New Year Offers Bright Path  
By LACCD Trustee Scott Svonkin  

A new year offers the chance for new beginnings and the hope of big accomplishments. We are fortunate to have both at the Los Angeles Community College District’s building program as we enter 2015.

At the end of 2014, we celebrated the opening of Harbor College’s two-story Library Learning Resource Center. This $28-million, 30,000-square-foot facility houses a state-of-the-art library and the Special Programs and Services department. There are more than 100 computers available on the site for students along with computer labs.

This month, two groundbreaking events were held at Valley College, heralding the start of work on Valley College Gateway and the Athletic Training Facility.

Gateway, also known as the Community Work Force Development Center, will contain the college’s administrative center along with the workforce development offices.

The training facility will include a stadium field house, baseball and softball fields, and areas for javelin, discus, hammer throw and archery.

At Southwest College, we will open the School of Career and Technical Education, which will have a School of Business, Workforce Development and Corporate Relations offices, Career Resource Center, Environmental and Technology Science Program, and Student Success Center.

While it is exciting to watch new facilities built on our nine campuses, bond money also goes to renovation of our existing facilities. Such is the case with City College’s Clausen Hall.

That 60,646-square-foot, two-story structure will undergo a modernization effort that will include interior demolition, revision of existing lab and classroom space, replacement of mechanical equipment and plumbing fixtures, and the protection or replacement of existing landscaping.

To accomplish all that we are doing, we work with our industry partners, determined to keep our promise to the voters, who approved the bond measures that have financed the dramatic improvements on our campuses, and to the students to whom we have pledged to provide the best possible learning environment as they strive for success in both academics and the pursuit of the career of their choice.

We are proud of the sustainability standards we have maintained throughout our bond program, now in its second decade.

Thank you to the voters for entrusting us with their tax dollars. Also thank you to the students, faculty and staff for their support of the bond and their understanding for the disruption that comes with construction. The rewards are great and lasting as we see our students utilizing our renovated and new buildings, long after they are completed. Not only will this generation enjoy and benefit from them, but future generations will, as well.
LA Valley College Celebrates
ground breaking of two projects.

Los Angeles Valley College recently celebrated the beginning of construction on two new campus projects funded by the District’s $6 billion Building Program. The first building, the Community Work Force Development Center, will house the new administrative center of the college and will house the LAVC Job Training / Extension and the CalWORKS/GAIN offices, whose focus are on workforce development. The Valley College Gateway will be a multipurpose facility, including classrooms and meeting spaces in addition to administrative offices. The building expects to be certified LEED Silver for environmental design. It is expected to be completed in mid-2016.

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Preparing our students for the jobs the Los Angeles economy is producing is one of our most important missions, and with the new Valley College Gateway housing Valley’s workforce development efforts and classrooms, students will have more resources than ever before,” said Board of Trustees President Scott Svonkin. “Our Building Program is all about helping students achieve their dreams, and these two new buildings at Valley will help make that possible.”

The 77,000-square-foot, two-story, $35 million Community Work Force Development Center, will serve as the new administrative center of the college and will house the LAVC Job Training / Extension and the CalWORKS/GAIN offices, whose focus are on workforce development. The Valley College Gateway will be a multipurpose facility, including classrooms and meeting spaces in addition to administrative offices. The building expects to be certified LEED Silver for environmental design. It is expected to be completed in mid-2016.

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“As an immigrant who came to the U.S. at age 8, I know how important Valley College is to our communities, and I want to thank the voters for their continuing investment in our community colleges,” said Adrin Nazarian, a member of the California State Assembly whose district includes Valley College. “I am pleased to participate in today’s groundbreakings, and I look forward to seeing the projects built so that our communities can benefit from the services and facilities within their walls.”

The new buildings are being paid for with funding approved by voters as part of the $6 billion Los Angeles Community College Building Program. Valley is one of nine colleges that make up the LACCD. Valley College is in the midst of a $612 million program.
The Program Management Office (PMO) started the first quarter of 2015 with a sprint. In less than 90 days we trained almost 200 new and existing staff members through our new PMO Boot Camp. Additionally, we have had approximately 2,500 attendees learn about doing business with the district at our various business opportunity workshops. These combined efforts have united the entire program in an unprecedented manner where we are working as ONE team to build innovative college buildings for the students of today and tomorrow.

Director’s Corner

The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Building Program (BuildLACCD) announced recently that it will hold a six-week training program to encourage smaller-sized contractors to participate in the $6-billion Program, which is modernizing the nine LACCD colleges and other facilities. The “Small Contractor Boot Camp” runs Wednesdays starting February 18, 2015 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm and will provide small contractors with the tools to improve their competitive capacity through a comprehensive, hands-on curriculum.

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For more information on the program or any of the college projects, please visit us at: www.build-laccd.org

Director’s Corner

Even though our program is in its last phase of construction, we are working to fashion the BuildLACCD program as the world class benchmark by which other program around the country will be measured. Over the next 90 days, we will have $82 million in procurement awards:

- Trade Culinary Arts Lease-Leaseback Architect of Record: $4.20M
- Pierce Security Upgrade: $2.50M
- Mission Central Plant: $10.90M
- Trade Culinary Arts LLB: $42.30M
- Firestone Demo LLB: $22.20M

On the program management side we will also see:

- New Build-LACCD Website
- All new contractors using new tools that measure risk and help our team stay on schedule and budget
- Full implementation of B2G NOW and LCP Tracker which will assist contractors with tracking of project labor agreement metrics.

Our approach will continue to be to create a world class program with a clear mission and transparent practices that keep our program within scope and budget.

Hoorah Builders!

LA Valley College Groundbreaking (continued from Page 3)

to renovate, modernize, and expand the campus to better serve the San Fernando Valley and all of Los Angeles.

“These two buildings will serve our students and the Valley College community in distinctly different ways,” noted Dr. Francisco Rodriguez, chancellor of the nine-college LACCD. “The Athletic Training Facility will help our students achieve their sports dreams, while the Valley College Gateway project will help them find the kind of job that can turn into a lifetime career.”

