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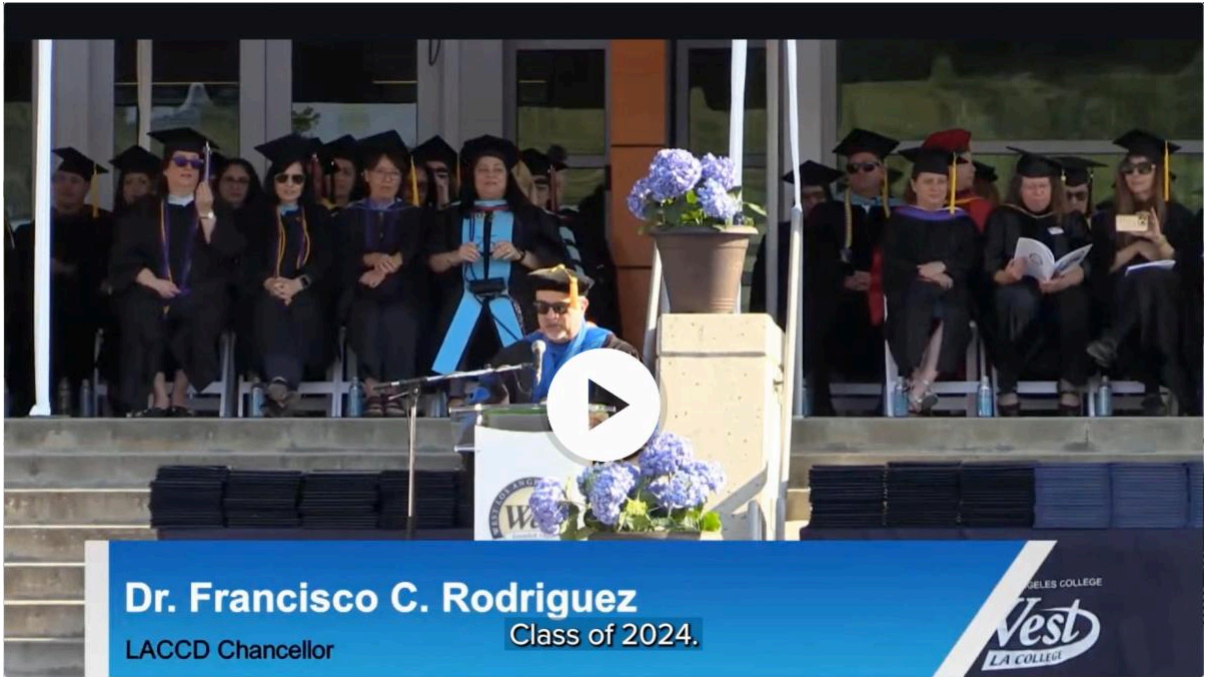
Dear LACCD Colleagues and Friends:

With immense pride, I extend a heartfelt congratulations and thanks to each of you on the successful completion of another academic year.

We culminated the year with memorable commencement celebrations at each of our nine colleges. Thanks to everyone who contributed to making this year's commencement ceremony a resounding success. These celebrations are a true testament to the hard work, dedication, and resilience of our students, faculty, classified professional staff and administration.

Watching our graduates walk across the stage, filled with joy, pride and optimism, is a powerful reminder of why we do what we do. Each graduate's journey is a story of perseverance and triumph, and each is inspiring.

I was fortunate to be at the beautiful commencement exercises at Los Angeles Valley College and West Los Angeles College this year. Here is my [commencement speech video](#) at West, which I hope captures the spirit of our remarkable collective achievements and outlines the bright futures that lie ahead for our graduates.



Our work as educators is done together and I am deeply grateful for the unwavering commitment to student success shown by our faculty, staff, and administration. Your passion for education and your support for our students have been instrumental in their success.

