



**September 11, 2024**

Dear LACCD Family,

I hope that the new fall semester is off to a strong start. As we embark on this academic journey, I want to take a moment to express my profound gratitude to each of you—our students, faculty, and staff—for the *corazon* (heart) that you bring to this work and to our District. Our collective impact is transformative, impacting not only our students but also the communities that we are proud to serve.

This year, we are also proud to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs from September 15 to October 15, where we honor the rich histories, cultures and contributions that are integral to the fabric of our District. Well over half of our students enrolled at LACCD are from this community. Join us as we engage in the variety of educational programs and events throughout the month that our nine colleges are hosting, highlighting the diversity and strength of our community.

I invite you to watch this video, where I reflect on the opportunities ahead and celebrate the successes that have shaped our vibrant, inclusive educational environment ([watch here](#)).



Thank you for being the heart of the LACCD community.

With my deep respect and admiration,

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

**District Office Events & Updates**



## Office of Human Resources



### 2024 Open Enrollment Health Fairs Coming Soon

**Open Enrollment Period is from September 16 - October 11**  
 This is your yearly chance to assess your current enrollment and choose the most suitable options for you and your family. After reviewing your plan choices, you can add, modify, or remove benefits which will take effect on January 1, 2025. If you are not making changes your benefits will automatically roll over to 2025. If you are enrolled in a HealthCare FSA or Dependent Care FSA you must actively re-enroll to continue with your plan.



Treat yourself to a taco hosted by



An Enrollment station will be available to assist you with plan enrollments.

If you require accommodation for a disability to attend any of the district wide Health & Wellness Fairs please reach out to Katrelia Walker at [skwalker@laccod.edu](mailto:skwalker@laccod.edu) a minimum of 5 business days before the event.

Online Sessions		
Groups	Date	Location
Adjunct Faculty	6-Sep	Zoom
Retirees	27-Sep	Zoom
Actives	4-Oct	Zoom
Actives/Adjuncts/Retirees	11-Oct	Zoom

In Person		
Colleges	Date	Location
City	18-Sep	Student Union MPR
Trade	19-Sep	Culinary Arts 106A Auditorium Foyer
East	24-Sep	G3
Pierce	25-Sep	Building 600
Valley	26-Sep	Monarch Hall
Mission	1-Oct	Arroyo Room
Harbor	2-Oct	Tech 110
Southwest	3-Oct	Sotce MPR
West	9-Oct	Fine Arts Gallery
District	10-Oct	Board Room

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## 2024 Public Summit of the Action Collaborative on Preventing Sexual Harassment in Higher Education

This is a free, open forum for those in the higher education ecosystem to collaboratively identify, discuss, and elevate innovative and promising approaches for addressing and preventing sexual harassment. This two-day, in-person and virtual event builds on the research findings and recommendations in the [2018 National Academies Report on Sexual Harassment of Women](#) and on discussions at [past annual Summits](#).

This annual event brings together several diverse groups to feature panel discussions, expert presentations, and a poster session through which attendees can share research and novel ideas and practices currently being explored or implemented. Additional information about the Summit, including the agenda, will be added to the [Summit Event Site](#) in the weeks leading up to the event.

LACCD is a founding member of The Action Collaborative. For more information, visit the [ODEIA website](#)

[Register Now: 2024 Public Summit of the Action Collaborative on Preventing Sexual Harassment in Higher Education](#)

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**Day 1:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. ET

**Day 2:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. ET

**Attend In-Person:** Henry Center at Michigan State University

**Attend Virtually:** Virtual Summit Platform

Register Now



## Educational Programs & Institutional Effectiveness

### GCU ONLINE COHORT OPPORTUNITY FOR The 9 Colleges of LACCD



## GCU ONLINE COHORT OPPORTUNITY FOR The 9 Colleges of LACCD

Grand Canyon University is offering a scholarship of up to 25% off tuition when 10 or more **students join an online cohort**. Groups of 10 must meet certain criteria to qualify as a cohort. This scholarship excludes the College of Nursing and Health Care Professions' RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing, accelerated BSN (ABS), FNP and ACNP programs. Certificates are not eligible. Other exceptions may apply. For more information, contact:

Name: Sherri Freeman  
Phone: 602- 247-3209

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## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary LACCD disABILITY SUMMIT 2024 *Beyond Diagnosis & Accommodation Services*

**When:**  
Friday, October 4th, 2024

**Details:**

- 8:00am to 2:30pm
- Registration begins 8:00am
- Continental breakfast and lunch provided

**Where:**  
East Los Angeles College  
G3 Ingalls Auditorium

**To RSVP:**  
<https://bit.ly/4dMiKfI>  
or scan the QR code below



Administrators, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend.

