



## **LACCD CHANCELLOR RODRIGUEZ NAMED ONE OF “LA500” MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE BY THE LOS ANGELES BUSINESS JOURNAL**

LOS ANGELES—Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D., Los Angeles Community College District, (LACCD), has been named one of the “[LA500](#)” most influential people of 2021 by the *Los Angeles Business Journal*. Dr. Rodriguez is one of only 20 leaders from the “Education” category who were included for 2021 in the publication’s sixth annual edition of its LA500 list.

“Congratulations to Chancellor Rodriguez on this well-deserved recognition. His astute leadership of navigating the District during one of the worst worldwide health emergencies in 100 years has been with distinction. Organizational agility and personal fortitude were necessary and the Chancellor has answered the call with professionalism, adeptness and empathy for those he is charged to serve and lead. We’re proud to call him our Chancellor,” LACCD Board of Trustees President Steve Veres said.

[Chancellor Rodriguez](#) said was honored to be included on the [list](#). “My congratulations to the transformational leadership and expertise of those on the list, especially to my educator colleagues. Being recognized is really a testament to the amazing talent and dedication around me and reinforces the impactful role that education has as the economic driver for social mobility in our region.”

The *Journal* [published](#):

*“The Business Journal's sixth annual LA500 celebrates the most influential leaders and impactful executives in Los Angeles. Many of the members on this year's list demonstrated innovation and agility in the face of unprecedented challenges over the past year. And their vision and creativity can be counted on to help the city move forward. The Business Journal is pleased to highlight these leaders who will figure prominently as the pandemic begins to ease and the economy starts to recover.”*

Chancellor Rodriguez leads one of the nation’s largest community college districts. Go to the [Office of the Chancellor](#) for more information about him. (**Editor’s Note: High-res image of Chancellor Rodriguez available online at: <http://laccd.edu/Chancellor/Pages/default.aspx>**)

The LACCD “Colleges of Los Angeles” include: [Los Angeles City College](#); [East Los Angeles College](#); [Los Angeles Harbor College](#); [Los Angeles Mission College](#); [Los Angeles Pierce College](#); [Los Angeles Southwest College](#); [Los Angeles Trade-Technical College](#); [Los Angeles Valley College](#) and [West Los Angeles College](#).

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We are the Colleges of Los Angeles! LACCD ([www.laccd.edu](http://www.laccd.edu)) is the nation’s largest community college district, educating about 250,000 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. Follow us on Facebook, [@LACCD](https://www.facebook.com/LACCD), and on Twitter, [@laccd](https://twitter.com/laccd) and Instagram, [https://www.instagram.com/laccd\\_edu/](https://www.instagram.com/laccd_edu/) @laccd\_edu.

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