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LACCD Building Program Encourages Small Contractors to Participate in Program

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“This boot camp is another example of our commitment to provide great value to our taxpayers by insisting on the highest quality management and construction and to ensure that as many people as possible benefit from the Building Program,” said LACCD Board of Trustees President Scott J. Svonkin. “We still have more than a quarter of our Building Program to complete, so there

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Key numbers (through February 2015)

- $5.06 billion contracted
- $1.19 billion remaining to be contracted
- $4.46 billion expended
- Completed 218 of 381 planned projects
  (and 593 of 807 sub-projects)
- In construction – 40 projects (and 44 sub-projects)
- In design – 38 projects (and 50 sub-projects)

2014 Highlights

- Awarded 25 design and construction procurements valuing $150 million
- Closed/certified 65 projects with DSA (an average of more than one per week)
- Processed more than $225 million in vendor payments
- 26 projects in closeout or substantial completion
Mike Fong Sworn-In as Member of LACCD Board of Trustees

This past March 12, 2015, Mike Fong was sworn-in as the newest member of the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees. The Board appointed Fong to fill Seat No. 7, vacant since Miguel Santiago left in December following his election to the State Assembly.

Fong was elected to complete the term for Seat No. 7, vacated by Miguel Santiago who is now a member of the State Assembly. The official term will begin in July.

“He’s surreal,” said Fong. “I am very excited and anxious to start working on the challenges ahead.”

Fong was sworn in at the start of Wednesday’s board meeting at District headquarters in downtown Los Angeles by John Chiang, California State Treasurer, who has known Fong for a dozen years.

“He is incredibly passionate about his work,” said Chiang of the newest trustee. “He is very engaged with those at the grassroots level. He has a personal connection with both students and future students, making sure they know there are opportunities for them in the community college system.”

Fong’s connection with LACCD goes back before he was even born. His father, Peter, and mother, Wanda, met at Los Angeles City College.

“He was the voice of the younger generation,” said Trustee Mike Eng. “Now, he’s on the Board as part of the older generation.”

Board President Scott Svonkin immediately put Fong to work, announcing that Fong will chair an ad hoc board subcommittee on summer jobs for young people and will be a member of an ad hoc board subcommittee working on District policy changes.

Fong works with the Los Angeles Economic & Workforce Development Department on the Hire LA Summer Youth Employment Program, Cash for College, and the Bank on Los Angeles programs. He also audits and monitors various YouthSource Center agencies which help young people pursue educational goals and job training programs.
Los Angeles Valley College Celebrates Opening of New Community Services Center

This past March, Los Angeles Valley College celebrated the opening of the college’s new Community Services Center (CSC), a beautiful new building that will house the college’s Community Services Department, Gymnastics Center and the Monarch Summer Camp, and will include a variety of learning and athletic spaces. The CSC is built to high sustainability standards.

“The building we are celebrating today exemplifies what community colleges are all about, both preparing our students for the jobs the Los Angeles economy is producing and providing services and facilities to the communities around our campuses,” said Board of Trustees President Scott Svonkin. “Our Building Program is all about helping students and local residents achieve their dreams and improve their lives, and this new building at Valley will help make that possible.”

The CSC is a multipurpose facility combining instructional, activity and administrative spaces. The instructional zone features a dividable lecture hall designed to accommodate a variety of Community Services programs, and a Computer Lab that will be used as an Athletics Study Hall during the day and an instructional classroom at night. The activity zone includes the Gymnastics Center and two large multipurpose rooms for various dance, martial arts, community wellness and student activities. In addition, the activity zone features an indoor 30-foot climbing wall. The administrative zone houses the Community Services Program office.

“Our new Community Services Center is an exciting addition to Valley College,” said Dr. Erika Endrijonas, president of Valley College. “It combines athletics facilities with instructional spaces, and our multipurpose Computer Lab is particularly welcome. Plus, I’m looking forward to attracting residents from all our surrounding communities with the new services we are providing. We are definitely polishing the jewel that is Valley College.”

The new building is about 29,000 square feet in size, and its $23 million budget was paid for with funding approved by voters as part of the $6.2 billion Los Angeles County College Building Program. Valley College is one of nine colleges that make up the LACCD. Valley College is in the midst of a $626 million program to renovate and modernize the campus to better serve the San Fernando Valley and all of Los Angeles.

“Community service centers like the one we are dedicating today demonstrate our commitment to be integral parts of the communities we serve,” said Dr. Francisco Rodriguez, chancellor of the nine-college LACCD. “At the same time, the sustainability features built into this beautiful new building show that LACCD continues to be serious about minimizing our impact to the environment and being good stewards of our communities.”

Built for sustainability, the Center’s green features include bio-retention areas to mitigate stormwater run-off, the use of drought-resistant California native plants and trees, low-flow bathroom fixtures for increased water efficiency, and energy-efficient lighting and HVAC systems to reduce energy consumption. The building also features a green roof to reduce heat islands and improve stormwater management. The CSC is expected to achieve LEED Gold certification, the second-highest level of sustainability recognition from the U.S. Green Building Council.

The Community Services Center, will house the Community Services Department, Gymnastics Center and the Monarch Summer Camp, and will include a variety of learning and athletic spaces.

Pictured in front of the future LAVC Athletic Training Field, from L to R: Trustee Mona Fields, LAVC President Dr. Erika Endrijonas, CPD Mark Strauss, Trustee Nancy Pearlman, Trustee Scott Svonkin, Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian and LACCD Chancellor Dr. Francisco C. Rodriguez.
For the past several months, the Program Management Office (PMO) has been a whirlwind of activity as we get ready to issue RFPs for some of the biggest remaining projects at our colleges. In the next couple weeks, we will see awards for benchmark projects like East Los Angeles College’s Firestone Educational Center, the Pierce College Automotive Center and the Valley Academic and Cultural Center at Valley College. Without a doubt, the forward moving path that we are undergoing would not have been possible without the guidance and support of the District's Board of Trustees. The renewed direction that the bond program is heading down started more than three years ago with the selection of Jim O’Reilly as Chief Facilities Director and continued with the selection of a new program manager. The Board of Trustees took the initiative to put together a team that could bring new ideas and initiative to the oversight of the $6.2 billion program.