**Flex Credit for Faculty Training is available.**  
Sponsored by the Chancellor's Office.



#### Keynote Speaker

**Kevin Hines - #BeHereTomorrow**  
Besides being a storyteller, Kevin is a best selling author, global public speaker, and award winning documentary filmmaker. After an attempt to take his life by jumping off the Golden Gate Bridge, he shares his story in the hopes of preventing more suicides.  
His motto: #BeHereTomorrow and every day after that.



#### Keynote Speaker

**Jamie Axelrod, M.S.**  
Currently the Director of Disability Resources and ADA/504 compliance officer at Northern Arizona University, Jamie is a frequent speaker and consultant on topics related to disability access in higher education. He is a contributing author to the recently published *Two Key Analytic Tools for Addressing Postsecondary Disability Law Questions (AHEAD 2023)*.

#### Public Accommodation:

We encourage people with disabilities to participate. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions about issues of access at the location of this activity or event, please contact Adrian Gonzalez at [gonzalez@laccd.edu](mailto:gonzalez@laccd.edu), or call 818.833.3313 as soon as possible, but no later than seven business days prior to the event.

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## Workforce and Economic Development

### California Opportunity Youth Apprenticeship Grants (COYA)

#apprenticeshipCA

LACCD was recently awarded a **Pre-Apprenticeship Planning Grant for Automation Technician Programming** aimed at **Opportunity Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Other Developmental Disabilities**. This project is led by **Children's Hospital Los Angeles** in partnership with the **USC Center for Advanced Manufacturing (USC CAM)**, **LACCD Workforce and Economic Development**, the **Autism Society of Los Angeles (ASLA)**, **Advanced Manufacturing & Transportation Apprenticeships of California (AMTAC)**, and the non-profit organization **Foundation DIAG USA**.

Funded through the **California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR)** and its **Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS)**, this grant is part of the **California Opportunity Youth Apprenticeship Grants (COYA)**, which aims to increase pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeships that help youth enter and advance in high-quality careers.

The COYA grant supports a pre-apprenticeship program in **Automation Technician Programming** for opportunity youth, ages 16-24, with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities. This program is a key step toward developing a pipeline to employment for this underemployed population in California.

#### Project Objectives:

- Equip developmentally disabled youth for careers in automation and robotics.
- Focus on high-demand fields within advanced manufacturing and aerospace.
- Develop a hybrid training model.
- Combine didactic learning with in-person and virtual experiences tailored to meet the needs of individuals with autism spectrum disorder and developmental disabilities.



## Foundation for the L.A. Community Colleges Updates





## Celebrating National Student Parent Month

With an estimated one-third of LACCD students identifying as parents themselves, the Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges is proud to recognize and celebrate National Student Parent Month.

The Foundation was the lead sponsor of the Statewide Student Parent Summit, held September 6th at LA Trade-Tech.

Year-round, the Foundation is honored to support LACCD staff and faculty who have established scholarships to support student parents including [A Single Parent's Journey](#) and the [Dr. Linda Cole Scholarship](#).



Office of Communications & Marketing



## LACCD Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month.

Join us as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 at all nine of our colleges! Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to honor the rich cultural contributions of Hispanic and

Latino communities and recognize their impact on our society. Throughout the month, each college will host special events, performances, and educational opportunities that highlight the vibrant diversity of Hispanic traditions, art, and history.

On September 17, LACC will host [LACCD's 2nd Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration](#) at noon. Please join us to celebrate and enjoy the student City College Salsa Bands.

See below for events happening at each college during Hispanic Heritage Month. We look forward to seeing you there as we celebrate the beauty and diversity of Hispanic heritage across all of our campuses!

### [Los Angeles City College](#)

Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA) Tour/Workshop  
Friday, September 27  
9:30am to 4pm  
RESJ Center to provide transportation

Festival Literario LGBRQ+N  
Thursday and Friday, October 3 and 4  
Morning and Afternoon Hours, TBD  
Various locations on the LACC campus

Cafecito & Paint  
Tuesday, October 15  
Noon  
Student Union

### [Los Angeles Southwest College](#)

[LASC Events](#)

### [Los Angeles Trade-Technical College](#)

[LATTC Events](#)

### [East Los Angeles College](#)

[Mendez et al. V. Westminster et al: Paving the Path to Educational Justice and Racial Equality](#)

Thursday, October 17  
Panel Discussion 12pm - 1pm  
Taste of Latino America 1 - 2pm

### [Los Angeles Harbor College](#)

[LAHC Events](#)

### [Los Angeles Valley College](#)

[History of Latinos in the U.S. Film & TV Industries with Luis Reyes](#)

Tuesday, October 1  
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

[Mexico's First Woman President Lecture with Gregorio Luke](#)

