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CHANCELLOR'S

Monthly REPORT

April 10, 2024

Dear LACCD Colleagues:

As we enter the latter half of the spring semester with the beginning of several eight-week and short-term courses, we continue to maintain our increases in enrollment across all our campuses. This growth is a testament to the determination and professionalism of our faculty, staff, and administration over the past several years to restore enrollments through retention and persistence activities, a reinvigoration of our outreach to high schools through dual enrollment, engagement with adult learners, and an unbridled commitment to the communities we are proud to serve. Thank you for your continued dedication to the success of our students and the mission of LACCD.

One significant development to note is the recent partnership agreement that LACCD has forged with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to bolster our dual enrollment programs. LACCD currently serves approximately 20,000 students per year through dual enrollment across all nine colleges. Through the agreement, we are looking to offer dual enrollment classes to every student at LAUSD in a variety of areas, including university transfer, CTE pathway completion, industry certifications, internships, pre-apprenticeships, and apprenticeships.

Spring is also the season of celebrations. Here are a few on the horizon:

Culinary Cup - Tantalize your taste buds and witness the culinary talents of our students at the annual Culinary Cup hosted at LA Harbor College on May 10. This event displays our outstanding culinary schools and the exceptional talents of students at LA Harbor, LA Mission, and LA Trade Tech. This year's theme is New Orleans.

Lavender Graduate Celebration
Friday, May 17, 2024 at 4 pm
Los Angeles Mission College

Asian Pasifika Desi American Graduate Celebration
Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 11am
Los Angeles Harbor College

Black Graduate Celebration
Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 3 pm
Los Angeles Southwest College

Mi Gente Graduate Celebration
Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 4 pm
East Los Angeles College



Affinity Graduate Celebrations - In addition to our traditional Commencement Exercises, our District sponsors affinity graduate celebrations to honor and embrace the rich backgrounds, traditions, and experiences within our community:

Lavender Graduate Celebration, May 17 at 4:00 pm, LA Mission College

Asian Pasifika Desi American Graduate Celebration, May 18 at 11:00 am, LA Harbor College

Black Graduate Celebration, May 23 at 3:00 pm, LA Southwest College

Mi Gente Graduate Celebration, June 1 at 4:00 pm, East LA College

[Read more information on these events and how to register.](#)

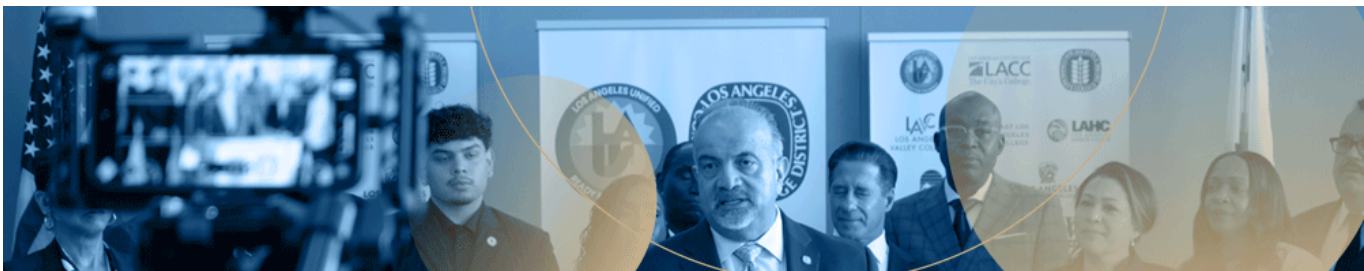
Annual Commencement – Our annual Commencement Exercises take place on June 4 at all nine of our colleges. You are cordially invited to attend and celebrate this culminating experience for our students.

Together, let’s continue to push boundaries, break barriers, and empower individuals to achieve their fullest potential.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication, as we continue to inspire, learn, and thrive.

Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D.
Chancellor
Los Angeles Community College District

District Office Events & Updates



Office of Communications & Marketing

[LAUSD and LACCD expand college and career pathways for all students](#)

This agreement expands college and career pathways for all students to ensure they have the tools they need to succeed in college, future careers, and life. The announcement was made during Thursday’s “Dream it, Achieve it: College and Career Leadership” convening.

Educators discussed their efforts to ensure 100% of schools serving grades 9-12 offer one or more of the following college and career programs, including college credit courses, CTE pathways, industry certifications, internships, apprenticeships and the opportunity to earn an associate degree.



The news outlets ABC7, KNBC, KPCC, KVEA, Spectrum News 1 SoCal, Telemundo 52, Univision 34, CSPAN, and MSNBC covered the event.



Office for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility (ODEIA)

is hosting a

Cultural Competency & Student Success Event.

Multiple presentations, a student panel and two keynote speakers will discuss the timely topic of how to increase faculty engagement in culturally competent teaching.

The event is on April 12, 2024, at 8:30-4:00 pm at Los Angeles Valley College. See the flyer for more information.