In the last several months, the Board’s direction and foresight have been rewarded by milestone achievements such as an increase in the District’s bond rating to AA+, high praise from accreditation and audit reports, and the approval of West LA College to offer a Bachelor of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene in its new state-of-the-art laboratories and classrooms built under the bond program.

As we look forward to the coming months and the increase of construction activity during that time, the Build-LACCD program will continue to enhance the collaborative working relationship with our esteemed district leadership.

For more information on the program or any of the college projects, please visits us at: www.build-laccd.org

LA Southwest College Celebrates Opening of New School of Career and Technical Education and Upgraded Arts and Humanities Building

Joined by elected officials representing the campus, Los Angeles Southwest College (LASC) today celebrated the dedication of $80 million in two new and renovated buildings, a new School of Career & Technical Education (SoCTE) and a major upgrade of the Cox Building, which serves arts and humanities education at the college. LASC is one of nine colleges making up the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD). The buildings were
constructed by bond funds provided by taxpayers as part of the $6.2 billion LACCD Building Program.

“The two buildings we are celebrating today directly fulfill our mission of promoting student success in south Los Angeles and beyond,” said Scott Svonkin, president of the LACCD Board of Trustees. “Both career technical education and the arts and humanities facilities we are celebrating today will provide our students the skills and education they need to follow their dreams.”

The $35 million School of Career & Technical Education serves a critical role in preparing the students at LASC for the jobs and careers in the Los Angeles economy. The two-story, 53,000 square foot building serves the college’s Business Department, including Career Technical Education, Computer Applications and Office Technology, Computer Science, and Information Technology. The building includes computer labs, environmental labs, a conference room, a multi-purpose room and faculty offices.

“We can all be proud of this campus,” said Congresswoman Maxine Waters at the opening celebration. “With these additions and improvements, LASC is continuing to transform and enhance the campus experience of students and the surrounding community.”

The $45 million upgrade to the Cox Building renovates and gives new life to one of the campus’s central buildings. The 97,000-square-foot building includes classrooms, library space, administration offices, conference rooms, computer labs, music rehearsal rooms, a reprographics and mail room, and a data center. The building also includes a completely refurbished 450-seat theater.

“When I look at the buildings behind me, I do not see bricks and mortar, I see opportunities,” said Dr. Linda Rose, president of LASC. “Opportunities that are available to our students that will help them achieve their academic, professional, and personal goals. Opportunities that will allow them to push past their struggles and their challenges. Opportunities that will help them earn a degree or a certificate so they can return to this community, or a community of their choice as socially responsible leaders and make a powerful impact for many years to come.”

Others also attending the campus celebration were California state senator Holly Mitchell, LAUSD Trustee Dr. George McKenna, California member of the Assembly Mike Gipson, LACCD Trustee Nancy Pearlman, Kish Rajan of Governor Jerry Brown’s business development office, Dr. Sandra Cox of the Coalition of Mental Health Professionals, faculty members, and community activists.

Upcoming Program Outreach Events

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Steve Veres to retire from LACCD

When I was first elected in 2011 to serve on the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees, the District was at a crossroads. The District was in the middle of the largest community college construction bond program in the country and needed a unifying voice to guide it through the remainder of the program. Today, I am very proud to say that I leave a much more open, transparent and responsive District.

During my tenure, we implemented clear procedures that have brought about fiscal accountability, promoted transparency, and cleaned up the district’s construction problems. Now, the LA Community College District has balanced its budget, improved bond ratings, and expanded critical job training programs. Our construction bond program has incorporated recommendations that have resulted in putting the program on track to finish construction by the end of 2018.

During my tenure as President of the Board in 2012 and subsequently as chair of the Board's Facilities Master Planning and Oversight Committee, I shared a vision of non-complacency and a commitment to strive for continuous improvement in all functions of the LACCD. Although we have had our growing pains, the District has been rewarded by having our bond rating increased and having each of our colleges receive a full and clear accreditation.

Our District is now better prepared to meet the needs of our changing student demographics. We now offer more classes and certificates in Dental and Nursing, Green Technology and Film/Television industries than ever before – all in state-of-the-art facilities that are the envy of four-year colleges. Our students, faculty and residents are entitled to the very best college experience that will provide an excellent education not only for students entering the workforce for the first time but also for the thousands of workers that will need to add skills or training to meet the needs of tomorrow’s job market. I have been very fortunate to have been part of LACCD’s educational renaissance.

Thank you.
Program Highlights

AECOM CEO Visits ELAC

On May 27, 2015, Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees President Scott Svonkin, Trustees Mike Eng and Mike Fong, and East LA College (ELAC) President Marvin Martinez welcomed AECOM President and CEO Michael Burke to ELAC for a tour and briefing on the progress of bond-funded projects. The construction projects at ELAC are part of the $6.2 billion BuildLACCD construction bond managed by AECOM. ELAC, one of nine colleges in the LACCD, is in the last third of its construction program. The BuildLACCD projects represent the largest campus construction program since the school was relocated to its present site in 1948.

East Los Angeles College has a multicultural, international student body and serves 14 communities in its primary service area. The 82-acre campus is located 10 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, in suburban Monterey Park. For more than 70 years, the campus has accommodated its educational needs with a mixture of permanent and temporary buildings. Many of the structures are more than 40-years-old, requiring extensive routine and deferred maintenance.

“The purpose of this tour was to demonstrate how the work that AECOM, through its program management contract, impacts the lives of thousands of students, faculty and neighbors touched by the BuildLACCD program at ELAC.” said Svonkin.

The tour began with a quick safety moment that highlighted the potential hazards of entering an active construction area. From there, participants were escorted to view completed and in-construction projects. Highlights of the tour included stops at the Theatre Arts Building (completed), Science Career & Mathematics Complex (in construction), the Student Success and Retention Center (in construction) and the Campus Bookstore (in construction). The tour concluded with a brief stop at Bailey Library (completed) before returning to the Administration Building.