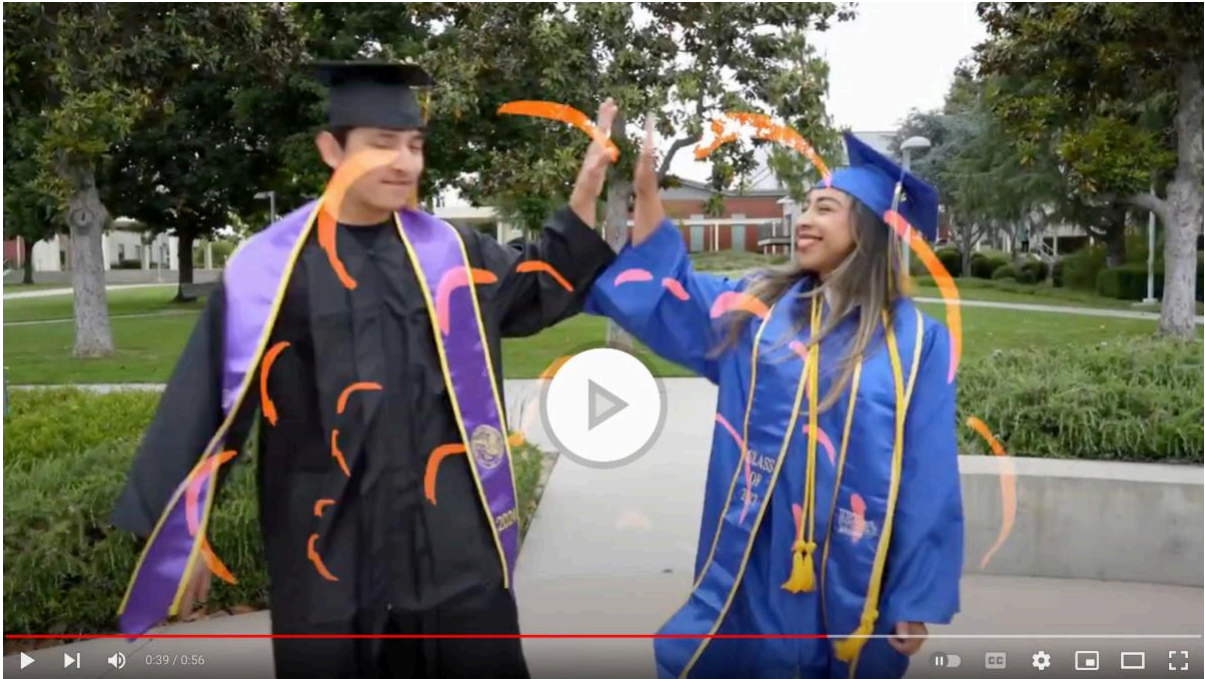
Let us continue to shine a bright light of educational hope and purpose as we look forward to another successful year ahead.

With respect and admiration,

Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D.
Chancellor
Los Angeles Community College District

District Office Events & Updates





2024 LACCD Graduation Video - Congratulations to all our graduates!



NBC Bright Spot Profiles Culinary Cup Scholarships

NBC Today in LA's "Bright Spot" segment featured the May 2024 LACCD Culinary Cup competition. The broadcast highlighted PepsiCo Foundation's Uplift Scholarship program, which enabled the Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges to award \$143,000 in scholarships to 47 culinary arts students this semester. Many of these students learned this great news live from the Culinary Cup stage. Here is the broadcast where [NBC featured the story](#) with [Manuel Salas, one of Harbor's Culinary Arts Students](#).





Celebrating LA's Newest Nurses

This month the Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges celebrated the 16th graduating cohort to benefit from the Vicky Chang NCLEX Nursing Grant program. A reception in honor of Ms. Vicky Chang was held at ELAC in early June 2024. Since launching the program in 2016, more than 2,200 LACCD nursing graduates have been able to take their licensing exam at no cost.



Supporting LACCD's Student Parents

In May the Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges, in partnership with the LA Valley College Foundation, hosted special guests to tour the Child Development Complex at LAVC and hear findings of a new report by UNITE-LA, funded by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, regarding student parents in LA's colleges.



As we cross the halfway mark of this legislative year, we want to spotlight Vice President Kelsey Iino, the driving force behind our Legislative and Public Affairs Committee. Thanks to her exceptional leadership, we're proud to report that all of LACCD's advocacy priorities are making significant strides.

Federal Advocacy Update

All five of LACCD's Congressional Community Project funding and Directed Spending applications have advanced to the Appropriations Committees in the House and the Senate. This represents a total of \$13.349 million in requests. The FY 2025 applications include the following projects: Los Angeles Harbor College for \$1.5 million for a Los Angeles Harbor College Community Engagement and Workforce Center; Los Angeles Mission College for \$4.383 million to support a parking structure and a workforce program at the Pacoima Center; Los Angeles Pierce College for \$5 million to support a Community Engagement & Enrichment Center at the College Arboretum, and Los Angeles Community College District for \$2.466 million for the extension of LACCD Metro GoPass program which includes a student workforce component.

State Advocacy Update

Turning our attention to the state level, we're thrilled to share that all four of LACCD's bills have successfully advanced to the second House policy Committees. The Senate has given its unanimous approval to SB 895 (Roth), which is now under review by the Assembly Higher Education Committee. AB 2093 (Santiago) has been referred to the Senate Education Committee; AB 2931 (Fong) has also received unanimous approval in the Assembly and is now before the Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee and will also be heard in the Senate Education Committee. AB 3142 (Jones-Sawyer) is currently under review by the Senate Education Committee. Maria Luisa Veloz will be testifying on behalf of the Los Angeles Community College District in support of AB 2931 and AB 3142 on June 12th.



