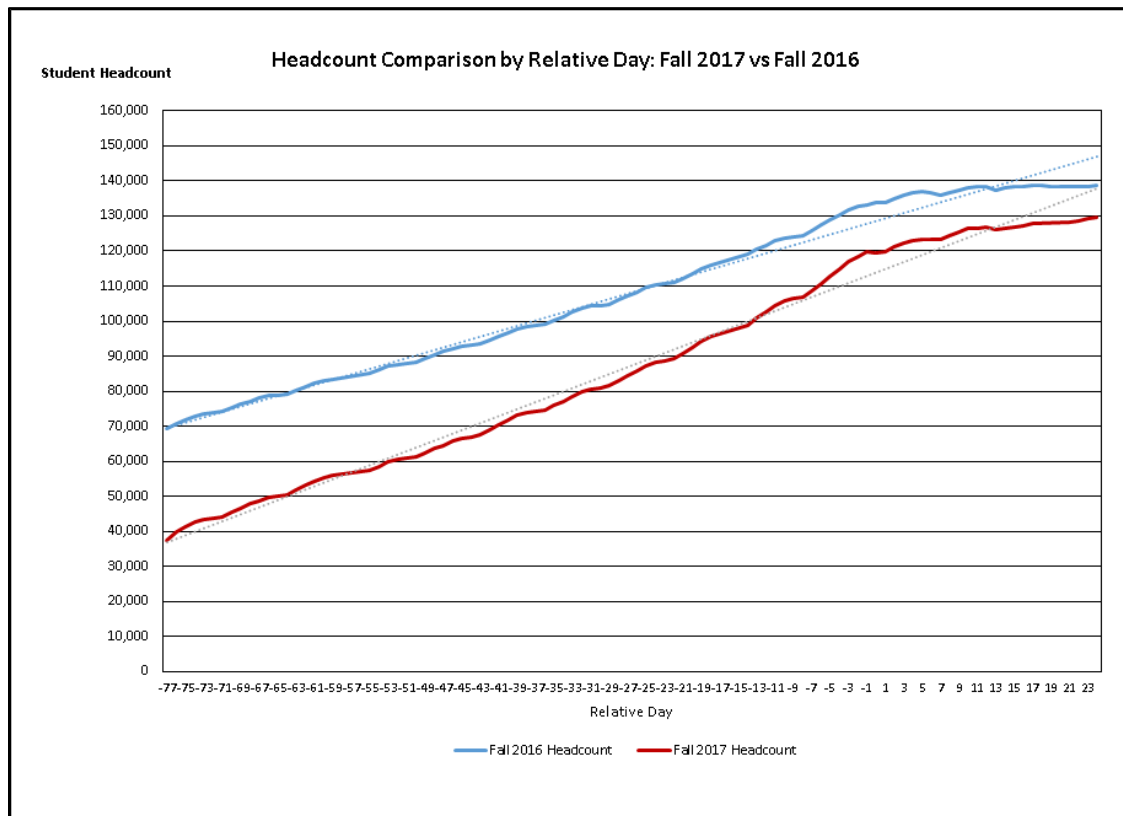
II. Fall 2017 Enrollment Update

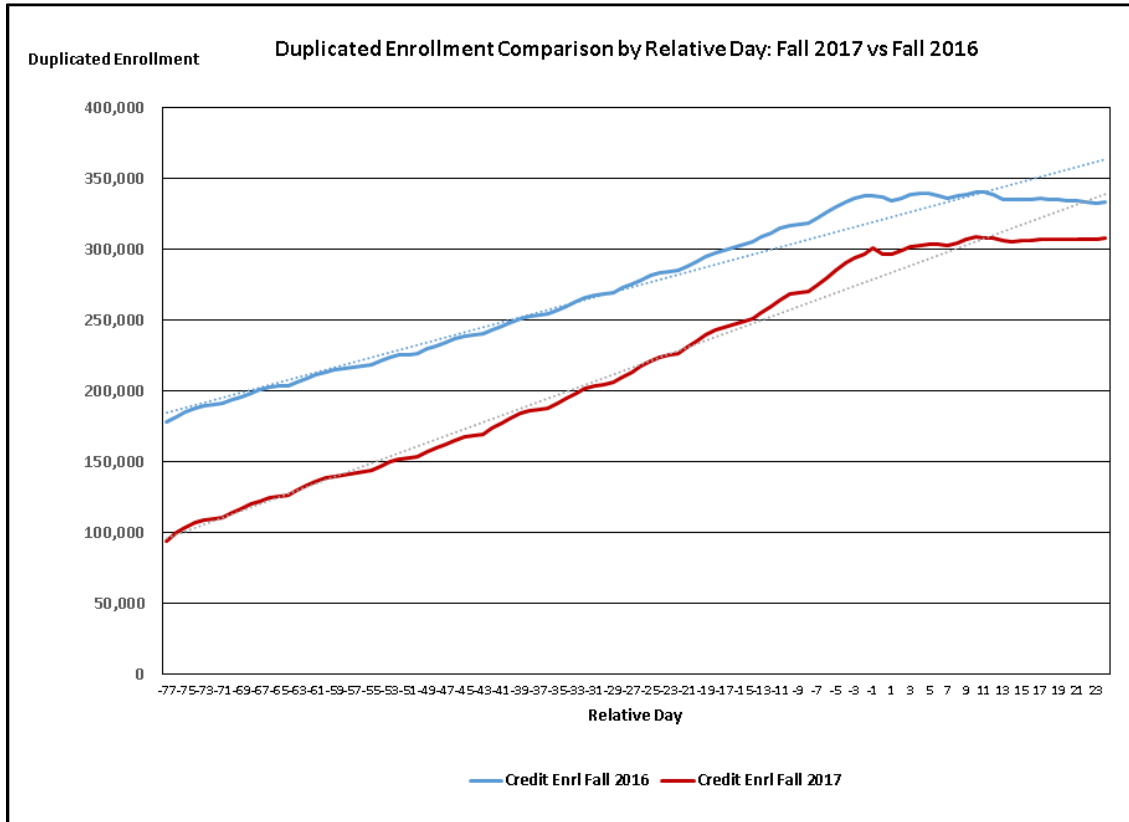
Based on the 9/4/17 enrollment report (seventh day of the semester) district-wide:

- Fall 2017 credit student headcount was at 92% of Fall 2016
- Fall 2017 duplicated enrollment was at 92% of Fall 2016
- Fall 2017 class count was at 97% Fall 2016
- Fall 2017 enrollment per class was at 95% of Fall 2016.

Fall 2017 credit headcount and duplicated enrollment continue to lag behind Fall 2016, although the gap in these measures has steadily narrowed leading up to the beginning of the semester (see charts below).

Colleges have undertaken activities to recover enrollment including contacting students with registration appointments who have not yet enrolled and analyzing closed classes to assess enrollment for high demand classes. In addition, colleges are continuing to carefully monitor and reduce low enrollment classes to ensure instructional efficiency.





III. Reports from the College Presidents

Los Angeles City College

- President Renee Martinez has announced her intent to retire at the end of the fall 2017 semester after 40 plus years as an educator at LACCD.
- The campus goal of approximately 700 fulltime enrolled First-Year Experience (FYE) students has been met. LACC has enrolled approximately 624 fulltime LA Promise students, as of 8/31/17. Developed "Last Chance Orientation Sessions" for approximately 200 students during the Beat the Rush Week.
- LACC sent letters targeting over 2,300 first Year Experience Program students, including disproportionately impacted groups of African Americans and Latinos.

East Los Angeles College

- This summer, MESA Program at ELAC offered unique opportunity to 46 highly qualified students to conduct STEM research at one of our partner institutions, ranging from University of Southern California, Purdue, and Princeton to Doheny Eye Institute and Boeing. Students worked with one or more mentors who provided guidance and monitored their progress. Research experience also included innovation and entrepreneurship elements. Participating students received a \$5,000 stipend to cover travel, accommodations and living expenses; half stipend coming from ELAC's federal grant funds and other half from the host institution. Students will present the results of their work during the ELAC's STEM Research Symposium scheduled for September 27.

- On August 17, East Los Angeles College held ELAC Live! This campus-wide effort helped over 1,478 students to access services that included on-site assistance with enrollment, registration, financial aid, walk-in counseling, course selection, EOPS, assessment, student club activities, career and employment information, financial wellness resources, and other community resources. All academic departments and ELAC programs were on hand to welcome new and returning students.