“It was a pleasure to join our clients and colleagues on a tour of East Los Angeles College,” Burke said. “What brought the project to life for me was meeting the students, and hearing them talk about the difference that attending college will mean in their lives. It makes me proud to see how AECOM is contributing to Los Angeles in a very meaningful way.”

Thanks to the voters of Los Angeles and their passage of Propositions A, AA and Measure J, the ELAC campus is transforming into a 21st Century state-of-the-art educational institution.

For more information on the program or any of the college projects, please visit us at: www.build-laccd.org
Despite droughts, time constraints and the ever looming DSA plan check, I am very happy and proud to report that the BuildLACCD program is in full forward progress and we are on track to hit our goal of completion of the majority of our projects by the end of 2018. Over the past 25 months, we have seen many changes to the overall structure of the program management office. Although we had some detractors that said the status quo could not be changed, our entire team pulled together to put our plan in action and make this program the best it has been in the history of this bond program. We have had many “program firsts” in the last 2 years such as key performance indicators to track performance, internal audits, quality and risk program, web-based comprehensive standard operating procedures and one of the most important Strategic Execution Plans for each of the colleges and our central accounts that align to the funds remaining. We just completed the eighth Boot Camp wave and all of our team, both at the campuses and at the PMO, have received the same training that is essential to working as one team going in the same direction. However, the changes don’t stop there. Because of our hard work, Wall Street has raised the District’s bond rating making an investment in LACCD a safe and lucrative opportunity. All of the colleges have received their accreditation and the District received approval to offer a Bachelor’s degree in dental hygiene thanks, in part, to the new state of the art dental lab at West Los Angeles College. Long are the days where audits were a source of trepidation. We work in tandem with our external auditors because we are now able to demonstrate the much needed processes and procedures across the large program. This success is due, not to a handful of individuals but to the entire team. Thank you for your countless sacrifices and attention to detail.

HOORAH Builders!

Los Angeles City College Celebrates Opening of Kinesiology Building

May 13, 2015 (Los Angeles, California) – Los Angeles City College celebrated the opening of the college’s new Kinesiology Building, a beautiful physical education facility that houses a gymnasium, a fitness center, a pool, a judo room, classrooms, offices, locker rooms, and a training room. The celebration was attended by three members of the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees and two members of the Los Angeles City Council, among other dignitaries.

“As the son of a junior high school physical education coach, I understand the importance of physical fitness and taking care of one’s body as well as the mind, which it why it’s such a thrill to see students practicing judo, self-defense and dance in this new facility,” said Board of Trustees President Scott Svonkin. “This facility is a resource for not only our students, but also faculty, staff, and the community around City College.”

The 40,000-square-foot, two-story, $26 million facility is the new home of City College’s Kinesiology Department. The building expects to be certified LEED™ Silver for environmental design.

“Our new Kinesiology Building is the result of a great collaborative effort among faculty, students, and the construction team,” said Renee Martinez, president of City College. “This project is just one of many that are remaking and modernizing City College to serve the needs of our communities.”

“This building is yet another resource serving the City College community, one of the most diverse in the nation,” said Tom LaBonge, a member of the Los Angeles City Council and a City College graduate, as he presented a loaf of his famous pumpkin bread. “Special thanks to Los Angeles City College.”
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Implementing the program will be the Los Angeles Regional Career Pathways Project, one of the largest collaborative models in California. It unites community colleges, high schools, unified school districts, labor unions, workforce investment boards, and industry-specific employers.

"This state investment in building human capital incentivizes collaboration and innovation, and allows our nine community colleges to serve as a bridge between students at our local school districts and the workplace,” said Dr. Francisco Rodriguez, LACCD chancellor.

LACCD Receives a $15 M Grant

The Los Angeles Community College District has received a $15 million grant, a portion of $244 million awarded by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson to 40 programs that blend academic and career technical education, connect employers with schools, and train students for jobs in high-demand fields such as information technology, advanced manufacturing, health care and software development.

"This grant is a win-win-win for the students, the employers, and our colleges because we know that when we work together to create career pathways, the economy grows and the whole community benefits” said LACCD Trustee Mike Eng, who chaired the Board committees having oversight over the District’s application process.

The grants are provided through the California Career Pathways Trust (CCPT), the largest program of its kind in the nation. It is providing nearly $500 million in career tech grants over a two-year period.

“This project has helped elevate the District’s visibility as a major unifying mechanism for higher education, workforce development and local government,” said LACCD Board of Trustees President Scott Svonkin.

“The project is very timely because it includes resources that will make systemic enhancements such as work-based learning and dual/concurrent enrollment. The fact that it includes a very robust list of corporate partners is very telling, clearly demonstrating how educators are recognizing the importance of working closer with business and industry. We are very fortunate that the California Department of Education has recognized the project’s strength and capacity to make a positive different in the lives of so many students.”

Preparing LACCD students to enter the workforce is nothing new for the District. At the direction of the Board of Trustees the BuildLACCD program has been able to implement several programs that have benefitted the local workforce. First and foremost is one of the most comprehensive project labor agreements (PLA) in the country. The PLA ensures labor harmony during the construction program by establishing labor policies for the employment of construction workers on the projects. An important objective of the PLA is to provide the framework for BuildLACCD’s Community Economic Development Program, which includes a 30 percent local worker participation goal and a commitment to provide Los Angeles Trade Technical College (LATTC) students and graduates with opportunities to enter union apprenticeship programs and work on District construction projects.

The BuildLACCD also has a college internship program to place students with business partners throughout the district and a program to help military veterans enter construction careers.

“The Board has made it a priority to have tax payer bond dollars stay in the local communities we serve. We will continue to work with the trade unions and our faculty to develop a pathway to apprenticeship programs and sustainable careers in the construction fields and beyond,” said Svonkin.

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“First responders, including fire fighters
Program Highlights

Bond Program has accelerated learning at Los Angeles Mission College
By Monte Perez, Ph.D.
LAMC President

Thanks to the passage of three bond measures over the last 13 years, Los Angeles Mission College has been able to spend $450 million on the construction of new facilities and the renovation of others. LAMC has benefited from the generous support of L.A. County’s taxpayers, who understood that the structures on the nine campuses of the Los Angeles Community College District were aging and new facilities were needed to provide an environment conducive to student success.