Registration instructions:

Scan the QR code or [register](#) on the LACCD SAP Portal

After logging in – register for the event.



LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

The Power of Connection

Cultural Competency & Student Success



Multiple Presentations and Student Panel
Increasing faculty engagement in culturally competent teaching



Keynote Speakers



Tiffany Lanoix
Professor Sociology,
West Los Angeles College

Dr. Joshua Moon Johnson
Provost & Vice President for
Academic Affairs, West Valley
College and Board Member and
Equity Team Lead for ACCCA

[Register now](#) or Scan QR code
to register

Registration instructions:

1. Scan QR code - directs to LACCD SAP Portal
2. Login to LACCD SAP Portal - directs to event registration
3. Register for event

April 12, 2024
8:30-4:00pm
at Los Angeles Valley College



LACCD Advocacy & Events



On March 22, President Biden signed a six-bill fiscal year FY24 government funding package which included Labor-HHS-Ed. Funding for this and all other eleven appropriations bills now expire September 30, 2024. Two Senate Community Project Funding requests were submitted to Senator Laphonza Butler and Senator Alex Padilla to extend the Metro GoPass Initiative.

Our State sponsored bills are moving swiftly through the Legislative process. On April 3, AB 2931 (Fong) Student Peer-to-Peer Tutoring bill passed the Assembly Public Employee and Retirement Committee unanimously with a vote of

7-0. AB 3142 (Jones-Sawyer) CA Climate Center Mobile Unit was heard in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on April 9, and Senate Bill 895 (Roth) was heard in Senate Education on April 10. We have assisted in securing local support for the bill from the LA County Board of Supervisors, LA City Council, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, and local medical groups and nonprofit organizations.



LACCD Enrollment update



LACCD Credit Enrollment Update

Spring 2024 TO Spring 2023 COMPARISONS

DAY 56 - RELATIVE TO THE BEGINNING OF INSTRUCTION

Relative Day Comparisons for Day 56, comparing Spring 2024 (Monday, April 1, 2024) to Spring 2023 (Monday, April 3, 2023).
Data source: LACCD PS Student Information System.

HEADCOUNT
117,520
111%
106,306

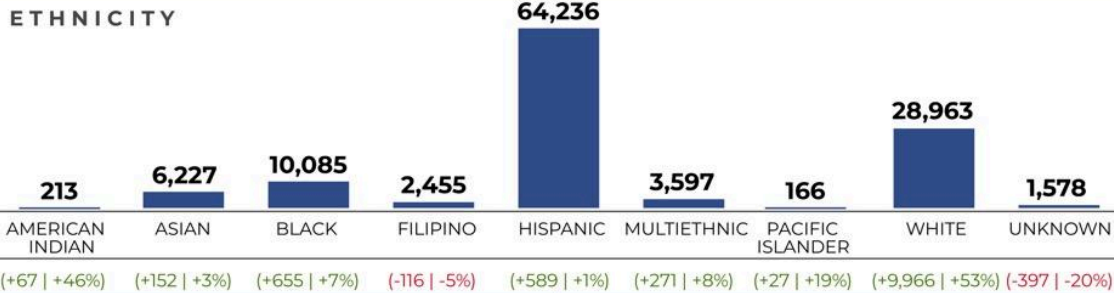
ENROLLMENT
240,830
109%
221,691

SECTION COUNT
9,986
103%
9,737

ENROLLMENT DIVIDED BY SECTION
24.1
106%
22.8

GENDER Spring 2024 Change from 2023

| | | |
|------------|--------|---------------|
| FEMALE | 63,174 | +3,833 +7% |
| MALE | 51,899 | +6,993 +16% |
| NON-BINARY | 930 | +170 N/A |
| UNKNOWN | 1,517 | +218 N/A |



ENROLLMENT STATUS Spring 2024 Change from 2023

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------|----------------|
| FIRST-TIME | 6,645 | +1,394 +27% |
| TRANSFER | 8,514 | +1,836 +28% |
| RETURNING | 12,954 | +7,447 +135% |
| CONTINUING | 70,599 | +1,565 +2% |
| CONCURRENT HIGH SCHOOL | 18,600 | +3,526 +24% |
| CONCURRENT ADULT SCHOOL | 170 | +26 N/A |

CLASS MODALITY & FILL RATE

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|-----------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| CLASS MODALITY: | 49% Remote | 7% Hybrid | 44% In-Person |
| FILL RATE: | 79% | 66% | 65% |

SOURCE: LACCD Office of Institutional Effectiveness

Spring 2024 Credit Enrollment Update:

Comparing Spring 2024 to Spring 2023 as of day 56 of the semester, districtwide, student headcount is up by 11% and enrollment is up by 9% while class offerings show a 3% increase and enrollment per section is up by 6%. The District is experiencing a large increases in first-time students (+1,394; +27%), returning students (+7,447; 135%), and concurrent high school students (+3,526; +24%) as well as increases for full-time students (+984; 5%) and part-time students enrolled in less than 6 units (+7,529; 14%). Increases are also observed for all age, gender, and ethnic group with large increases for female students (+3,833; +7%), male students (+6,993, +16%), students under age 20 (+3,323; +9%), students age 25-34 (+2,760; +12%), students age 35-54 (+4,102; +27%), Black students (+655; +7%), and White

students (+9,966; +53%). 49% of classes are being taught remotely, 44% are in-person, and 7% are hybrid. Remote classes continue to have the highest fill rate (79%) followed by hybrid (66%) and in-person (65%) classes.

