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NEW, \$1 MILLION SCHOLARSHIP PLEDGE ANNOUNCED

LOS ANGELES—Los Angeles Community College District Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez announced the Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges has received a \$1 million scholarship pledge to help high-need students who have demonstrated academic success and plan to transfer to a four-year college or university.

The “Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez and Vicky Chang Community College Transfer Scholarship” was made by long-time District benefactor Vicky Chang as a supportive effort to help about 2,000 students over the next eight years. The Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges, the District’s primary philanthropic foundation, will administer the scholarships.

“Our sincere, heart-felt thanks goes to Vicky Chang for such a generous and caring gift. I am deeply humbled and honored that she would want my name associated with her gift. I’m also very proud that Vicky specifically wanted to ensure that our DACA and undocumented students could apply for this exceptional scholarship opportunity,” Chancellor Rodriguez, Ph.D., said.

Initial announcement of the new scholarship was made by Ms. Chang and Chancellor Rodriguez during a July 7, 2018 fundraiser for the LACCD’s Dream Resource Centers. The Dream Resource Centers at the District’s nine colleges provide DACA and other undocumented students a variety of services for financial aid, academic counseling, mental health and legal services.

Ms. Chang said that when she heard about the Dream Resource Center fundraiser she decided to provide a new scholarship grant for high-achieving students with financial needs to help them transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

“I spoke with the Chancellor to find the best way to help students who have worked very hard to attend college but need some additional support,” Ms. Chang said.

The awards will be based on academic merit and financial need. Students eligible for consideration include foster youth and guardian scholars, DACA and undocumented students, students who qualify for Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS), or students who were formerly incarcerated. All recipients must be in good standing at one of LACCD’s nine colleges, have a minimum 3.5 grade point average; and have demonstrated financial need determined by the student’s application for federal or state financial aid.

For more information about the Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges, contact Michael Fuller, Executive Director, at (213) 891-2376.

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LACCD (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, <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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