The newest of the nine colleges, our school renovated its current Instructional Administration building and built our award-winning Center for Mathematics and Science along with new facilities for child development, culinary arts, health fitness and athletics. We have also been able to build a parking structure to accommodate our student body.

Ahead for LAMC is the Media Arts Building that will house art, music, theater arts, and media arts, including digital media. We are also designing and building a central energy plant that will significantly lower our utility bills.

These projects have made LAMC a first class educational facility for the northeast San Fernando Valley. It has uplifted the spirits of students, faculty, staff and the community. It is a testament to what quality educational facilities can accomplish.
contribute to a campus.

This fall, 10,200 students have enrolled at LAMC, a 7.5% increase over fall, 2013. Students are benefitting from the new facilities in the following ways:

- With state-of-the-art laboratories, The Center for Math and Science serves as the home for our Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) initiative that now serves more than 400 students. The curriculum has been expanded to include organic chemistry.

- The Health Fitness and Athletic Complex has a quality gymnasium, track and fitness center. The college can now support student-athletes in volleyball, fitness and is interested in establishing men’s and women’s basketball teams.

- The Child Development Center serves many student and community parents. The Child Development Department has over 800 students studying to be child development teachers and administrators.

- The Culinary Arts Institute has unbelievable cutting-edge facilities that house the latest culinary programs. In addition to labs for pastry, butchery, cold foods and salads, the Culinary Arts Program can now offer raw foods, organic food preparation and “farm-to-table” cuisines.

- Media arts will now be housed together, giving students the option to study digital media, visual arts, music, and theater in an integrated fashion.

The bond program has been a huge success for LAMC and the surrounding community. It has created a new spirit at the college. Students, parents, and businesses are excited about coming to LAMC. The facilities are award winning and sustainable. Last year, the Design-Build Institute of America gave its National Design-Build Award for Educational Facilities to LAMC’s Center for Math and Science, designating it the most sustainable educational building in the United States.

The bond program has enhanced the student experience and accelerated learning and achievement. It has established LAMC as a beacon of educational excellence in the Valley and L.A. County.

Message from the Chancellor

My colleagues at the Los Angeles Community College District and I are tasked with building the District’s profile and reputation as the best urban community college district in which to study and work, and to focus on our No. 1 priority – student success. To accomplish this goal, we must have a well-prepared and innovative faculty, responsive curriculum, excellent educational administrators, superbly trained and professional support staff, state-of-the-art buildings, modern instructional equipment and business and community engagement.

Despite a horrible recession that translated into a depletion of financial resources over the last five years, we have maintained our academic standards and financial standing. With the state’s economy now rebounding, we are able to increase access by restoring classes, increasing enrollments, and focusing on student success.

One area often overlooked is the physical teaching and learning environment at our nine campuses. Thanks to the trust and generosity of our local voters, beginning in 2001, the District has received more than $6 billion through the passage of three bond measures to improve our teaching and learning environments by upgrading and modernizing our facilities and infrastructure.

Through BuildLACCD, this goal of building superb teaching and learning facilities has become a reality. New buildings have arisen, state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories have been constructed or modernized and much needed infrastructure has been added. No longer are 21st century students studying and learning in 20th century facilities.

As one student so clearly put it, “Before, I felt like I was at an extension of high school. Now, I truly feel like I am in college.”

For our efforts, the District has been recognized with many prestigious awards. In 2013, the Design-Build Institute of America’s National Design-Build Award for Educational Facilities recognized Los Angeles Mission College’s Center for Math and Science. And this year at the Los Angeles Architectural Awards, hosted by the Los Angeles Business Council, the Education Award was presented to Los Angeles City College’s Student Union for its design and functionality. These are just a few examples of how design can influence learning, in and outside of the classroom.

There are many great stories to share about the architects who design these buildings, the construction crews who erect them through our program management firm, AECOM, and, most importantly, the students and faculty who benefit from them. Beginning with this edition of the bond newsletter, we will tell those stories.

Enjoy and thank you for your conti-
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ured confidence and support of the Los Angeles Community College District.

Dr. Francisco C. Rodriguez began his tenure as chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District on June 1, 2014.

At the LACCD, Dr. Rodriguez has set as his primary goal the building of the District’s profile and reputation as the best urban community college district to study and work. Dr. Rodriguez is stressing an approach that includes a well-prepared and innovative faculty and responsive curriculum, excellent educational administrators, state-of-the-art buildings and equipment, superbly trained and professional support staff, and business and community engagement.

Dr. Rodriguez earned a Bachelor of Arts in Chicano Studies with an emphasis in education and a Master of Science in Community Development, from the University of California Davis. He also earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Education from Oregon State University.

Best Practices at the Los Angeles

In April 2013, the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) unanimously awarded a program-management services contract to AECOM in order to close out the final phase of the Build-LACCD program, a $6.2-billion bond-funded construction program.

Specifically, under the contract, AECOM’s responsibilities include:

- Overall program management.
- Web-enabled program-level budget controls and uniform reporting from all nine sites.
- Establishing efficient and effective bond program procedures.
- Implementation of risk- and quality-management systems.
- Handling procurement, bidding, contracting, payment and general ledger accounting.

Since its selection as the district’s new program manager over a year ago, the Program Management Office (PMO) has been working diligently to ensure that the bond program meets and/or exceeds the needs of the students, teachers and communities the colleges serve. The PMO has implemented numerous initiatives that will bring improved quality, value and cost savings to the program. Its direction has also lead to a clear and uncontested accreditation of all nine colleges – a feat that was in doubt when AECOM was first brought on board. The district also passed its first audit with no findings, and the local press positively reported on the progress.

This complex multi-site program management requires a careful balancing act. The PMO approach has increased transparency, accountability, and efficiency to this voter approved construction bond program; all while continuing to retain enough flexibility to meet individual site-based needs. Using a strong PMO approach, coupled with a highly skilled program management team and strong executive support provides a disciplined, quantifiable way to build a program that generates benefits during the project period as well as long after the construction dust has settled.