Los Angeles Harbor College

- LA Harbor held two Assessment, Orientation, Counseling and Registration (AOC+R) events on campus to boost enrollment. A "Welcome Center" was opened for students comprised of Outreach, Harbor Advantage and Harbor Success.

Los Angeles Mission College

- The college has surpassed last fall's headcount and is 100% on enrollment, section, and average class size over last fall.

Los Angeles Pierce College

- LA Pierce College has been provisionally invited by the Foundation for California Community Colleges and California Community College Chancellor's Office to serve as an AmeriCorps member placement site. The program offers an exciting opportunity to complement and expand existing college efforts by placing community college students as AmeriCorps volunteers. The program is administered by California Volunteers and sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service.
- LA Pierce College Student Health Center has become a Medi-Cal and Family Pact provider. Family PACT is California's innovative approach to provide comprehensive family planning services to eligible low-income (under 200% federal poverty level) men and women. Family PACT serves 1.1 million income eligible men and women of childbearing age through a network of 2,200 public and private providers. Services include comprehensive education, assistance, and services relating to family planning.

Los Angeles Southwest College

- Los Angeles World Airports and the HireLAX Apprenticeship Readiness Program (ARP) (Los Angeles Southwest College and Los Angeles Trade Tech College) will host a grand opening ceremony on September 11, 2017 at 11:00 AM, which is the first day of class for the program. Board President Kamlager- Dove will also be present to speak alongside the leaders of Los Angeles Southwest College, Los Angeles Trade Technical College and Deborah Flint, CEO of Los Angeles World Airports.

Los Angeles Trade-Tech

- LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis visited the Anti-Recidivism Coalition cohort to listen about county support for a group of formerly incarcerated students that are truly turning their lives around through this pre-apprentice cohort.
- Held at the St. John's Town Hall, LATTC campus health provider and community partner celebrated the survival of individuals the Affordable Care Act and gave an update to more than 300 in attendance, including Attorney General Javier Becerra.

- LACCD asked LATTTC to host business leader, philanthropist, and environmentalist Tom Steyer. Chancellor Rodriguez, President Frank and Anti- Recidivism Coalition founder and CC Board of Governors member Scott Budnick joined Steyer in speaking with ARC students about being incarcerated and turning their lives around at the LA Trade Tech partnership program.
- Entire LATTTC faculty returned for their annual gathering before the fall semester starts to talk about the upcoming school year. Speakers included new LACCD Board of Trustees member Gabriel Buelna. Faculty leaders agreed to take the lead in a two-day enrollment fair for the community.
- More than 140 students gathered to hear information about UMOJA, a group that focuses on the success of African-American and other students as they move forward on their educational journey.
- Congresswoman Karen Bass and Former Mayor Villaraigosa spoke to 80+ students about concerns related to continuation of DACA.
- More than thirty members of the Anti-Recidivism Coalition class, were honored at their graduation and celebration - as they launch into their construction jobs. Partners including the LA County Fed's Rusty Hicks, LA/OC Building Trades President Ron Miller, Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez, ARC founder Scott Budnick, and President Larry Frank were in attendance to celebrate the group of formerly incarcerated students. Actor Danny Trejo also attended and addressed the class with words of encouragement. Trejo's nephew graduated with the group.

Los Angeles Valley College

- On August 22, the LAVC Foundation held its annual Scholarship event, where 153 students were awarded scholarships totaling \$104,750. More scholarships will be awarded later in the year. LAVC was pleased to learn on August 31 that it's federal Upward Bound: Math and Science grant was approved for \$263,938 per year for a total of \$1,319,690 over five years. This grant will extend their current grant-funded program through 2022.

West Los Angeles College

- WLAC's Associate in Computer Science Information Technology program has been ranked in the top twenty (#19) among similar programs in the U.S. In a review of schools across the nation, WLAC's program stood out in both quality and affordability.
- WLAC opened its Welcome Center on the main floor of the Student Services Building. During the first two weeks of operation, they averaged 100 contacts a day. Traffic increased dramatically with the opening of the semester.
- WLAC was selected as a participant in a study by The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine: "Closing the Equity Gap, Securing our STEM Education and Workforce Readiness Infrastructure in the Nation's Minority Serving Institutions."
- WLAC has received notification that its Upward Bound Math and Science grant has received funding for the next five years.