LACCD Enrollment update

SUMMER 2024: Credit Enrollment Comparison										
Census day for most classes: 6/13 & 6/16-18 for Summer 1 and 7/18-21 for Summer 2		Day		Day relative to beginning of instruction						
Summer 2024 start date: 6/10/2024		1		Tuesday, June 11, 2024						
				Tuesday, June 13, 2023						
				Tuesday, June 14, 2022						
				Tuesday, June 13, 2017						
HEADCOUNT	City	East	Harbor	Mission	Pierce	Southwest	Trade	Valley	West	Total
Summer 2024	7,624	13,263	3,675	4,874	8,226	2,569	5,799	7,015	5,547	58,592
Summer 2023	6,476	10,825	4,178	4,565	6,894	2,405	4,884	6,281	4,824	51,332
Summer 2022	6,060	9,836	3,007	3,668	6,107	2,195	4,097	5,723	4,967	45,660
Summer 2017	7,029	12,859	3,308	3,253	8,186	2,772	5,686	6,540	6,118	55,751
2024 % of 2023	118%	123%	88%	107%	119%	107%	119%	112%	115%	114%
2024 % of 2022	126%	135%	122%	133%	135%	117%	142%	123%	112%	128%
2024 % of 2017	108%	103%	111%	150%	100%	93%	102%	107%	91%	105%
ENROLLMENT	City	East	Harbor	Mission	Pierce	Southwest	Trade	Valley	West	Total
Summer 2024	10,190	21,226	4,544	6,302	11,919	3,983	7,837	10,168	8,151	84,320
Summer 2023	8,819	15,532	5,312	5,951	10,017	3,298	6,486	8,693	6,771	70,879
Summer 2022	8,352	13,791	3,893	4,773	8,635	3,033	5,311	7,905	6,991	62,684
Summer 2017	9,732	18,078	4,291	4,322	11,657	4,197	8,079	9,091	8,947	78,394
2024 % of 2023	116%	137%	86%	106%	119%	121%	121%	117%	120%	119%
2024 % of 2022	122%	154%	117%	132%	138%	131%	148%	129%	117%	135%
2024 % of 2017	105%	117%	106%	146%	102%	95%	97%	112%	91%	108%
SECTION COUNT	City	East	Harbor	Mission	Pierce	Southwest	Trade	Valley	West	Total
Summer 2024	286	668	158	198	346	115	293	346	248	2,658
Summer 2023	293	639	144	224	327	107	305	321	281	2,641
Summer 2022	292	569	125	214	329	116	265	311	275	2,496
Summer 2017	296	646	119	133	395	140	332	322	268	2,651
2024 % of 2023	98%	105%	110%	88%	106%	107%	96%	108%	88%	101%
2024 % of 2022	98%	117%	126%	93%	105%	99%	111%	111%	90%	106%
2024 % of 2017	97%	103%	133%	149%	88%	82%	88%	107%	93%	100%
Enrollment divided by Section	City	East	Harbor	Mission	Pierce	Southwest	Trade	Valley	West	Total
Summer 2024	35.6	31.8	28.8	31.8	34.4	34.6	26.7	29.4	32.9	31.7
Summer 2023	30.1	24.3	36.9	26.6	30.6	30.8	21.3	27.1	24.1	26.8
Summer 2022	28.6	24.2	31.1	22.3	26.2	26.1	20.0	25.4	25.4	25.1
Summer 2017	32.9	28.0	36.1	32.5	29.5	30.0	24.3	28.2	33.4	29.6
2024 % of 2023	118%	131%	78%	120%	112%	112%	126%	109%	136%	118%
2024 % of 2022	125%	131%	92%	143%	131%	132%	133%	116%	129%	126%
2024 % of 2017	108%	114%	80%	98%	117%	116%	110%	104%	98%	107%

¹ Source: LACCD Student Information System, PS_CLASS_TBL, PS_STDNT_ENRL tables.

² Enrollment and Section count: Includes Credit PA, WSCH (if applicable), DSCH, Ind Study, and Work Exp. Excludes Non-Credit Adult Ed and Non-Credit Tutoring. 2023, 2022 and 2017 Section count reflects the information as of the end of the term (instead of the relative day listed above).

³ Headcount, Enrollment and Section Count numbers exclude In-Service Training (IST) classes. ITV data is also excluded for Summer 2017.

⁴ Headcount and Enrollment numbers exclude students with Waiting status and drops from waitlists.

⁵ Registration timelines for Summer 2024 and Summer 2023 were delayed and compressed slightly comparing to the old registration timeline for Summer term (prior to Summer 2023) due to the last year's change to the combined Summer/Fall 2023 registration timeline. Summer 2024 priority registration started on 4/15/24 and Summer 2023 priority registration started on 4/17/23, which were about 1 week later than the registration timelines for Summer 2022 (4/11/22) and Summer 2017 (4/10/17). Summer 2024 open enrollment registration starts on 5/6/24 and Summer 2023 open enrollment registration started on 5/8/23, which was relatively the same as Summer 2022 (5/9/22) but about 1 week earlier than Summer 2017 (5/15/17). The number of days between priority registration and open enrollment is 21 days for Summer 2024 and Summer 2023, 28 days for Summer 2022, and 35 days for Summer 2017.