Wednesday, October 2  
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

### [Los Angeles Mission College](#)

[MEChA Presents: An End-Dependence Zoom Discussion](#)

Monday, September 16th  
6-7 pm

[Indigenous People's Day Event](#)

Wednesday, October 9th  
8 am-3 pm

### [Los Angeles Pierce College](#)

[Cultural Celebration](#)

Wednesday, October 9  
11AM-1PM

### [West Los Angeles College](#)

[WLAC Events](#)



## LACCD Advocacy & Events



The 2023-24 State Legislative cycle closed at midnight on August 31. The Governor now has until September 30 to sign or veto legislative measures that reached his desk this year. While we wait to learn the outcome of our sponsored and supported bills, we thank the Advocacy Team for your unwavering support and active involvement in making this another highly successful legislative year. Regardless of the bills' outcome, your dedication and hard work have led to increased awareness of these critical issues that will benefit our communities and create opportunities.

As a recap, the Los Angeles Community College District - 2024 District Sponsored and Co-Sponsored the following State Legislative Measures:

- **Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing – SB 895 (Roth)**: LACCD is a Co-Sponsor of SB 895.
- **Tuition-Free Community College Baccalaureate Degree – AB 2093 (Santiago)**.
- **Community College Part-time Student Tutors – AB 2931 (Fong)**.
- **West LA Mobile Climate Center—AB 3142 (Jones-Sawyer)**.



## Build LACCD



**LACCD Honored with Prestigious Award For Its Cutting-Edge Digital Maintenance System**



LACCD was awarded the prestigious Ellington Innovation Award in recognition of its leadership in advancing technological integration and fostering innovation in higher education. Joining top four-year higher education institutions, LACCD is demonstrating how to effectively integrate data from BIM, GIS, CMMS, and mobile technology with state-owned facility inventory, facility condition and the capital planning system.

LACCD's Facilities & Planning Department (FPD) and BuildLACCD also presented their work on developing CMMS at the 2024 Campus Facilities Management and Technology Association Annual Conference in Pasadena, California. CFTA is a national organization focused on the development, integration, and application of technology across multiple disciplines in the planning, construction, maintenance, and management of campus facilities.



## BuildLACCD's Largest Intern Cohort Participates in Career Development Program

In August, BuildLACCD hosted a luncheon with the summer interns at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College. Over 40 interns attended, along with several Bond Program and District Facilities leadership involved in managing and mentoring these interns.

Know an LACCD student who is interested in an internship in the Construction Industry? Reach out to Mareta Zuniga, BuildLACCD's Internship Coordinator at [StudentInterns@build-laccd.org](mailto:StudentInterns@build-laccd.org).





# LACCD Enrollment Update

Fall 2024 TO Fall 2023 COMPARISONS

DAY 14 - RELATIVE TO THE BEGINNING OF INSTRUCTION

Relative Day Comparisons for Day 14, comparing Fall 2024 (Monday, September 9, 2024) to Fall 2023 (Monday, September 11, 2023). Data source: LACCD PS Student Information System.

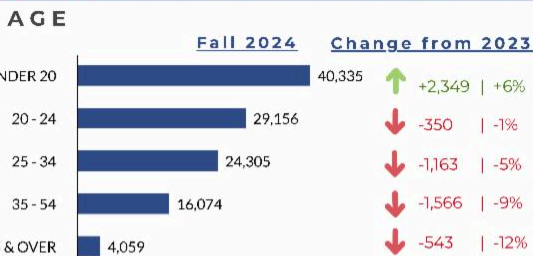
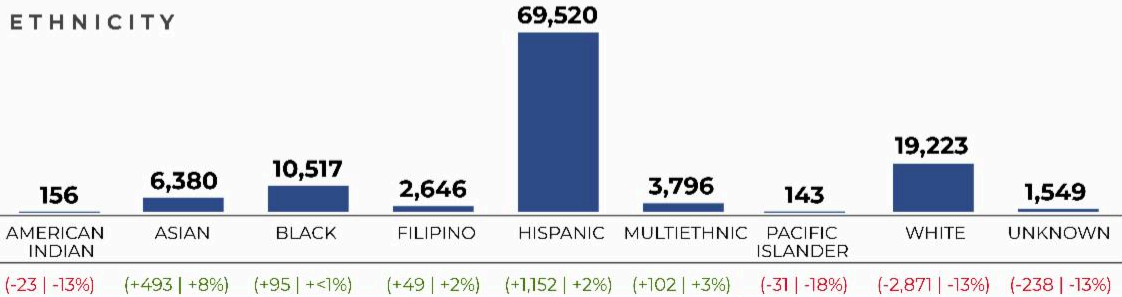
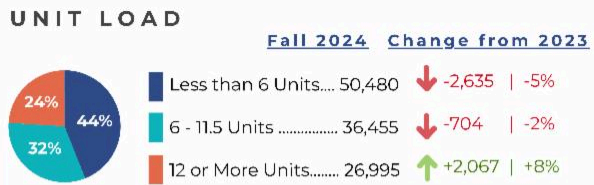
**HEADCOUNT**  
**113,930**  
99%  
115,202