Upcoming Campus Events and Activities for September

DATE	COLLEGE	EVENT
September 6 - 7	LA Pierce College	The Student Services Fair – focuses on increasing student awareness of the Division of Student Services programs and services.
September 9	LA Pierce College	Annual College Faire Extraordinaire featuring 100 colleges and universities from across the nation. Over 20 workshops will be offered to assist local area high school students and college students with preparation for University of California and California State University applications and with financial aid.
September 13	LA Harbor College	Transfer Day for Students – over 40 universities will be represented on campus.
September 15	LA Harbor College	11 th Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Banquet
September 15	LA Southwest College	The LASC Archives Event
September 16 - October 16	LA Southwest College	Hispanic Heritage Month events
September 21	LA Mission College	LAMC is hosting a San Fernando Job Fair with Assemblyman Bocanegra and Congressman Cardenas that will connect employers with students and community for careers and employment.
September 27	LA Pierce College	Meet your Major Fair provides students the opportunity to meet with Pierce College faculty and learn more about major options and career paths.
September 30	LA Southwest College	LASC 50 th Anniversary Gala
October 7	LA Valley College	Annual College Fest, which will be held on with an estimated 2,500 LAUSD students and their families projected to be in attendance.

IV. Community Engagement & Partnerships

Chancellor and Executive Staff community outreach for August and September:

DATE	EVENT
August 8	Chancellor Rodriguez conducted a video interview for the Texas Male Student Leadership Summit.
August 10	Chancellor Rodriguez and Staff attended Latino Chamber's 8 th Anniversary Summer Event.
August 14	Chancellor Rodriguez, chaired HSI Subcommittee, National Science Foundation, meeting on STEM with national college and university presidents.
August 17 - 18	Department of Finance & State Chancellor's Office visit to LACCD, ELAC, and LA Valley College.
August 18	LATTC hosts environmentalist Tom Steyer for a campus tour at LATTC.
August 18	Chancellor Rodriguez and President Otto Lee participated in the EPIC Closing Ceremony with US Representative Nanette Barragan and Congressman Lieu's staff.
August 24	Chancellor Rodriguez participated in Opening Day at LA City College.
August 28	Chancellor Rodriguez visited with Debra Duardo, Superintendent, LA County Office of Education.
August 29	Chancellor Rodriguez participated in LATTC ARC graduation.
August 29	Maria Luisa Veloz met with Assembly and Senate Higher Education Policy staff: <u>California State Assembly:</u> Senate Committee on Appropriations Lenin Del Castillo, Principal Consultant, Ellen Hou Green, Legislative Director, Assemblymember Mark Berman, 24 th District Daisy Gonzales, Principal Consultant, Assembly Appropriations Committee Monica Henestrosa, Special Assistant to Speaker Anthony Rendon Mark Martin, Consultant, Assembly Budget Committee Terry Schanz, Chief of Staff, Assemblymember Kevin McCarty, 7 th District Guy W. Strahl, Legislative Director, Assemblymember Richard Bloom, 15 th District Jeanice Warden, Chief Consultant, Assembly Committee on Higher Education, Assemblymember Jose Medina, 61 st District <u>California State Senate:</u> Anita Lee, Consultant, Senate Committee, Budget and Fiscal Review Olgalilia Ramirez, Consultant, Senate Committee on Education Kimberly Rodriguez, Consultant, Senator Kevin de Leon, President Pro Tempore, 24 th Senate District

- August 30 A group of 14 LACCD representatives participate in the statewide College Promise Conference in Sacramento. Chancellor Rodriguez led two workshops with Chevron on building partnerships between industry and education.
- Chancellor Rodriguez met with Department of Finance representatives in Sacramento to discuss the merits of AB 19 (Santiago).
- September 1 Chancellor Rodriguez conducted a radio interview with KPCC regarding the impact of federal policy changes on DACA to LACCD students.
- September 5 Chancellor Rodriguez participated in “Defend DACA” press conference at the LA County Hall of Administration.