[View the LACCD Spring 2024 Enrollment Update PDF version](#)

Campus Events & Updates



LACC Hosted “Together We Rise: Fostering Unity for College Success” Summit

On March 13, 2024, LACC hosted “Together We Rise: Fostering Unity for College Success” a professional development summit. The daylong event featured speakers, workshops and resources for LACC faculty and staff. Speakers included Dr. Mike Munoz, President, Long Beach City College, Dr. Shaun Harper, Provost Professor, USC, Dr. Estela Bensimon, University Professor Emerita, USC, Dr. Erin Vines, Executive Director, A2AMEND, Dr. Edward Bush, President, Cosumnes River College, Dr.

Luke Wood, President, California State University Sacramento and Dr. Byron Breland, Chancellor, North Orange County Community College District to name a few.



LACC President Amanuel Gebru's Investiture Ceremony

LA City College commemorated the leadership of Dr. Amanuel Gebru, the college's 16th president and 18th leader, with an investiture ceremony on March 14, 2024. Guest included LA Mayor Karen Bass, LACCD Board of Trustees President Nichelle Henderson, Poet Laureate Lynne Thompson, Bishop Kenneth C. Ulmer, LACCD stakeholders, educational partners, and elected

leaders. The ceremony included an Indigenous Land Acknowledgement and prayer, libation ceremony, a poetic tribute, and live performances from the LACC Jazz Band and Ethiopia Dance Troupe and Drummers.

City Senior Days Resource Fair

During the week of March 18, LACC held their City Senior Resource Fair welcoming high school seniors to our campus.

Women's History Month Celebration Tea

On Wednesday, March 19, LACC hosted the LACCD Women's History Month Celebration Tea honoring women throughout our District and celebrating women's contributions to history, culture and society. LACCD Chancellor Dr. Francisco C. Rodriguez, LACC President Dr. Amanuel Gebru, LACCD Equity and Justice Fellow Dr. Regina Smith, LACCD Board of Trustees President Nichelle Henderson and National Women's History Alliance Co-Founder Molly Murphy MacGregor gave remarks.

Music Pathway

On April 10, LACC hosted 100 high school students to introduce them to majors and careers in the Music fields.

Coming Events

- CTE Spotlight Awards: On April 17, LACC will participate in the CTE Spotlight Awards at Sofi Stadium Corona Beach House.
- Herb Alpert Music Center Faculty Concert: On April 25, LACC will present an evening concert presented by the faculty and staff of the Herb Alpert Music Center

LACC Hosts Screening and Panel Discussion for End of the Line Documentary

On March 27, LACC's Racial Equity & Social Justice Center hosted a screening and panel discussion of the documentary End of the Line: The Women of Standing Rock. A 2022 Emmy Award nominee for Outstanding Social Issue Documentary, End of the Line: The Women of Standing Rock was created as a convening tool to change minds, open hearts, and inspire social and policy change.

LACC Hosts Opening Reception for With Care in Such a World

On March 21, LACC hosted an opening reception for With Care in Such a World, a new exhibit featuring the paintings and drawings of the late artist Olga Seem. The exhibition runs through April 18.

- Dean's Honor Tea: On May 13, 2024, LACC will hold their Dean's Honor Tea celebrating and recognizing students who have earned outstanding scholastic achievement.



Celebrating Women's Entrepreneurship: Sisterhood Expo Draws Community Leaders and Visionaries

The Sisterhood Expo, a dynamic celebration of women's entrepreneurship and empowerment, took center stage yesterday at East Los Angeles College. This eagerly anticipated event brought together over 60 women-owned businesses, along with community leaders, visionaries, and

aspiring entrepreneurs, for a day of inspiration, collaboration, and growth.

The expo included keynote speeches from distinguished guests, including María Elena Durazo, California Senator for District 26, and Sasha Renée Pérez, Vice Mayor for the City of Alhambra. Senator Durazo and Vice Mayor Pérez's stirring addresses resonated with attendees, emphasizing the importance of women's leadership and economic empowerment in driving positive change within communities.