**ENROLLMENT**  
**256,507**  
102%  
252,109

**SECTION COUNT**  
**10,247**  
98%  
10,411

**ENROLLMENT DIVIDED BY SECTION**  
**25.0**  
103%  
24.2

GENDER	Fall 2024	Change from 2023
FEMALE	62,018	↓ -308   <-1%
MALE	49,202	↓ -1,230   -2%
NON-BINARY	1,071	↑ +137   N/A
UNKNOWN	1,639	↑ +129   N/A



**NONCREDIT HEADCOUNT & ENROLLMENT**

**HEADCOUNT**  
**14,344**  
112%  
12,780

**ENROLLMENT**  
**27,300**  
118%  
23,117

NONCREDIT HEADCOUNT & ENROLLMENT		CLASS MODALITY & FILL RATE	
CLASS MODALITY:	46% Remote	8% Hybrid	46% In-Person
FILL RATE:	78%	75%	73%

**SOURCE:** LACCD Office of Institutional Effectiveness

## Fall 2024 Credit Enrollment Update:

Comparing Fall 2024 to Fall 2023 as day 14 of the semester, districtwide, student credit headcount is down by 1% and enrollment is up by 2% while class offerings are down by 2% and enrollment per section is up by 3%. Small declines are observed for most age groups and there is a 6% increase for younger students (under age 20). Increases are observed for most ethnic groups with an 8% increase for Asian students and 2% increase for Hispanic students. A decline in White and Unknown students (-13% for each group) is observed, likely stemming from more stringent identity verification requirements for enrollment in Fall 2024 in comparison to Fall 2023. An 8% increase in full-time students is also observed, with a decline for part-time students. Noncredit headcount and enrollment increased by,

respectively, 12% (12,780 to 14,344) and 18% (23,117 to 27,300). 46% of classes are being taught remotely, 46% are in-person, and 8% are hybrid. Remote classes have the highest fill rate (78%) with hybrid and in-person classes having comparable fill rates (75% and 73%, respectively).

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

## Campus Events & Updates



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### FACT SHEET: Vice President Harris Announces Commitments to Inspire, Prepare, and Employ the Space Workforce

BRIEFING ROOM

STATEMENTS AND RELEASES

Today, at the second convening of the National Space Council, Vice President Kamala Harris is announcing new commitments from the U.S. government, private sector companies, education and training providers, and

## Apprenticeships

West LA College received a U.S. Department of Labor \$12 million dollar scaling apprenticeship grant in 2019. Since then, West has expanded apprenticeship programs throughout Los Angeles and the nation, becoming a partner and leader in the apprenticeship space. Some highlights include:

1. **Over the last 2 years, over 200 registered apprentices** in dental assisting, early childhood education and aircraft mechanics have earned West LA College certificates, obtained state licenses and have received wage increases in their jobs. In fall 2024, we are launching the sixth early childhood educator apprenticeship program cohort and the eighth dental assistant apprenticeship program cohort.
2. **West has submitted a new Pharmacy Technician apprenticeship** program to the CA division apprenticeship standards and once approved, will be starting a cohort.
3. **West has accepted a role on the Space STEM and Workforce Policy National Space Council** formed and directed by the Office of the Vice President and Democratic party nominee, Kamala Harris, and we are excited to participate in an upcoming tentative meeting this fall at the White House.



# West LA COLLEGE a Caring Wildcats college



## Caring Wildcats

Under the direction of Vicky Nesia, Executive Assistant, West employees participate in activities designed to connect and inform them as well as show appreciation for their hard work. Over the summer, there was a particular focus on Classified Staff. West Wednesday coffee and snack meet-ups were held at different spots around campus and some featured games to promote mixing and mingling and teamwork. An outgrowth of employees who care about each other is a culture of faculty and staff who express care for the students. Particular practices

encouraged through Caring Wildcats are the “10ft Rule” where employees proactively greet students within 10 ft and ask if they need assistance. Another example is striving to have relational connections with students rather than transactional ones.

