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GREATER LOS ANGELES AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HONORS LACCD DR. RUEBEN C. SMITH WITH THE SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

LOS ANGELES – Los Angeles Community College District’s Dr. Rueben C. Smith will receive the Special Recognition Award from the Greater Los Angeles African-American Chamber of Commerce (GLAAACC). This recognition is based on his leadership within the communities the district serves with increasing workforce and economic development, sustainable achievement, and building with an equity mindset with the District’s bond-funded construction program.

“On behalf of the LACCD Board of Trustees, we are delighted that Dr. Smith’s work is being recognized by such an esteemed organization as GLAAACC,” said Board of Trustees President David Vela. “Dr. Smith’s efforts to ensure our bond-funded projects benefit our students and faculty while serving as an economic driver in the communities our colleges, serve fulfills the District’s mission to enhance the local economy and close persistent equity gaps.”

“Our entire LACCD community is extremely proud of Dr. Smith’s recognition from GLAAACC. This award truly highlights his vision and his excellence for constructing outstanding and sustainable teaching and learning environments for our current and future students and communities,” said Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez. “This award also illustrates Dr. Smith’s uncanny capacity and agility to lead a diverse and complex capital outlay program that is unrivaled at community colleges in the nation.”

“I am honored to receive this distinction since it recognizes that we have earned the trust of Los Angeles voters by ensuring that the Bond Program funds are reinvested in the communities we serve,” stated Dr. Smith. “My hope is to continue the work of creating jobs and economic opportunity for local entrepreneurs and small business owners to change lives for generations to come while building the educational centers.”

According to the GLAAACC’s website, the Annual Economic Awards Dinner was created to acknowledge those who work towards the advancement of the African American business enterprise. Each year, individuals and companies are awarded for their commitment to advocating for small business enterprises.

GLAAACC will be celebrating its 29th Annual Economic Awards Dinner on Thursday, March 30, 2023, with keynote speaker Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass and special honors to Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson and LA City Council President Paul Krekorian.

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About the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD)

LACCD (www.laccd.edu) is the nation's largest community college district, educating about 210,000 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 an important learning pathway for students seeking transfer to four-year colleges or universities while also offering two-year degrees and certificated training programs to Southern California's diverse workforce in many specialized trades and professions. Learn more about our L.A. College Promise program of free tuition at [OurPromiseYourPath](#).

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About the BuildLACCD Building Program: LACCD's BuildLACCD Program is a \$14.9 billion program funded mostly by four taxpayer-approved bonds and supplemented by additional funding from the State of California. With approximately \$6.81 billion spent to date, the LACCD's nine colleges, and the students they serve, are benefiting from brand new and renovated academic buildings, sports facilities, arts complexes, administrative buildings, child development centers, and parking structures. BuildLACCD has completed 747 separate projects, with 475 more in the planning or construction stages. For more information on the LACCD's Building Program and a list of awards the District has received for its environmentally responsible projects, visit www.build-laccd.org.