Summer 2024 Credit Enrollment Update:

Comparing Summer 2024 to Summer 2023 as of the first day of the semester, districtwide, student credit headcount is up by 14% and enrollment is up by 19% while class offerings show a 1% increase and enrollment per section is up by 18%. 66% of classes are being taught remotely, 27% are in-person, and 7% are hybrid. Remote classes continue to have the highest fill rate (99%) followed by hybrid (85%) and in-person (73%) classes. Noncredit headcount is 10,064, up by 10%, and enrollment is 14,514, up by 20%. Summer enrollment demographics and student characteristics will be available when enrollment stabilizes after census.

[View the LACCD Summer 2024 Credit Enrollment Update PDF version](#)



Armenian Cultural Day

On May 2, LACC hosted a celebration for Armenian Cultural Day including speakers Gayane Aghabalyan and Elmira Ayvazyan.



LACC Book Program: A Conversation with Rita Williams

On May 7, LACC's Book Program presented a conversation with author Rita Williams on her book "If the Creek Don't Rise."



Dean's Honor Tea

On May 13, 2024, LACC hosted their Dean's Honor Tea celebrating and recognizing students who have earned outstanding scholastic achievement.

2024 Commencement

The LACC 2024 Commencement Ceremony was held at the Greek Theatre on Tuesday, June 4th, at 5 p.m. We distributed 3,068 awards: 2,019 associate degrees and 1,049 certificates of achievement.



Partnership Insurance Program

LACC Hosts Press Conference to Celebrate Success of Partnership Insurance Program with the California Department of Insurance and the Foundation of California Community Colleges
The California Department of Insurance (CDI) recently partnered with the Foundation for California Community Colleges (FoundationCCC) to raise awareness of the California Low-Cost Auto Insurance Program among students and communities. Through this partnership, FCCC provided opportunities for community college students to learn about the CLCA program and receive affordable auto insurance to help remove financial and transportation barriers to education. LACC hosted a press conference on May 7 on campus to celebrate the partnership. [Coverage from KNX News 97.1.](#)

Juneteenth Celebrations

On June 17, LACC will host a screening and discussion of the film "Juneteenth: Faith and Freedom in the Morgan Freeman Theater. On June 18, LACC will host a Juneteenth celebration with food, music and games in the Main Quad.



ELAC Hosts Festival of the Arts

East Los Angeles College (ELAC) hosted the Festival of the Arts from May 14th through the 18th, showcasing various disciplines such as animation, architecture, art, dance, broadcasting, filmmaking, graphic design, music, photography, theater, and writing. This free event, held in partnership with the Vincent Price Art Museum, highlighted the talents of students and faculty, offering a diverse array of activities and performances.

On Tuesday, May 14, Reyna Grande, author of "Across a Hundred Mountains," gave a talk at the OneZone and Dream Resource Center. Thursday saw a lively Salsa Dance session in the Dance



Studios. Friday was packed with activities including Ceramics Raku Firing, a student-led sketching session at the Vincent Price Art Museum, a classroom performance of "Fool Me Once," music recitals, and the theatrical performance of "Colossal." Additionally, the Art Club Mural Project, Art Open Studios, and a Ceramic Sale ran throughout the day. The festival continued on Saturday with more Ceramics Raku Firing, an Animation Fest, and another performance of "Colossal." The day also included the New Voices student art exhibit opening and award ceremony, a Spring Dance Showcase, and ongoing Art Club projects and sales.



ELAC Celebrates AAPI Heritage Month

On May 7, "Empowered Voices: A Panel Event with AAPI Women Leaders" was held in Building F7, Room 215, from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. This panel featured distinguished AAPI women leaders who shared their personal and professional journeys. The event highlighted the unique challenges and triumphs faced by these women, offering the audience valuable insights and

inspiration. Attendees left feeling empowered and motivated by the stories of resilience and success shared by the panelists.

On May 21, an online film screening of "Not Your Model Minority" was held at 12:10 pm, followed by a Q&A session. This documentary examined the harmful myth of the model minority and its connection to historical and contemporary anti-Asian violence. The event provided a deep dive into how these stereotypes affect communities of color and offered perspectives on combating systemic racism. The engaging discussion during the Q&A session allowed participants to reflect on the film's messages and explore actionable steps toward social justice.



ELAC Associated Student Union Hosts Annual Husky Bowl

ELAC hosted its annual Husky Bowl on May 23, 2024, a spirited and competitive event organized by the ELAC Associated Student Union. This year's Husky Bowl brought together student clubs from across campus to compete in a series of exciting challenges, all vying for the coveted Husky Bowl trophy.

The day was filled with high energy and camaraderie as participants engaged in various games, including a thrilling obstacle course that tested their agility and teamwork. The Sudoku challenge demanded sharp minds and quick thinking, while the life-size Hungry Hungry Hippos game added a fun and playful element to the competition.