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### KEYNOTE: LISA LOEB

Keynote Presentation and Performance by GRAMMY™ Award-winning singer-songwriter, Lisa Loeb  
AUDITORIUM — 9:30AM-10:00AM



### A KEYNOTE CONVERSATION WITH MUSIC SUPERVISOR JULIANNE JORDAN & DIRECTOR DOUG LIMAN

Reflecting on three decades of collaboration, from Swingers to The Bourne Identity to The Instigators.  
AUDITORIUM — 10:00AM-10:50AM



**Moderator**  
**Heather Guibert**  
Music Supervisor  
Francium Enterprises  
Vice President  
Guild of Music Supervisors



**Julianne Jordan**  
Music Supervisor  
Format  
Entertainment



**Doug Liman**  
Director  
Hypnotic

### FALLOUT: A Gaming Legacy

The minds behind the music of the Fallout universe discuss their contributions to the video game and subsequent streaming series.  
GC 130 — 4:00PM-4:50PM

### MARKETING MUSIC IN MEDIA: A History of Holistic Music Supervision with MTV

Key players from the mid-2000s to today will delve into MTV's innovative approach to the intersection of music, marketing and content. Panelists will explore the strategies ignited by the reality TV boom and their continued influence across media today.  
MSA 003 — 12:00PM-12:50PM



**Moderator**  
**Rochelle Halguin**  
Cappella  
SVP, CREATIVE MUSIC  
STRATEGY  
Paramount



**Greg Danylyshyn**  
Music Supervisor



**Carrie Hughes**  
Music Supervisor  
Reflection Music



**Dave Storie**  
SVP, Music &  
DIGITAL/SOCIAL  
Banjaya Americas &  
EndemolShineUS



**Karly Wilhelm**  
Music Strategy &  
MARKETING  
Freelance

### THE LEGACY OF MUSIC IN FILM: A MUSIC SUPERVISORS' ROUNDTABLE

Music supervisors behind some of the most iconic soundtracks of the 1990s and 2000s give a peek behind the curtain, discussing the process of putting those projects together, as well as the ways the role of a music supervisor has changed between then and now.  
AUDITORIUM — 4:00PM-4:50PM



**Julia Michels**  
Music Supervisor  
Format  
Entertainment



**John Houlihan**  
SVP, Music  
20th Century  
Studios /  
Searchlight Pictures



**Deva Anderson**  
Music Executive &  
Music Supervisor  
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**Bonnie Greenberg**  
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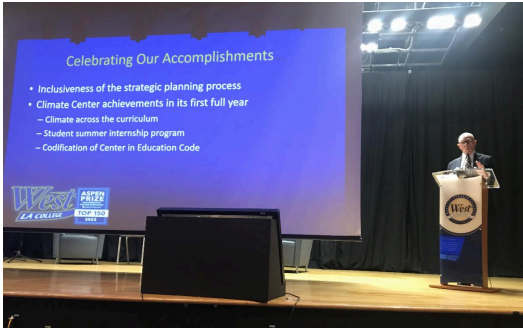
**Michelle Silverman**  
Music Supervisor  
ModernPlanet  
Music

## Music Educators

Guild of Music Supervisors – State of Music in Media Conference was held at West in August. Approximately 600 musicians and music/entertainment executives and professionals were in attendance



over the course of the day. The Keynote speaker was Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter Lisa Loeb.



**Convocation**

Faculty were welcomed back, in-person and online, at the 2024 Fall Convocation and provided with updates on recent college accomplishments, challenges and plans.





## LATTC Welcomes Students Back with Go Week

LATTC's campus was abuzz during "Go Week" where the college welcomed students and helped them get settled into the new semester. More than 12,000 students are joining Trade-Tech this Fall semester, and it showed in many of the college's on-campus orientations, including those for the Advanced Transportation & Manufacturing and Culinary Arts pathways.



LATTC's Student Services areas were also working hard to welcome students, answer their wide range of questions, and help them get acquainted with resources and student life at the college.



## LATTC EOPS Celebrates 55 Years of Service to Students

On September 4, LATTC's Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS) celebrated 55 years of the program with a special anniversary celebration event. Students were able to apply for EOPS and learn about the program through a special keynote address from LATTC counselor and former EOPS counselor, Dr. Thomas Dawkins and an EOPS student panel.



## \$20 Million EPA Grant

Earlier this summer, the Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCD) and LATTC were announced as one of 21 selected applicants of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants.

The \$20 million grant is made possible by President Biden's \$2 billion Inflation Reduction Act Program and is designed to help disadvantaged communities tackle



EOPS was first established in 1969 as a result of the Civil Rights Movement to support students who were challenged by educational, social, economic, and/or language disadvantages. That mission of the program continues today.

EOPS is currently accepting applications for Fall 2024.

environmental and climate justice challenges through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity.

The grant will specifically work to build environmental justice workforce development training for lead abatement, welding, hybrid and electric vehicle maintenance, home weatherization, and residential energy audits. [Read more](#)



## LATTC Celebrates 2024 Edison Lineworker Scholarship Recipients

Earlier this summer, LATTC celebrated the 2024 Edison International Lineworker Scholarship recipients. The scholarship provides twelve Trade-Tech students with up to \$25,000 for tuition, tools, and support services to complete required training and pursue a skilled trade career at SCE.