[Event photo gallery.](#)



East Los Angeles College (ELAC) and Universidad de Oriente UNIVO Forge Partnership to Empower Salvadoran Community through Education

In a historic move aimed at fostering education and economic growth for the Salvadoran community in both El Salvador and the Los Angeles area, East Los Angeles College (ELAC) and Universidad de Oriente UNIVO, have officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The purpose of this landmark agreement is to establish a robust partnership between ELAC and UNIVO, dedicated to empowering Salvadoran community members through collaborative educational initiatives

The MOU signing took place during a momentous press conference on April 5th, attended by esteemed dignitaries and officials committed to advancing educational opportunities for the Salvadoran diaspora. Among the distinguished individuals present were LACCD Board President Nichelle Henderson, LACCD Trustee Gabriel Buelna, ELAC President Alberto J. Román, UNIVO Rector Dr. Pedro Arieta, UNIVO Vice Rector Ever Israel Martinez, Consul General of the Salvadoran Consulate Office Alejandro Letona, and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Salvadorian Consulate Office Adriana Mira.



California Lt. Governor Eleni Kounalakis Celebrates Women's History Month with East Los Angeles College

During Women's History Month, East Los Angeles College (ELAC) hosted its inaugural President's Women's History Month Teatime Celebration to highlight the extraordinary achievements of women throughout history.

Distinguished guests, including esteemed panelists and community leaders, graced the occasion. Notably, California Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis, the first woman ever elected to this prestigious position in the state, was among the panelists. She was joined by Dr. Martha Garcia, President & CEO of Mt. San Antonio College, and Lenore French, President & founding member of Transformation Arts. Their participation underscored the significance of empowering women and promoting gender equality in leadership roles.

To view a recap of the panel discussion and event please visit the [ELAC YouTube channel](#).





LAHC

Women's History Month

W Building the
"What She Is Made Of"

Join us in celebrating women's excellence as we explore the essence of the modern woman all month long.

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| Week One: "She is Whatever She Wants to Be!" Women in Schools Through the Decades | Week Two: "She is a Boss Lady!" Working Women | Week Three: "She Does She's All About Her Health & Wellness!" | Week Four: "She Loves Herself, She's All About Her Self-care!" Pamper & Sip |
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Celebrating Women!

Harbor hosted a series of events to honor and celebrate Women's History Month. The theme was "Building the Woman: "What She is Made of." The excellence and essence of the modern woman were celebrated with Dr. Bridget Anderson, N.D.; and Harbor Alumni Priscilla Hernandez. Carmen Carrillo was honored at the Annual LACC Tea for her excellent contributions to equity, inclusion and advocacy for students.

LACCD Culinary Cup – May 10, 2024!

Join us at Los Angeles Harbor College for a day filled with delicious dishes and friendly competition between Mission, Harbor and Trade Tech. Whether you're a seasoned chef or just enjoy cooking as a hobby, this event is perfect for food enthusiasts of all levels.

Watch as talented student chefs from all three colleges showcase their skills in various culinary challenges, and maybe even pick up some tips and tricks for your own kitchen adventures.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to taste some incredible creations and support the local culinary community. Come hungry, leave inspired - see you at the Culinary Cup!

[Purchase Tickets or become a Sponsor](#)

CULINARY CUP
HARBOR COLLEGE

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
CULINARY CUP

MAY 10TH, 2024
8:00 AM TO 1:30 PM

HARBOR COLLEGE STUDENT UNION
1111 FIGUEROA PLACE,
WILMINGTON, CA 90744

SCAN THE QR CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
[HTTPS://ENCCR.PW/CULINARYCUP](https://enccr.pw/culinarycup)
310-233-4288

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LOS ANGELES HARBOR COLLEGE LOS ANGELES TRADE TECH COLLEGE

Los Angeles Harbor College

FALL 2024 Registration Events

JOIN US FOR REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE

- ✔ Walk-In Welcome
- ✔ Meet with a counselor
- ✔ Enroll in Fall '24 Courses
- ✔ Receive Student ID Card
- ✔ LA College Promise Application
- ✔ Enroll in Summer Bridge LACP

EVERY WEDNESDAY STARTING
MAY 8TH - SEPTEMBER 11TH
9:00AM - 7:00PM

WELCOME CENTER SSA 118

SCAN QR CODE

Harbor Advantage Office

Contact Us: 310-233-4484 | Email: Harboradvantage@lahc.edu | Office SSA 114

Transfer Career Academic Pathways (TCAP)

Art Performance & Design

- Architecture
- Art
- Humanaities
- Liberal Arts & Sciences
- Music

Business, Economics & Hospitality

- Accounting
- Business
- Computer Applications & Office Technology
- Computer Information Systems
- Business
- Culinary Arts
- Hospitality

Society, Culture, & Communication

- Administration of Justice
- Anthropology
- History
- Journalism
- Communication Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

- Biology
- Biotechnology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Electronic Engineering
- Technology
- Engineering
- Engineering Technology
- Mathematics
- Physics

Health Services & Public Safety

- Health Occupations
- Cosmetology
- Nursing
- Fire/Health Professions

Education

- Child Development & Early Childhood Education
- English
- French
- Liberal Arts & Sciences
- Special Communication

The Counseling Division Presents

The MARVEL-ous World of Majors: Uncovering Your Pathway Student Conference 2.0!