The Marvel-ous World of Majors 2.0

Harbor College's Counseling Division spearheaded a student conference titled "The Marvel-ous World of Majors 2.0" on Tuesday, May 7th to inform students about the 6 TCAPs (Transfer Career Academic Programs)/pathways offered at the campus. Faculty from every TCAP participated in a panel to share



about majors and career opportunities within their pathway. More than 200 current and prospective students were in attendance. Students interacted with the counselors and TCAP Faculty during the course registration and pop-up TCAP tabling sessions. Student feedback shows that participants gained a deeper insight into their major and educational goals due to the connection made with the faculty and counselors.



Harbor Takes the Cup!

On May 10, 2024, Harbor College hosted the culinary cup. The day was a celebration of the culinary artistry from Trade Tech College, Mission College and Harbor College. We extended a warm welcome to future Culinary Arts Students from San Pedro and Banning High, along with their award-winning Marching Band and Drill Team. No New Orleans theme event is complete without a marching band. The day was electric and the food was out of this world. The competition was steep, but Harbor College claimed the “Golden Chef’s Trophy” – The Culinary Cup. Students were awarded a scholarship from PepsiCo Foundation. [NBC featured the story, which is a true reflection of the tireless efforts and commitment of our LACCD Culinary Arts Programs, with Manuel Salas, one of Harbor’s Culinary Arts Students was featured.](#)

BECAP Project – Blue Economy and Climate Pathways

On May 17, 2024, Los Angeles Harbor College President Dr. Luis Dorado, Vice President Dr. Alexandra Duran, and Dean Sandra Sanchez hosted the Renewable Energy/Hydrogen/Clean Air Advisory Board meeting launch. This event is part of the Blue Economy and Climate Pathways (BECAP) Project, which



aims to address the growing employment needs in ocean-related industries while advancing climate action and environmental justice priorities.

The main objectives of the meeting were to raise awareness about the project's opportunities in the Los Angeles region and to gather insights from industry partners regarding their current and future workforce needs and challenges in the next 3-5 years and beyond. Industry partners, including

Chanise Allen from SoCal Gas, Tomi Riley from Air Products, and Michael LaCavera from Vopak, participated in the employer panel.



Graduation was a HIT!

There is so much to celebrate for our students. From nursing to veterans, to President's Distinguished, to **student-athletes**, to dual enrollment graduates, there was a lot of **excitement in the air**. The highest count of earned AA degrees was seven (7) degrees. The top dual enrollment graduate earning a high school diploma and AA was four (4). **Over 110 dual enrollment students received their high school diploma and AA Degree – Way-to-go!**



Lavender Graduate Celebration

On Friday, May 17th, Los Angeles Mission College hosted the 6th annual Lavender Graduate Celebration. LGBTQI+ students, faculty, staff, administration and allies from across the District were in attendance to celebrate their accomplishments. The crowd heard from California State Senator Caroline Menjivar, representatives from LAMC, LACCD, and the Board of Trustees Administration, as well as keynote speaker Eddie Martinez. After the speeches concluded and the graduates were announced, the celebration continued at the after-party.

Celebrating Classified Staff

To celebrate Classified School Employee Week, LAMC held its annual Classified Appreciation Luncheon on Tuesday, May 21st.

Staff were honored with awards in individual categories, including Fernando Britto for Most Enthusiastic, Denise Marrin for Outstanding Customer Service, and Nelson Hicks for Team Player. Custodian Elsa Mendez (pictured) took home the coveted Classified of the Year award.



Scholarship Ceremony Awards

On Friday, May 24th, Los Angeles Mission College awarded nearly \$41,000 in scholarships to 61 deserving students at their annual Scholarship Ceremony and Luncheon. Recipients included Dreamers, first-generation, full-time, part-time, and transfer students. Former LAMC President Monte Perez, Ph.D., was in attendance for the second consecutive year to present a scholarship founded in his name. Congratulations to all our scholarship winners!



Biotechnology Research Exhibition

On Monday, June 3rd, LAMC's spring Biotechnology II class held their annual research exhibition at the Center for Math & Science Building on East Campus.

Presentations explored topics including "Gene Glow Up: Production of Porcine Proinsulin Fused with GFP," "Clone Wars: Green vs Blue Cloning," "Baconomics: Unveiling Porcine Insulin through cDNA Cloning," "Eclipsed Brilliance: Shedding Light on Stealth GFP for DNA Cloning," and "Whodunit? An Educational 'Crime Scene DNA Analysis' Kit."

For the fifth consecutive year, biotechnology students have received job or internship offers before officially completing the course. With an impressive 92.6% placement rate, 101 students have secured positions since 2019.



Pierce First Cohort of Equity Amplifiers honored for work towards equity and caring for students and staff

Congratulations to the first cohort of Equity Amplifiers at Pierce, who have successfully completed a rigorous 5-week program aimed at fostering a more just and equitable campus culture. These employees embarked on a transformative journey, equipping themselves with the tools and knowledge necessary to create an environment of anti-oppression and student-centered services.

The Equity Amplifiers program is an integral part of the Caring Campus initiative and focuses on the vital roles of classified staff in supporting students outside of the classroom. Through a series of workshops and discussions, participants explored crucial topics such as unconscious bias, the cycle of oppression, social identities and intersectionality, eliminating microaggressions, and inclusive leadership. Designed to be challenging and reflective, this program empowers individuals to enact real change within their respective roles on campus.