The scholarship was launched in 2021 and funded by Edison International shareholders and IBEW Local 47 and is designed to build and strengthen a diverse workforce that reflects the communities we serve. Read more about the latest class of scholars in [Edison's recent blog post](#).

## Upcoming Events

### [Deja Tu Huella](#)

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

3–7 pm

The PepsiCo Foundation brings their national Cheetos Deja Tu Huella Tour to the LATTC campus! Students can join career workshops led by Deja Tu Huella ambassadors in the STEM field, higher education and the arts; mingle for professional networking and mentorship opportunities; sample Cheetos-inspired dishes; and enjoy music from a live deejay. All are welcome!



**LOS ANGELES  
SOUTHWEST COLLEGE**



## **LASC Super Saturday Enrollment Events**

Calling all superheroes! Los Angeles Southwest College assembled our all-star admissions, counseling, financial aid, and student services teams to welcome new and returning students on August 10, 17, and 31st. From 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., participants received assistance with admissions, financial aid, and class selection. They also learned about all the amazing resources available and went on campus tours.

Hundreds of visitors enjoyed FREE food, 360 photo booth, activities and prizes! It was a great way to kick off the Fall Semester.



## LASC Summer Movie Nights

Community members, students, faculty, and staff enjoyed a showing of Disney's Encanto at the second Summer Movie Night on August 17, 2024, at the LASC Little Theatre. Dr. Anthony Culpepper greeted the guest with our favorite Cougar mascot. Popcorn, cold beverages and other concessions were provided courtesy of LASC's Associated Student Organization. We look forward to hosting more movie nights in the years to come.



## Annual Student Services Information, Planning, and Collaboration Meeting

At LASC, innovation thrives on teamwork. Our annual Student Services Information, Planning, and Collaboration Meeting helps foster a sense of camaraderie, instills our shared vision, and celebrates the coming semester to ensure program success and ultimately, to see our students thrive! The event began with inspirational words and updates from

LASC President Dr. Culpepper, followed by speakers from athletics, student services and academic affairs. Break-out sessions were also held after collaborative lunch was served.

## 2024 Fall Opening Day

All campus employees were invited to attend the 2024 Opening Day Events on Thursday, August 22nd. The day consisted of Coffee Chats, opening remarks from LASC President Dr. Anthony Culpepper, general assembly meetings and two break-out sessions. Keynote speaker Dr. Krista Herrera spoke about the importance of honoring the identity of ourselves, our students, and our colleagues in creating a campus of belonging and achievement. Employees analyzed the current reality of belonging in education, considered the impact belonging has on achievement, and brought to light instructional practices and strategies that promote equity and belonging. The interactive session asked participants to explore how identity interplays with bias and how awareness can create positive change.



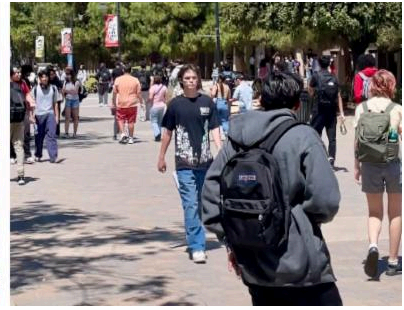


## **Pierce College Photography Students Showcase Biophilic Artwork at Northridge Hospital Cancer Center**

Several talented photography students from Pierce College will have their biophilic artwork displayed on the walls of a local cancer center, as part of a unique collaboration that promotes healing through nature-inspired imagery. This project offered students the opportunity to create meaningful art while gaining professional experience. Ashley Shellmire, Benjamin Hanson, Karla Delgado, Myraneli Fabian, Raquel G. Frohlich and Owen Meza-Vandermeer created photography images that will be showcased at the center's 30th Anniversary celebration in October.

The initiative, aimed at incorporating life and tranquility into the hospital environment, was led by renowned commercial photographer and Pierce College alumnus Joey Terrill. A Nikon Ambassador, Terrill mentored the students, offering them insight into his close-up photography techniques. He shared his creative process and gave personalized feedback on lighting and composition during shoot day at the Pierce photography lab.

This collaboration was made possible through the support of the Pierce College Career Center, which designed the project as a valuable portfolio-building opportunity for students. Sean McDonald, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Photography and Jill Connelly, Media Arts Department Chair and Professor of Journalism and Photography, were faculty advisors on the project.



## Welcome Back, Brahmas!

Pierce College buzzed with activity a couple of weeks ago as the campus welcomed new and returning Brahmas alike for the fall 2024 semester. Pierce course enrollment topped at 42,018, a 2% increase over last year. 16,818 students are attending Pierce this fall and among the newcomers are international students representing 46 countries around the world! Visit the Pierce College [Instagram page](#) - @pierce\_college - to see student testimonials and staff welcomes.