Director’s Corner

Since coming on board in April of 2013, my team and I have had the privilege of serving LACCD on the Build Program. The passion and dedication of the students, faculty, staff and the many others we work with is inspiring. I am often reminded of my own story as a first generation American navigating my educational career and attending community college. As I look around at the changes and improvements at the colleges, I am energized to tackle the remaining projects. There are approximately 150 projects remaining of varying size and complexity. The amount of construction across the district will significantly increase in the coming months. Our goal is to minimize impacts to students, staff and faculty, while getting the work done safely and quickly. We ask for your patience and support during this time.

We are also always looking for your feedback. In this newsletter, you will find information on how to ask questions and provide comments. I will personally review all the questions and provide a response and look forward to hearing from you.

I am excited about this first newsletter and will continue to provide a report on our progress each month.

Thank you again for your support, Terri

Terri Mestas is Director of the LACCD Program Management Office, providing oversight across all functions of the $6.2B bond program. Terri is a native of the Washington, D.C. area. She is a graduate of The Catholic University of America’s School of Architecture and Planning. She has been interviewed by CNN in the wake of the Oklahoma City bombing on her physical security expertise and has given lectures sponsored by Northern Virginia Community College on physical security design.

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Heat Advisory

Heads up again everyone! Temperatures are currently forecasted to approach the 90 degree mark and the mid 90’s for the rest of the month. As a reminder, please observe the California Heat Stress Law which established an 85° F trigger (either forecasted or when that temperature is reached).

It is critical that employers track the weather and routinely check for approaching heat waves. Again, heat waves are the primary cause of heat-related illnesses and fatalities in the state.

The National Weather Service forecasts the temperature in various locations in California. Weather forecasts and information are broadcast on NOAA Weather radio and can be accessed at: http://www.weather.gov

LACCD CareLine

The LACCD CareLine was established to provide bond program employees, contractors, consultants, vendors and suppliers with an easy connection point pose questions or comments and receive a timely response. If a supplier wants to know how it can participate in the bond program, contact CareLine. If a subcontractor is having trouble getting paid, contact CareLine. If a consultant wants to confirm available contract capacity, contact CareLine. If the staff at the other end of the CareLine doesn’t have the answer, it will make sure to route the inquiry to the right department and, importantly, will ensure appropriate follow up. You can reach the CareLine at 213-593-7780 or at careline@build-laccd.org.

For more information on the program or any of the college projects, please visit us at: www.build-laccd.org
LA Trade Tech’s Mariposa Hall best in the state

The list of ENR California’s Best Projects 2014 was released in early October and for the second year in a row, an LACCD project was listed as one of the best projects in California. This year, Mariposa Hall at Los Angeles Trade Technical College (LATTC) was selected as the Higher Education/Research Best Project recipient.

ENR California is a trade publication focused on the development, design and construction marketplace within the state. Each year, judges from all construction industry sectors evaluate and vote for the best and most innovate projects throughout California and Hawaii. This year, the competition was especially fierce as entries jumped by 40% from 2013 and included nearly 140 projects.

Mariposa Hall was a major renovation project that transformed an outdated library into a contemporary Learning Resource Center. The renovation, leaving the structural steel frame and concrete floor plates as the backbone for the new facility, was upgraded to current code compliance with new infrastructure systems installed throughout. The renovated 95,000-square-foot building is centrally located at LATTC and has become a true functional and symbolic centerpiece of academic life. The Mariposa Hall project was submitted by the architectural firm Harley Ellis Devereaux.

Los Angeles Valley College Celebrates Groundbreaking for New Student Union

October 27, 2014 (Valley Glen, California) – Los Angeles Valley College today celebrated the groundbreaking of the college’s new Student Union, which will bring together student-centered services and feature new student gathering places. The Student Union will be built to high sustainability standards, and is expected to receive Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED™) Silver certification.

“As a former community college student, I know how important it is to have a central gathering place for students, where
Program Highlights

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All were deeply gratified to learn that three Los Angeles Community College District schools – East Los Angeles College, Los Angeles Harbor College and Los Angeles Pierce College – were among the 16 community colleges selected from across the country to be designated the 2014 Achieving the Dream Leader Colleges.

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One of the highlights of the new Student Union will be a unique “skybox” feature with panoramic views of the campus from the outdoor patio and walkway, with sheltered seating underneath for student gatherings. In addition, the new cafeteria dining area opens up to the covered outdoor patio that can be used as a student event plaza. The building is expected to be completed in 2015.

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Located at the heart of the Valley Glen campus on the site of the former cafeteria, the 41,000-square-foot Student Union will house a cafeteria, campus bookstore, student health center, business office, and the Associated Student Union (ASU) offices. It will also be home to the new Lion’s Den, a dedicated space for students to gather and relax between classes, as well as a coffee bar.

“Our new student union will be the beating heart of Valley College, where students will be able to gather and take advantage of a full college experience,” said Dr. Erika Endrijonas, president of Valley College. “This new facility will continue Valley’s modernization thanks to the LACCD Building Program, and will preserve Valley’s reputation as one of the top community colleges in Southern California.”

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LACCD,” said Board of Trustees President Scott Svonkin at the press conference to celebrate the three honored colleges. “Achieving the dream is not just something we talk about. It is something we do every single day in every single classroom.”

This national honor is bestowed on community colleges that commit to improving student success and closing achievement gaps. This commitment is also evident in the mission and scope of the voter-approved bond program. The Build-LACCD program has improved training for students, prepared them for jobs in such fields as nursing and other health-care fields, public safety, manufacturing, automotive, technology, construction, and entertainment. Students trained at LACCD colleges are prepared to fill the jobs that Los Angeles employers are creating now and in the future. Better facilities mean that students who transfer to a four-year college will be better prepared to take the next academic step.
As we approach the end of 2014 and begin to look at our list of upcoming projects in 2015, it is important to revisit the basics of program delivery. The team of professionals supporting Build LACCD is focused on delivering quality projects that support the district’s academic mission while adhering to budget and schedule parameters. Over the past several months, we have taken critical steps to meet these goals.