The Caring Campus initiative, based on research from the Institute for Evidence-Based Change, aims to increase connectedness among students, ultimately leading to improved retention rates and academic success and a supportive environment where all students feel valued and empowered to achieve their goals.



Pierce Celebrates MESA (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement) Transfer Students

Pierce College celebrated the MESA graduating and transfer students as they prepare for universities across the state including UC Berkeley, UCLA and UC Irvine, to name a few. The MESA program supports students majoring in calculus-based STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields who seek to transfer to a four-year institution, with a focus on first-generation students and those with financial need.



Pierce College Programs Showcased at "Partners in Excellence" Poster Session

Pierce College showcased its commitment to student success at the ACCJC (Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges) inaugural "Partners in Excellence" poster session. Represented by Vice President of Academic Affairs Mary Jo Apigo, Pierce highlighted three key initiatives:

The *Caring Campus Initiative*, developed by the IEBC, enhances student connectedness with welcoming classroom and campus behaviors, aiming to improve retention and completion rates.

The *Peer Online Course Review (POCR)* ensures high-quality online education with 42 reviewed courses, leading to a 5% increase in success rates.



International Association of Early Childhood Education Representative Visits Pierce College Ahead of 2025 Conference

Pierce College recently welcomed Dr. Fuminori Nakatsubo—a representative from the International Association of Early Childhood Educators (IAECE)—ahead of the college's preparations to host the 2025 ECE Conference. President Aracely Aguiar, along with members of the Child Development Department and Vice Presidents Mary Jo Apigo and Jason Cifra, attended the luncheon that was held in the newly constructed agricultural building. Dr. Nakatsubo toured the childcare center and campus and engaged with faculty and students, discussing the importance of early childhood education and the role of the upcoming conference in fostering international collaboration.

The *Multicultural Center*, opened in 2023, offers a safe, inclusive space with programs like Umoja, which boosts retention and completion for African American students, and the Brahma Bodega Food Pantry, supporting students in need.

This event serves as a platform for sharing innovative practices, research findings, and collaborative strategies to enhance the quality of early childhood education.

Upcoming Events



Pierce Umoja Program Welcomes Community to celebrate Juneteenth on June 15, 2024

The Umoja program at Pierce College in collaboration with Zawadi Cultural Collective (Black in the Valley) will present the annual community Juneteenth event in Rocky Young Park at 6201 Winnetka Ave. Woodland Hills, CA on June 15, 2024, from 1-6pm. The event will bring the community together to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States after the Civil War. In the spirit of togetherness, the event will offer a free yoga session, activities for small children, a cultural program, vendors displaying their wares, and much more!

You are invited to the First Annual Los Angeles Pierce College Powwow at Pierce College!

Powwows are important cultural events for indigenous peoples to gather together to socialize, dance, sing, and honor their traditions. Please join us to peruse vendor arts and crafts, taste some Indian fry bread, and to experience the musical and dancing talents of native peoples from across the region. All are welcome to this free event!

Date: June 22, 2024

Time: 11:00am - 8:00pm

Location: The Equestrian Center At Pierce College

If you need any accommodations due to disability, please contact Vincent Whipple whiplvh@piercecollege.edu five business days prior to the event.



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Los Angeles Southwest College Child Development Department – Career Pathway Celebration

On Friday, May 17, Southwest College Child Development Department celebrated the graduation of over a dozen 2023-2024 graduates. President Culpepper welcomed the gathering of guests and shared words of encouragement. Guest alumni speaker Juny Gray addressed students, faculty and families and shared her unique teaching approach and how her time at Southwest College helped her reach her goals. Keynote speaker Gail Burks–Stansell brought the celebration to life with an empowering message of living life with purpose and passion. The event was made possible thanks to the commitment and dedication of the LASC Child

Development Center, Child Development Program Alumni, California Early Childhood Mentor Teachers, Plant Facilities and Student Equity and Achievement Program.



LACCD AAOI 14th Annual Black Graduation Celebration

Los Angeles Southwest College welcomed back the LACC African American Outreach Initiative's 14th Annual Black Graduation Celebration on May 23. This additional graduation event recognized the accomplishments of graduates while helping them remember the people who came before them and commemorated the historical journey and educational milestones of the students. President Culpepper welcomed the gathering of attendees and shared

words of encouragement and song. The African Soul International Dancers, musical selection by saxophonist Keschia Potter, and college roll call led by the mistress of ceremony Dr. Yolanda “Yo-Yo” Whitaker were just a few of the highlights from the evening. Student speakers Dia James and O'Rell Roberts along with keynote speaker Katessa M. Charles J.D. addressed over 260 graduates from all nine LACCD colleges.



LASC Nursing Program Pinning Ceremony Class of Spring 2024

The pinning ceremony is a unique and special ceremony for the nursing community and symbolizes that the wearer has completed the rigorous program of study leading to an Associate Degree in Nursing. The Los Angeles Southwest College pin has been presented to graduates since 1970 along with a rose that symbolizes perfection, integrity, dependability and unity.