## Latino Heritage Month

JOIN US FOR THIS **CULTURAL CELEBRATION** W, 10/9 FROM 11 AM-1 PM LLC COURTYARD

If you need accommodations to participate, please contact Dr. Lara Conrady Wong [conradll@laccd.edu](mailto:conradll@laccd.edu)





## Kicking Off Our 50th Anniversary

Los Angeles Mission College (LAMC) kicked off its 50th Anniversary on Thursday, August 22nd, with a full day of events to celebrate the milestone.

Faculty and staff gathered early for Flex Day activities, while community members joined the festivities later for the official 50th Anniversary Kickoff. The event featured a timeline of the college's history, with ASO President Priscilla Reyes unveiling several items from a time capsule buried during the campus dedication in 1991.

The college also received official recognition from representatives of our local elected officials' offices, commemorating LAMC's 50 years of service in the Northeast San Fernando Valley. The day concluded with a well-attended Enrollment & Community Resource Fair, highlighted by free pizza from our Culinary Arts Institute's new mobile pizza oven. [View more photos of this event on our Instagram account.](#)

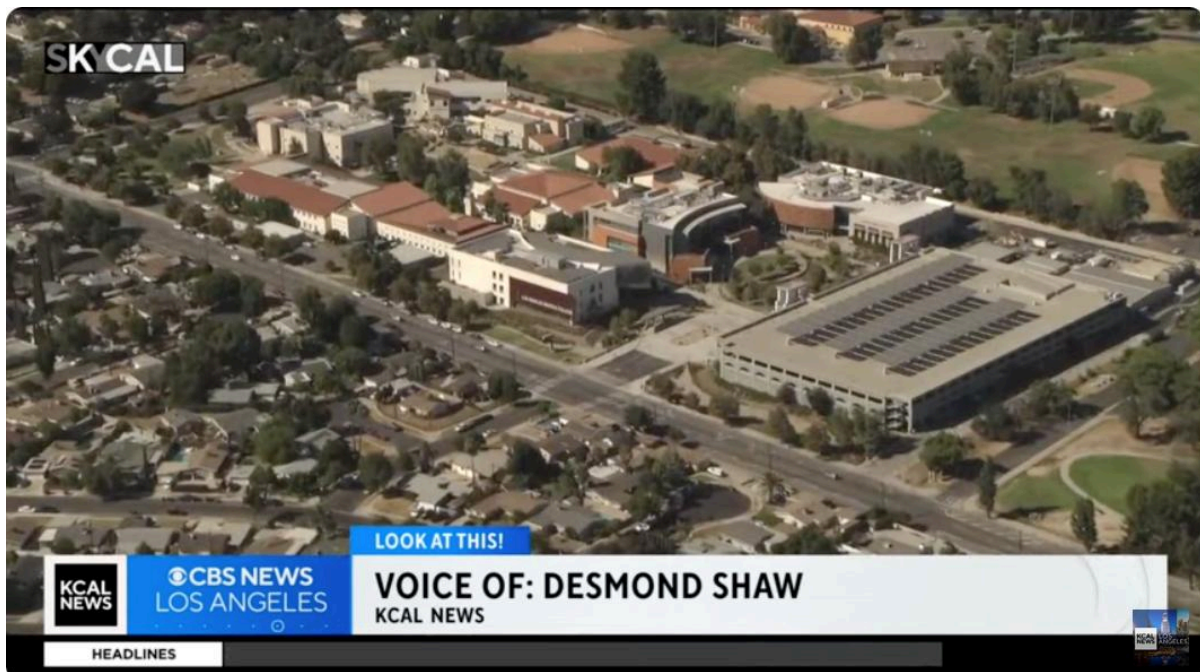


## Strengthening STEM Pathways

Los Angeles Mission College's STEM department was recently awarded a two-year \$180,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to enhance STEM education.

This funding will be used to integrate state-of-the-art instruments and technologies into the Chemistry, Physics, Engineering, and Computer Science curricula. Additionally, it will help strengthen LAMC's STEM student cohort by engaging local high school students and creating pathways from high school to certificate programs and transfer degrees.

This is the second NSF grant the college has received in three years; in 2021, LAMC was awarded over \$500,000 to expand its Biotechnology pipeline from certification to employment.





## LAMC Featured on KCAL News Segment

LAMC was recently [profiled on KCAL's "Look at This!" segment](#), highlighting the college's 50-year history and the launch of our Bachelor's Degree in Biomanufacturing this fall.



