Chancellor's Message
Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D.
On behalf of the LACCD Board of Trustees, faculty and staff, our heartfelt congratulations to students who graduated in June from the nine LACCD colleges. Record numbers of students completed degrees and certificates, and participated in commencement activities, including about 500 students who were among the first-ever to graduate as part of the L.A. College Promise Program. A new cohort of students will enter our colleges, as the Promise Program begins its third year. Thanks to Gov. Newsom, Assemblymember Miguel Santiago and our state representatives, all California students are now guaranteed two full years of tuition-free education!

Please join me in thanking all of our colleagues who retired from LACCD this spring. We also welcome the new college presidents at L.A. Pierce and L.A. Valley, while recruitments begin this fall for permanent presidents at East and Trade-Tech. Also, coming up on September 22, please join us for a special LACCD Dodger Day event. Your ticket purchase will help us take a swing against student hunger and homelessness. Thanks for a great year and now on to 2019–20!

Students receive $500 Scholarships
A special, districtwide awards ceremony was held May 31 at East Los Angeles College for the first-time presentation of $500 scholarships as part of the Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez and Vicky Chang Community College Transfer Scholarship program. Scholarships were made possible by a generous gift to the Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges by Ms. Chang to help 250 students per year who are graduating from any of the District’s nine colleges and transferring to a four-year college.
Students Get Fired Up Over Culinary Cup 2019!

They came, they cooked, they conquered! Congrats to Los Angeles Harbor College’s Culinary Arts Team for capturing the first Culinary Cup title and taking home the Golden Chef’s Hat trophy. Teams from Los Angeles Trade-Technical and Los Angeles Mission colleges competed with Harbor in a Kitchen Battle Royale to test their skills in cooking, baking and table placesetting competitions. Students from all schools took home medals for first, second and third places while Harbor had the accumulative high points to win the coveted, custom-made trophy. Next year, teams will gather at Mission College for the second annual Culinary Cup to see who brings home the trophy!

LATTC Topping Out Held

The ceremonial “Topping Out” ceremony for the new, state-of-the-art Culinary Arts Building at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College occurred recently to note a key milestone in the construction project when the last piece of steel I-beam was hoisted into place. District, college and project construction officials gathered in May to sign the ceremonial beam that was installed as part of the project. The two-story, 71,102-square-foot building, with estimated cost of $48.4 million in Measure J bond monies, is expected to be completed by Fall 2020.

LATTC’s Culinary Arts Program is the oldest, continuously operating program of its kind at a community college in the nation, serving an estimated 800 students per year with degrees in culinary arts and professional baking as well as transfers to four-year universities.

Input Sought as District Quarterly Completes First Year

This issue of the District Quarterly marks the first complete annual publishing cycle for the newsletter and we want to hear from you about how to make it better.

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• What should be included in future issues?
• Should the format be changed?
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