President Culpepper welcomed the gathering of guests and shared words of encouragement. Twenty LASC students from the Class of Spring 2024 along with their friends, family and faculty gathered on May 31 for the LASC Nursing Program Pinning Ceremony. Graduating seniors, Candice Carter and Monterey Hamrell introduced keynote speaker Mr. Joseph Cooper, MSN followed by awards, presentation of the pins, candle lighting, Florence Nightingale Nurse's Pledge and the presentation of roses.

LATTC
LOS ANGELES TRADE-TECHNICAL COLLEGE





LATTC Welcomes nearly 500 to Annual Senior Day!

On May 14, Trade-Tech welcomed nearly 500 students from nine area high schools to its annual Senior Day. Prospective students attended helpful sessions on financial aid, enrollment, and student resources —as well as a resource fair, which showcased the very best of LATTC's academic and career pathways, with hair braiding stations and lunches prepared by the college's Culinary Arts pathway.



LATTC is confident that more high school students will be able to see a future for themselves at the college after the day's successful event!



LATTC's Employment and Career Success Pathway Hosts Successful Employer Open Houses

Throughout the year, LATTC's Employment and Career Success Center (ECSC) has hosted special employer open houses. These targeted career fairs have engaged the college's specific career pathways, introducing them to some of the region's top employers.

In May, ECSC hosted two career pathways—the first engaged the Cosmetology pathway and the second engaged the Construction, Maintenance & Utilities pathway. These open houses follow earlier engagements in the year with Culinary Arts, as well as Advanced Transportation & Manufacturing.



A big key to students' continued success is getting connected with employment after they graduate. These events were a big success, bridging employers with future Trade-Tech grads, who are equipped with the latest skills in workforce training.



LATTC Hosts Inaugural Street Vendor Summit

On May 22, LATTC hosted the inaugural Street Vendor Summit. The event welcomed street vendors, those looking to become street vendors, and community organizations involved with the vendor industry. The intention behind the gathering was to create a platform for dialogue so the college could learn what street vendors need in terms of support and what community organizations could offer in terms of services and assistance. The ultimate goal is to develop a noncredit certificate in street food vending, which can strengthen entrepreneurship in the community and serve as a bridge from noncredit to a credit industry-recognized certification.

[Read a full recap of the event](#)



Spring 2024 Gold Thimble Fashion Show: Tribute to LA Architecture

On May 24, LATTC's Design & Media Arts (DMA) pathway hosted the Spring 2024 Gold Thimble Fashion Show. The evening included category looks such as swimwear, children's wear, athleisure, men's wear, avant-garde, gender neutral, evening—and the show's theme, a Tribute to Los Angeles Architecture taking inspiration from the city's landscape. It was a night to remember!

[View the full event Facebook album](#)



The Spring 2024 Gold Thimble class





LAVC Commencement 2024

Family, friends and faculty packed Monarch Stadium for LAVC's 2024 Commencement Ceremony on June 4. LAVC's Class of 2024 comprises more than 1500 graduates. The ceremony featured two student speakers Shereen Saiyed and Kurt Swick, who both imparted inspirational words to their fellow graduates. Chancellor Dr. Francisco Rodriguez also gave congratulatory remarks and LACCD Trustee Steve Veres conferred the degrees to the graduates.



LAVC celebrates its first POPP graduating class

On June 5, Los Angeles Valley College and West LA College held a Police Orientation Preparation Program (POPP) Commencement ceremony at Valley College. This year's Class of 2024 included the inaugural class of 19 LAVC graduates from POPP at LAVC, and the 14th graduating class of 18 WLAC graduates from the Ahmanson Recruit Training Center (ARTC). Each graduate completed 1200 hours of coursework and training as part of the program and received an associate's degree in Administration of Justice.



Celebrations

May was a busy month at West with numerous affinity group celebrations and pre-graduation events including a gathering on Wildcat Walkway to mark Asian & Pacific American Heritage Month; An exhibition, "Fostering Photovoice," featuring photos by current and former foster youth ages 18 – 25,