Our most critical task was the collaborative creation of the Strategic Execution Plan (SEP). This plan, created with each college, delineates the projects in priority order of delivery and importance to each college’s educational needs.

The most valuable aspect of the SEP was the joint effort by the PMO and the colleges. Faculty, staff and college leadership worked collaboratively to create a new baseline for the remaining projects.

This resulted in a review of college bond budgets, best use of remaining funds, schedule needs, standardization of contingencies, and discussion of project risks. These unified efforts have created a formula to optimize opportunities to create the best environment to teach, work and learn for faculty, staff and, most importantly, students within the remaining funding.

The SEP helps define what success looks like for the program and allows the technical experts who support the program to organize a delivery approach that will provide the highest quality projects on time and within budget. On behalf of the leadership team at the PMO, we want to thank everyone involved in the development of the SEP for their hard work, dedication and teamwork.

Three LACCD Colleges Awarded (continued from Page 2)

The Program is now in the final third of construction, and has completed more than 594 projects, including:

- 92 new academic buildings
- 29 student service centers
- 8 administrative centers
- 23 athletic facilities
- 8 child development centers

“Student success is our district’s highest priority,” said Dr. Francisco Rodriguez, LACCD chancellor, “and this national recognition of our colleges reaffirms the transformational work that our colleges are engaged in to improve student outcomes.”

College Internship Program

The LACCD Board of Trustees established a Community Economic Development Program that includes a College Internship Program for students who attend any of the nine college campuses and education satellites. The College Internship Program provides students meaningful internship employment with firms and contractors performing work on the Build Program that reinforce an academic pathway to careers in Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) versus short-term job placement.

Through a strategic and structured industry approach, the College Internship Program works in professional collaboration with Industry Partners to identify internship opportunities and to implement a Campus Industry Lecture Series Program to provide students an avenue to engage, learn and pursue STEM academic pathways and careers in architecture, engineering, construction, construction management, and IT disciplines.

The College Internship Program contains a professional development component to prepare students for entry into a professional work environment to increase employability, wages earned and internship completion. It also provides comprehensive workforce development support services to address barriers to student access and participation.

For more information on the program or any of the college projects, please visit us at: www.build-laccd.org
LACCD hosts contractor opportunity boot camp.

On Friday, October 10, 2014 the BuildLACCD’s Community and Economic Development team hosted a contractor boot camp. The forum was an opportunity to connect the North of Mall Project's shortlisted prime contractors to Local, Small, Emerging, Disabled Veteran (LSEDV) contractors. Located at Pierce College, this project is valued at approximately $36 million and contains a 30% LSEDV participation goal.

Participants also came to learn about other upcoming projects and resources to help their company compete and grow on the $6.2 billion community college facilities improvement program.

The North of Mall project involves completing the renovation, upgrading and modernization of seven (7) phase 1 buildings and renovation, upgrading and modernization of four (4) phase 2 buildings. Both phases have a site work component (softscape, hardscape and underground utilities). The work of each building typically involves repair or replacement of roof covering, new exterior walkway column covers, replacement of walls and windows on walkway side with full-height storefronts, ADA upgrades for full compliance with CBC and federal guidelines, HVAC upgrades, limited electrical and plumbing upgrades, full restroom renovation including ADA compliance, new exterior plaster, interior and exterior painting, security system, window treatments, communications and classroom technology upgrades.

More information on this and other upcoming projects can be found under the contractors section at www.build-laccd.org
LACCD, LEEDing the Way
By LACCD Trustee Nancy Pearlman

The LACCD bond program since its inception has featured sustainability as one of the most important goals in the effort to rebuild and revitalize our nine colleges. After the passage of Proposition A, the Board of Trustees in 2002 adopted visionary guidelines to integrate sustainable building materials and design standards to promote environmentally responsible design, construction and operation of new and renovated projects.

We created a requirement that each design team would include a certified Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED™) professional. LEED™ is a design rating system that evaluates the energy efficiency and use of sustainable materials in buildings. When the program began, there were perhaps a dozen in all of Southern California. Today, there are hundreds, perhaps thousands.

We also set a standard that all projects would undergo a lifecycle cost analysis, and that all new construction shall exceed California energy requirements by 20% and that major renovation projects exceed the requirements by 10%. In addition, 50% of the total building energy consumption for new LEED™ buildings should come from renewable energy, with a minimum of 20% on-site generation. Today, the district has installed 10.6 megawatts of renewable energy, which equates to about 15 million kilowatt hours (kWh) annually – enough to provide power to more than 2,000 typical California households for a year.

Most recently, the board created the Ad Hoc Committee on Environmental Stewardship, which I chair. In November, we held our first meeting and looked at district water conservation measures, which includes bond program work to install water-efficient landscaping and innovative wastewater technologies, efficient plumbing fixtures, water reduction strategies in purchasing, installation of permeable surfaces and field turf on athletic fields, swales and groundwater re-charge projects, just to name a few. In the coming months, we are going to look for other ways to renew and recommit to being the largest sustainable building program in the nation.
LAACD Bond Rating Improves

The Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees announced in early December that Standard & Poor’s rating services have upgraded the District’s credit rating from “AA” to “AA+,” which will result in savings to taxpayers due to reduced borrowing costs. The ratings increase reflects the strong management of the District by the Board and the Chancellor, and the many steps the District has taken to ensure strong financial performance.

“We are pleased by S&P’s confidence in the District, which we believed is justified by our unrelenting commitment to best practices, whether it be in the classroom, in our financial management, or on the construction site,” said Scott Svonkin, President of the LAACCD Board of Trustees. “It’s often said that if you manage well in the hard times, the good times will be even better, and we are proud that the prudent and sometimes tough decisions we’ve made as trustees are now bearing fruit, as reflected in our strong financial ratings and audits.”

The District also announced that the accounting firm of KMPG has delivered its annual independent audit of the District’s financial records and accounts, and found that the District’s financial statements fairly reflected the District’s financial position, and that the District was following generally accepted accounting principles.