Tuesday, May 7th
11am - 2pm
Student Union
2nd Floor MPR

LAHC BOOKSTORE GET CASH!
(for the first 50 students that show up!)

FREE FOOD!

Talk to your Professor about earning Extra Credit!

- Learn about Transfer Career Academic Pathways (TCAPs)
- Career discussion panel
- Counselor registration support

RSVP BY MAY 4th
Scan QR Code or enter Link below
<https://forms.office.com/r/tK1mEw1E15>

Contact Us: 310-233-4250
generalcounseling@lahc.edu

Gearing Up for Students

Harbor seeks to serve students in the best way possible. On May 7 we will assist students in discovering the MARVELous World of Majors – exploring various pathways /majors and counselors will guide them on their educational journey. To support the efforts, we are launching registration events every Wednesday starting May 8 through September 11. Our Welcome Center will be ready to assist students with Summer and Fall registration. More information can be found on the [Counseling Website](#).

Athletic SCHOLARS and Transfers

Harbor Athletes are on the move! Academically, 21 student-athletes achieved a 4.0 GPA for the Fall 2023 semester. Harbor Athletes are not only academically successful, but our athletes are also receiving offers, some multiple, to four-year universities. Men's Soccer – Greenville University in Illinois: Adiran Garcia, Arturo Benigno, Eduardo Gonzalez, Jorge Sanchez; Westcliff University, CA Arturo Benigno, Jesse Heredia, Jorge Sanchez; Ottawa University in Arizona: Jesse Heredia, Arturo Benigno; CSUSB: Jesse Heredia. Softball is on fire: Eight (8) sophomores are on their way to play at the next level for softball; all other sophomores have at least 4-5 options and exploring different schools. Commitments will come at the end of the Season. We celebrate **#4 Ashley Para (sophomore catcher)** who was officially offered to continue her academic and athletic journey at Alverno in Wisconsin. **Congrats to the following: South Coast All-Conference 1st Team: Samantha Ballantyne, Akilah Watson (Men's BK); 2nd Team: Samaya Jackson; Siobhan Baltazar**





LAMC Celebrates Women on International Women's Day

On Friday, March 8th, Los Angeles Mission College (LAMC) hosted the California Community Colleges Women's Caucus annual meeting to celebrate International Women's Day. It was standing room only in the LAMC Theater as the crowd heard from transformative leaders in Biotech, Construction, Politics, and Academia.

The college was heavily represented on a featured panel highlighting Women in STEM, which was moderated by College President Armida Ornelas, and included Assemblymember Luz Rivas, LAMC Life Sciences Professor Par Mohammadian, and LAMC Biotech students Mitsy Natareno & Kimberly Magana.



Basic Needs Resource Fair

LAMC's Basic Needs Center hosted a Resource Fair on Wednesday, March 20th, featuring 30 campus, city, and county resource partners. Over 150 students and community members were in attendance to learn more about free services and support that are available in the North Valley.

Our Basic Needs Center has also partnered with TimelyCare to present [an upcoming webinar on Self-Care Strategies](#) on Thursday, April 11th. This webinar will focus strategies students can use to enhance their health and well-being, while also reviewing the free services that TimelyCare offers.



Honoring Classified Staff

On Wednesday, March 27th, Los Angeles Mission College recognized our dedicated Facilities Maintenance & Operations staff by hosting a luncheon in their honor. This event kicks off a series of events over the next two months designed to celebrate classified staff.

Our Administrative Professionals will be honored on Friday, April 19th, and to help celebrate Classified School Employee Week, we will host our annual Classified Appreciation Luncheon where the coveted Classified of the Year winner will be announced on Tuesday, May 21st.



Career Center Presents Spring Job Fair

Los Angeles Mission College's Career Center is set to host their annual Spring Job Fair on Thursday, April 18th. This annual event allows students to connect with local employers who are looking to fill with summer internships and hire for part-time- and full-time positions. The Career Center will provide free professional clothing to students in need and will also help them prepare ahead of the event by hosting a series of workshops covering resume writing, networking, and interview skills.



San Fernando Valley Food & Wine Festival Tickets are Sold Out!

The San Fernando Valley Food & Wine Festival is officially sold out! We would like to thank Element, our presenting sponsor, and our wine partner, Vinos Unidos, for sponsoring the event. Thank you to everyone who supported the college by purchasing a ticket, we look forward to seeing you on Saturday, April 27th!



To see upcoming events at LAPC, click on <https://www.lapc.edu/campus-life/events>

Finding Community at Community College

As part of the California Student Journalism Corps and EdSource feature, three students from Los Angeles Pierce College lent their voices to share how they were able to find community at LAPC through mentorship, a network of faculty, counselors, and students, collaboration, sharing and understanding different perspectives, participating in events and clubs, and helping others. Delilah Brumer, a Journalism and Political Science major wrote the article which included reflections from fellow students Juliette Hagobian and Gayane Zazyan.