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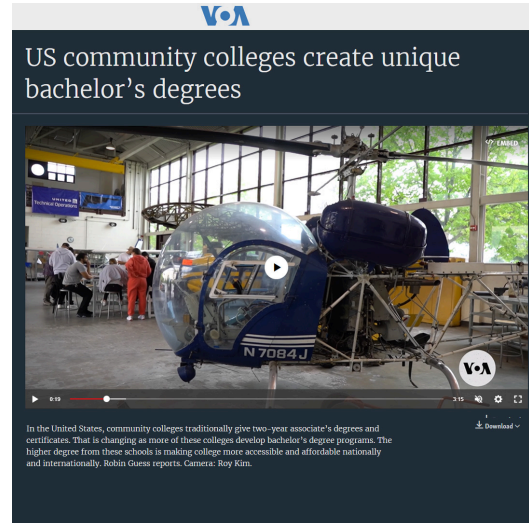
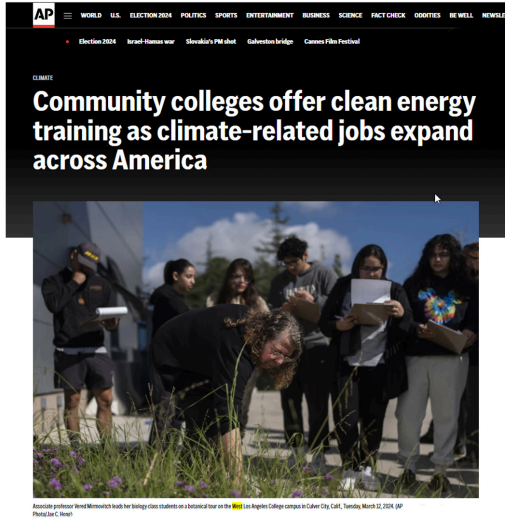
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including a WLAC student; the Annual Employee Recognition Event; and a large celebration of LAUSD high school seniors celebrating their plans to attend colleges.





In The News



Reporters from the Associated Press (AP) and Voice of America (VOA) visited campus in May to profile the Center for Climate Change Education and the college's unique Climate Change Studies degree as well as the two Bachelor's degree programs. Additionally, Congresswoman Sydney Kamlager-Dove visited West to learn more about the new partnership between the Aviation Technology program and American Airlines to train students and create a pipeline to employment.

- **AP News: [Community colleges offer clean energy training as climate-related jobs expand across America](#)**
- **VOA: [US Community Colleges Create Unique Bachelor's Degrees](#)**
- **[Kamlager-Dove Celebrates the Next Generation of Aviation Maintenance Professionals...](#)**

Awards



Credit for Prior Learning: West has been recognized by the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) for leadership



Jack Kent Cooke Scholars: Two West students, Marilyn Chavez and Oscar Lopez, were among the 60 sophomores selected to receive the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke

in awarding college credit to students' prior learning from employment, the military, and other life experiences. "Your innovative approach sets a strong example for other institutions seeking to ensure that all students have the opportunity to receive credit for valuable knowledge and skills gained outside the traditional classroom." CAEL

Foundation's Undergraduate Transfer. This year, there were nearly 1,700 students recommended from over 380 community colleges across the country. This is the second time in three years that a student from West has earned this elite honor... [Culver City Crossroads article](#)

Track & Field Victories



Western State Conference Track & Field Championships: West captured four individual titles at the Western State Conference Championships at Bakersfield College. In addition, the Wildcats delivered a combined 16 podium (top-3 finishes) and 22 Southern California individual qualifiers (12 men, 10 women) in 32 events...[track update continued](#)

State Championships: At the State level, the Wildcats earned two 4th place finishes in the Men's 400 Relay and 110 Hurdles plus one 2nd place finish in the Women's 100 Meter Dash.

In The News

[LA500 2024: Francisco Rodriguez](#)

Los Angeles Business Journal

[Where Are The Men at FCC?](#)

The Rampage

[A bill to codify the California Center for Climate Change Education](#)

National Center for Science Education

[Report shows few California college students enroll in CalFresh, despite qualifying](#)

EdSource

California releases \$470 million to put students on track for college and career

EdSource

California submits proposal to increase federal financial aid access for more community college students

Office of Gov. Gavin Newsom

Los Angeles Room & Board

Yahoo News – Fox 11 Los Angeles

Grant Pays DACA Renewal Costs For Community College Students, Though Many Don't Know

LAist

Los Angeles Community College District provides students with financial aid appeal process

The Eastsider LA

Housing Insecurity Among Community College Students Is More Than Double Rate Of UC, CSU Students, Audit Finds

LAist

California is facing a nursing shortage. Community colleges might be a solution

Yahoo News

Sen. Roth's More Pathways to Nursing Legislation Sails Through First Legislative Hurdle

City News Group

Legislation creating pilot programs for community colleges to offer Bachelor's Nursing Degree heads to Assembly

2Urban Girls

Smiles, misty eyes at LA Mission College's commencement on Tuesday in Sylmar

Los Angeles Daily News

Pierce College class of 2024 graduates at Shepard Stadium with hugs and cheers

Los Angeles Daily News

Fashion Students Look to L.A. Cityscapes and Fashion Veterans for Inspiration

Apparel News

Summit supports L.A.'s small businesses with resources

Beverly Press

Los Angeles Valley College's commencement on June 4 was a 'roar' in Valley Glen

Los Angeles Daily News

Community colleges offer clean energy training as climate-related jobs expand across America

APNews.com

LAVC Hosts Unique 'Quinceañera' for Queer and Undocumented Students

The San Fernando Valley Sun

The new news: How the media is attracting young readers

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The impressive 2024 Jack Kent Cooke Scholars

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US Community Colleges Offer Clean Energy Training

VOA



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