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APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 7 FOR NEXT MAYOR'S YOUNG AMBASSADOR TRIP

LOS ANGELES—Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) students who are enrolled at any of the District's nine colleges under the Los Angeles College Promise Program are reminded that the deadline is April 7 to submit completed applications for consideration to join Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti's Young Ambassador Program to travel to Vietnam. The trip is currently planned for August 7-17, 2019.

This is a free trip for Promise students. Approximately 25 students will be selected among the applicants by the Mayor's Office to serve in the Mayor's Young Ambassador (MaYA) program. Program information, including a link to the application, is online at <https://www.lamayor.org/mayor%E2%80%99s-young-ambassador-program>. Applications must be submitted online by April 7 via the LACCD student portal.

Earlier this year, 23 LACCD College Promise students traveled to Japan under the MaYA program in conjunction with Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In June, another delegation will travel to France. In addition to being a current student in the L.A. College Promise program, www.lacollegepromise.org, other eligibility requirements include:

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Cumulative GPA of 2.7 or better at the time of application
- Must be eligible for a U.S. Passport (Applicants are not required to have a passport in order to apply, but must demonstrate eligibility for one.)
- Must provide one academic or professional reference
- If invited, must participate in an in-person interview

College Promise students who participated in the trip to Japan described the experience as a life-changing moment. "I learned being culturally conscious and aware of foreign countries is very important because that will lead to peaceful interactions between the U.S. and the rest of the world," said Isaac Perez, a student from Los Angeles Harbor College.

David Reyes, from East Los Angeles College, said the trip was an "amazing opportunity to not only see the differences between us and Japan, but the many similarities that bind us together as human beings."

Another student, Gerardo Gutierrez, of Los Angeles Southwest College, said "since coming home, I act with more kindness and respect in the world and in my home. The Japanese people have so much patience and respect that it made me reflect on how I behave and influenced me to be more like that towards the people in my life."

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About the Los Angeles Community College District

LACCD (www.laccd.edu) is the nation's largest community college district, educating about 230,000 full- and part-time students annually at its nine colleges that serve the residents of more than 36 cities and communities from 900 square miles of Los Angeles County. Since 1969, the District has been providing important learning pathways for students seeking transfer to four-year colleges or universities, two-year degrees and/or professional certificated training. Follow us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/LACCD>, @LACCD, on Twitter, <https://twitter.com/laccd> @laccd and Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/laccd_edu/, laccd_edu.

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