To read the article, please click [here](#) or go to: <https://edsource.org/2024/finding-community-at-community-college/707516>.

Los Angeles Pierce College DC Bound for KCACTF Honors.

Theatre student Olia Medkova, who starred in production Ironbound, will be travelling to Washington DC in April as one of only three students nationwide honored by the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival organization. The Kennedy Center will provide round-trip transportation and accommodations, tickets to two productions in the DC Theatre Community, and a series of professional development sessions.

Awards will be held at the Kennedy Center Millennium Theatre on April 25, 2024. LAPC Theatre Department and the campus community are so proud of Olia and the work that her director, Christian Barillas has put together for the festival.



More LAPC Journalism Students in the Spotlight!

LAPC Students attended the Associated Collegiate Press National College Media Conference in San Diego where they were able to attend workshops and meet other students and industry professionals. The conference was held on March 7-9, 2024.

They also competed in writing, copy editing, photography, etc. and won the following awards:

Mail in competition

- The Bull Magazine General Excellence
- Magazine Photo Essay 1st place Daniela Raymundo
- Magazine Photo 1st place Alexis Guevara
- Sports Action Third Place Benjamin Hanson
- Feature Photo Honorable Mention Emil Rizkalla
- Front Page layout 4th place Benjamin Hanson
- Podcast 4th place Lindsey Whittaker
- Magazine photo Honorable mention Daniela Raymundo
- Magazine Photo Essay 1st place Daniela Raymundo

On the spot competition

- Creative portrait 2nd place Emil Rikzkalla
- News writing 2nd place Delilah Brumer
- Copy editing 3rd place Delilah Brumer
- Critical Review Honorable Mention Gerardo Escobar
- Sport Writing Honorable mention Tyler M. Hale

California College Media Association

- 1st place Best News Photograph Emil Rizkalla
- 3rd place Best Magazine photo Daniela Raymundo
- 3rd place Best Magazine Photo Series Daniela Raymundo



Middle and High School Students at Los Angeles Pierce College Day

Students from area middle and high schools were at LAPC on March 20, 2024, for a day of tours, program and services information, and to meet faculty and staff. Tours for Agriculture, Art, Athletics, Center for Sciences, Media Arts, and Theatre gave students a glimpse of classes as they happened during the day. The resource fair provided students with information on EOPS, Honors, Child Development Center, Promise, and other departments as they explore careers and college options. The Guided Pathways communities came out in full force and

faculty and staff answered questions about programs and degrees. Lunch was held at the Rocky Young Park while the Music Department provided musical entertainment.





A2MEND (African American Male Education Network and Development)

Under the direction of Dean Jeanette Magee and her team, LASC was able to sponsor one of the largest cohorts of LASC students who attended the two-day conference. “The summit's focus was to bring together Black male college students and educators to encourage and find innovative ideas to increase the success of Black male students in California’s community college system.”



HireLax Graduation

LASC hosted its 19th HireLax graduating class on March 28, 2024: A milestone has been reached with the HireLax program; dreams have been made a reality; lives have been changed and even saved! Los Angeles Southwest College (LASC) in partnership with the Los Angeles World Airport celebrated its largest graduating class. To date, approximately 450 graduates have earned over \$17 million dollars in life-changing wages and benefits. Dr. Anthony Culpepper (President of LASC), John Ackerman (President of LAWA), Brenda Shockley (Deputy Mayor of Los Angeles), and Karim Webb (Chairman of the LAWA Commissioners), were engaged in forward-thinking next steps as they shared inspiring



LASC’s Support of Student Basic Needs

Successful VISION 2030 & Food Give Away Event: Thank you to the LASC President Dr. Anthony Culpepper and California Community College State Chancellor Dr. Sonya Christian for supporting both events. The Student Services team provided over 700 food bags to LASC students.

and encouraging words with the graduates. Congratulations graduates! Keep pressing forward! #lasccougarpride!



LATTC Hosts Film Screening and Discussion with Filmmaker—and Grandson of Cesar Chavez, Eduardo Chavez

On March 20, LATTC celebrated Cesar Chavez Day, a day dedicated to the legacy of one of our nation's great heroes who advocated to improve the working and living conditions of U.S. farm workers. Hosted by the college's Latinx Staff & Faculty Association (LFSA) and Puente program, the event welcomed filmmaker, activist, speaker, and grandson of Cesar Chavez, Mr. Eduardo Chavez. After his keynote, attendees enjoyed a special film screening of Eduardo's latest film, "Hailing Cesar," a documentary that followed the filmmaker on a journey to better understand the legacy and struggle of his grandfather.



Following the screening, students engaged in a Q&A with Eduardo, asking about his own documented experience as a farmworker, picking grapes in the field like his father and grandfather before him, and how it taught him the importance of creating equality for farmworkers—as well as the current challenges that they face in the fields.