“KMPG’s latest audit shows that we are continuing our successful reform of the District and our Building Program,” said Steve Veres, the vice president of the LAACCD Board of Trustees and chair of the District’s Facilities Committee. “Ensuring student success requires that we have confidence in our financial systems, and this audit makes it clear that our controls are strong.”

Standard & Poor’s released a statement explaining its upgrade of the District’s rating.

“The higher rating reflects our view of district management’s continued strong commitment to maintaining what we consider a good reserve level,” said Standard & Poor’s credit analyst Lisa Schroeer in her credit report.

Standard & Poor’s also assigned an ‘AA+’ rating to the District’s upcoming tax-exempt and taxable bonds and its 2015 refunding bonds.

“The rating reflects our opinion of the district’s good financial performance, with a history of strong general fund reserves,” said Ms. Schroeer.

The ratings increase will result in savings to the District taxpayers, who voted in 2001, 2003, and 2008 to authorize bonds to pay for a more than $6 billion modernization of the District’s nine community college campuses, its headquarters and satellite locations, according to the district’s financial consultant.

“S&P’s ratings are at the pinnacle for a large and diverse district such as LAACCD,” said David Brodsky, Managing Director, KNN Finance, which advises the District. “These ratings are a reflection of the District’s commitment to long-term financial stability and its strong management.”

Holiday Safety Only Takes Four Seconds.

It is a challenge to stay focused at work during this time of year. When you find yourself working away and your thoughts running wild with all the plans and activities of the holidays – STOP and take four short seconds to look around and come back to the present moment. Look for a hazard in the middle of your activity. Hazards do not go away. Only our awareness of the hazards goes away. When we ignore hazards, we tend to get injured.

Holiday injuries tend put extra stress on everyone. Imagine yourself sitting around the dinner table in a leg cast because you fell off a ladder or tripped over something. Unfortunately, these stories are more common than all of us might admit. Injuries during the holidays seem to magnify how many people are affected by an injury to one person. How many people count on you each day to come home safely? If you add them all up you might be surprised.

Taking four seconds for safety may seem unimportant to you, yet it is the one activity that will have the most benefit to keep you safe. Think of it as your holiday gift to yourself. In fact, you can think of each of those people who would be affected by an injury to you every time you take four seconds to refocus.

Think about this when you are about to drive away to some gathering this holiday season. The noise, the excitement, the distraction! Take a moment, take a big breath, count slowly to four and then drive away. Chances are that you will arrive safely once you focus for those four seconds.

Have a safe holiday season!
Director’s Corner

Looking back on our accomplishments in 2014, it confirms that we are delivering on the task LACCD has defined for everyone who is a part of Build LACCD. Well done, team! I feel great pride in the work we have accomplished, putting in long hours, working collaboratively with all Build LACCD team members and supporting the initiatives and changes implemented over the past 12 months. Our accomplishments included six audits, each of which resulted in positive and constructive findings; awarded 25 design and construction procurements valuing $150 million; closed/certified 65 projects with DSA (an average of more than one per week); processed more than $225 million in vendor payments, had 26 projects in closeout/reach substantial completion, honed and instituted more than 25 standard operating procedures and held more than 1,000 hours of training, to name a few.

We also instituted a tool kit that the team and all of our partners need to finish the program strong. The central component of this tool kit is the strategic execution plan, which defines prioritized projects with budgets and schedules needed to close this program successfully. I also believe that with the previous and pending bootcamps at the PMO, we have world-class level of expertise, collaboration, vision and commitment to the goals of the program, to the colleges and to our communities.

I thank you on behalf of the leadership of the PMO for all of your efforts. Everyone on this team is essential to our success. We ask for your continued commitment as we embark on another great and busy year. We are on the path to program success! Hurrah Builders!

Project Labor Agreement Brings Opportunities for Students.

The Los Angeles Community College District’s $6.2 billion construction program, Build-LACCD, is using its Project Labor Agreement (PLA) to create jobs and pathways to construction careers for students and graduates. The PLA ensures labor harmony during the construction program by establishing labor policies for the employment of construction workers on the projects. An important objective of the PLA is to provide the framework for Build-LACCD’s Community Economic Development Program, which includes a 30 percent local worker participation goal and a commitment to provide Los Angeles Trade Technical College (LATTC) students and graduates with opportunities to enter union apprenticeship programs and work on District construction projects.

The recent construction activity at the Los Angeles Community College District and a renewed focus to implement the PLA’s policies regarding community economic development has resulted in several job placements for LATTC students. “This program is phenomenal,” said John Olszewski who is an instructor at LATTC and teaches the four-semester carpentry program. “We hadn’t had job placements like this at Trade Tech in 20 years.”

The partnership between Build-LACCD and Trade Tech is resulting in jobs for our students. This is a very proud time at LACCD and it would not be possible without the Project Labor Agreement. Since October of this year, we have placed 10 students from LATTC into a union apprenticeship program who are working on LACCD’s construction projects.

The training for Trade Tech students and graduates does not stop when they find a job. The PLA requires that every apprentice working on the project to be enrolled in a state-approved apprenticeship program to ensure they continue to receive quality training. Each union that is signatory to the PLA has an affiliated state-approved apprenticeship program that is jointly managed by union and contractor representatives. These multi-year apprenticeship programs require apprentices to attend classes in addition to their on-the-job training, which allows the apprentices to continue to develop new skills and practice what they learn.

Gioviani Polanco and Christian Ortega are graduates of the LATTC LA Trade Tech’s Library Research Center is home to the Regional Economic Development Institute where students can get more information about internship and job opportunities.

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what I’m worth and make everybody proud.”
In addition to the PLA benefiting the LACCD students, graduates and the communities surrounding each campus, it also provides protections for craft workers employed on PLA projects. Construction craft workers must be paid a prevailing wage established by the California Department of Industrial Relations and every worker has access to union benefit plans, which include health insurance and retirement benefits. Build-LACCD partners with both contractors and the local construction unions to ensure that workers are paid properly and receive the benefits they are entitled to. If compliance issues or labor disputes occur, both the unions and contractors agree to follow an effective dispute resolution process to quickly resolve labor disputes without any work stoppages or project delays.