LATTC Outreach Hosts 81 LAUSD Foster Youth at Annual Pathways to College Event

On March 13, LATTC's Outreach team hosted the LA Unified School District (LAUSD) during the annual Pathways to College Event. The full-day event invited LAUSD special populations including foster, homeless, and/or probation students, to experience tours; presentations from LATTC programs including EOPS/NextUP, Guardian Scholars, Basic Needs, and Reentry; student panels featuring current LATTC students; and a tasty lunch and dessert prepared by the college's Culinary Arts students.



Overall, 81 foster youth and over 60 counselors from LAUSD attended the event. LATTC received encouraging feedback from students who attended, saying, "This college surprised me in many ways, and I intend to enroll," and "I am on the verge of graduating high school and plan to attend this college."

The Pathways to College event remains an important bridge to LATTC's high school partners that informs students of successful futures that they may not know are available to them.

Design and Media Arts student, Henry Kemp Receives VIP LA Kings Experience through LA Metro GoPass

On March 3, LATTC Design & Media Arts student Henry Kemp received a VIP LA Kings experience with suite tickets and a ride on the Zamboni while waving to thousands of fans.

Henry was randomly selected as the winner of a promotion from our friends at Metro Los Angeles for using his GoPass in the month of January.

LA Metro's GoPass program provides free transit to LA County K–14 students at participating schools, including LATTC. "I am in the fashion program at LATTC and often have to run to the fashion district to



grab different fabrics and materials for projects. Having the Metro pass has helped with that commute and transporting my materials.”

More than 3,000 GoPasses have been distributed at LATTC this school year alone. [Read more about the LA Metro GoPass in LATTC's news post](#)



Valley Star Journalists win 4 JACC Awards

The Journalism Association of Community College (JACC) awarded four State Publication Awards to Valley Star student journalists Jeremy Ruiz, Griffin O'Rourke, and Milan Rafaelov at their Spring 2024 National College Media Conference.

Jeremy Ruiz earned a first-place award in the Environmental Portrait category, Griffin O'Rourke received second-place and fourth-place awards in the Online Photo Story/Essay category, and Milan Rafaelov got third place in the Editorial Cartoon category.



Puente students paint with artist Paul Acevedo

The [LAVC Art Gallery](#) invited LAVC Puente students to assist artist Pável Acevedo in painting one of the murals for their current exhibition featuring his new work *The shell in the clouds*, *Ma' Conch't Do'T Nub'T*, *El caparazón en las nubes*. The exhibition runs until April 26.



Paul Krekorian Donates to the LAVC Police Orientation and Preparation Program

Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC) Police Orientation and Preparation Program (POPP) received a \$5,000 donation from Los Angeles City Council President Paul Krekorian. The Police Orientation & Preparation Program (POPP) is a career-focused partnership with the LAPD, Los Angeles Community

College District, and California State University, Los Angeles, with campuses at Los Angeles Valley College and Ahmanson Recruit Training Center. The program is a two-year college degree program that combines career preparatory coursework with professional opportunities in public service.



Come to LAVC for Hire L.A. Day on April 11

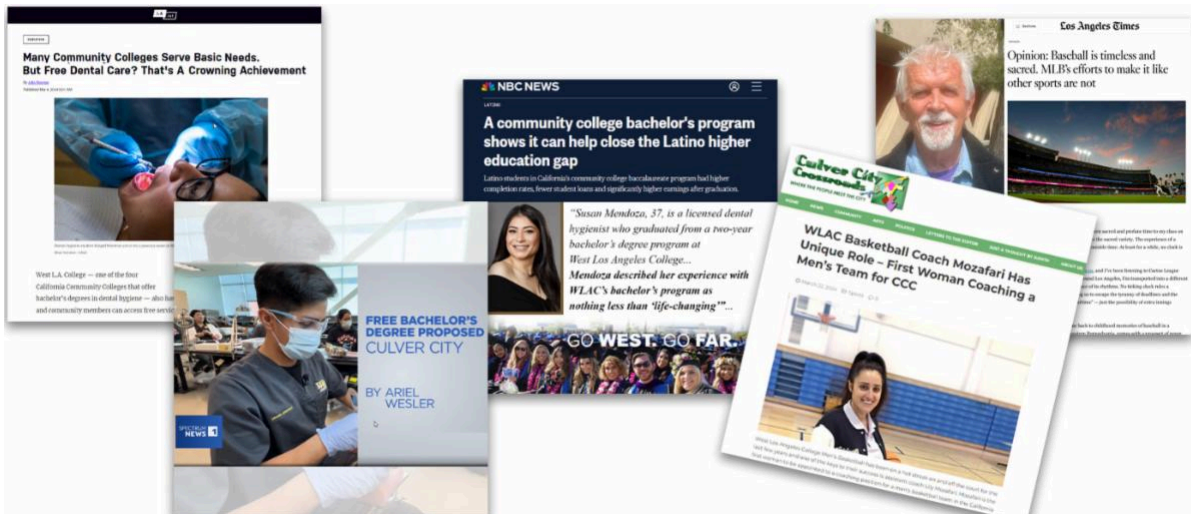
The Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity and Economic & Workforce Development Department is hosting a **Hire L.A. Day** at LA Valley College on Thursday, April 11 from 4-8 p.m.

All City of Los Angeles residents ages 16-30 years old with work authorization, are invited to meet employers & learn about internship opportunities in public service, education, climate and more!



Qantas Launches Apprenticeship

Qantas Launches Apprenticeships with Aviation Tech Program West has partnered with Qantas Airlines to be their training provider for an Aircraft A and P Mechanic Apprenticeship program. Qantas kicks off the program with four apprentices in April. This is in addition to the Aviation Tech program **partnership announced earlier this year** with American Airlines that will guarantee top-performing students an interview with the airlines.



West In the News

- **NBC News (Feb 13, 2024)**: A Community College Bachelor's Program Shows It Can Help Close the Latino Higher Education Gap
- **LAist (Mar 6, 2024)**: Many Community College Serve Basic Needs. But Free Dental Care? That's a Crowning Achievement
- **Spectrum 1 News (Mar 20, 2024)**: Free Bachelor's Degree Proposed
- **LA Times (Mar 20, 2024)**: Opinion: Baseball is Timeless and Sacred. MLB's Efforts to Make it Like Other Sports Are Not
- **Culver City Crossroads (Mar 22, 2024)**: WLANC Basketball Coach Mozafari Has Unique Role – First Woman Coaching a Men's Team for CCC



Men's Basketball Makes It To The "Elite 8" & Wins Awards



The Wildcats Men's Basketball team, with a 26-4 overall season record, advanced to the "Elite 8" with an impressive win over Saddleback College holding them to a season low of just 43 points. West scored 74. This was the team's second appearance since 2022 at the tournament which determines the State Championship. Though they were stopped at round one in a two-point defeat to College of the Sequoias (71-73), the Western State Conference champs still walked away with honors.

CJ Hardy was named one of the CCCMBCA 2024 All-State Team Players of the Year. This is the first time a Wildcat has won this award Marland Harris was named to the CCCMBCA 2024 All-State Honorable Mention Team. **Head Coach Anthony Jones** (who is also WLAC's Athletic Director) named CCCMBCA's 2023-2024 Coach of the Year.

Women's History Month Celebrated at West

Women's History Month events at West culminated with a gathering in the Fine Arts Complex where guests could gather information on women's health issues, learn about how women and children are the most impacted by climate change, enjoy some "chair yoga" and lunch, and listen to guest speaker Dr. Nicole Johnson. Dr. Johnson provided practical strategies and insights that women can apply to their academic, personal, and professional endeavors.



Black Students United (BSU) Visits HBCUs

As part of their Black History Month activities, WLAC's BSU students joined the LACCD tour of several Historically Black Colleges & Universities in Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina. For many students, this was their first experience on an airline and their first journey outside of California. Students came away from the trip excited about the possibility of transferring to an HBCU,

particularly since the group unexpectedly encountered WLAC alumni at both Tuskegee and North Carolina AT&T who spoke highly of their experiences.



LACCD Discipline Day

West hosted LACCD's 2024 Discipline Day where faculty from all nine campuses met with peers in their disciplines to discuss curriculum, how to best engage students, new degrees and more.

Coming Events

In April, there is a full slate of events sponsored, in whole or in part, by the Center for Climate Change Education. Find the full list and details at WLAC.edu under "Events."

- Climate Careers Events: Explore Careers, Internship Workshop, Meet Employers
- April 9: Earth & Pride - An event focused on bringing awareness to the intersection between LGBTQIA + issues and climate change.
- April 22: Earth Day Celebration featuring "Art With Impact" Short Films
- April 26 & 28: BioBlitz – Explore and learn more about nature at West and the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook

In The News

[LAUSD and LACCD expand college and career pathways for all students](#)

The Eastsider

[Students to Benefit from College and Career Pathway Expansion Plans](#)

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[LA mayor expands use of public land to build housing and RV encampments](#)

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[LAUSD expands college and career pathway programs](#)

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[Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass Expands Directive to Accelerate Affordable Housing and Address RV Encampments](#)

Hoodline

[Calif. Officials Back Proposal That Would Require Financial Literacy Course for High Schoolers](#)

LA Focus

[For College Students Living Paycheck To Paycheck, Financial Literacy Is An Investment In The Future](#)

LAist

[Bill would expand nursing bachelor's degrees to California community colleges](#)

EdSource

[Use community colleges for BSN degrees](#)

The Orange County Register

[Homelessness among college students is rising, LA Room & Board is tackling the issue head on](#)

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[Los Angeles Pierce College Staff and Faculty Establish a Supportive Campus Culture Through the Caring Campus Program](#)

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