## Fall Financial Aid Workshops

Every Thursday from September 5th through October 24th, Los Angeles Mission College's Financial Aid Department will host a Financial Aid Workshop to assist students seeking State and Federal aid. Hosted in our Student Services & Administration Building, these three-hour sessions will provide students with one-on-one assistance in completing their FAFSA or California Dream Act Applications.

## Councilwoman Rodriguez Honors LAMC Founders and 50th Anniversary

On Wednesday, August 27th, Los Angeles Mission College was honored at the L.A. City Council meeting by Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez (CD7). College President Armida Ornelas, Ph.D., along with staff and administrators, proudly accepted a Certificate of Recognition from the City in celebration of the college's 50th Anniversary. Also present were local community activists Irene Tovar, Magdalena Duran, and Alex Reza, all of whom played pivotal roles in establishing the college in the Northeast San Fernando Valley.





## Students Come First at Harbor

**Super Saturday, August 10 was a hit.** Students interacted with faculty and staff, met with a counselor and registered for Classes. It was a hot day, but ice cream made things better. Interaction with students continued as we led into Zero Week with Harbor Palooza!



**Harbor Palooza 5.0** is THE event for students and families to explore Harbor, make friends and interact with staff. Over 600 students attended, with special guests from Carson High School and Banning Culinary Arts students.



## Opening Day 2024!

It was a groovy kind of day as faculty returned to campus to attend professional development workshops and hear President Dorado's State of the College message. Topics such as; Credit by Exam, OERs, Real Retention Talk, A MINDful & "Techie" approach to Teaching Dual Enrollment Students are just some

of the exciting topics faculty engaged in. The theme for the day was the 70s, so the faculty and staff brought out their groovy outfits for a fun-filled day.



## First Day of Classes!

Excitement filled the air as we welcomed students on campus on the first day of classes. Welcome stations were set up throughout campus to direct students where to go. Our administration was out greeting students and guiding them to their classes or offices to get assistance. It was a great launch to the semester! Students engaged with CalWorks on Taco Tuesday and our Seahawk Essentials (Basic Needs) Office on Taco Thursday. A class assignment for some students was to take a selfie with an administrator. For a class assignment, students are sent on a scavenger hunt throughout the campus to explore and get to know the various offices. One of the arts of the assignment is to take a selfie with the President, VP, or Dean. Dean Keller had the honor of taking a selfie with a student. Many more selfies were taken, but we were able to capture one.



## 75th Anniversary Gala

The 75th Anniversary Gala is set for October 10, 2024. It will be an evening to remember as we call all alumni to join us and celebrate Harbor's legacy in the community. The committee is excited and deep in the planning process to make this event a success. Purchase your ticket early! [Tickets are on sale now, don't delay, purchase today.](#)

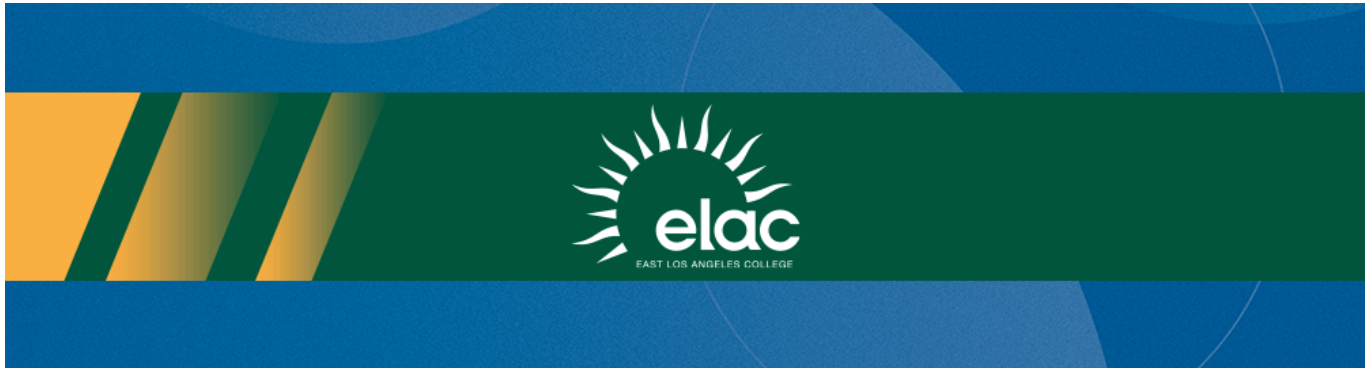


## A Moment in History

Fall 1949: LAHC was established in response to the community's growing need for accessible higher education, laying the foundation for decades of service to the Harbor area.

**In the Community!** Every Labor Day Dr. Dorado puts together a team to **Conquer the Bridge**, a 5.3 mil Race in San Pedro on Labor Day. A total of 40 joined the team this year. This is Harbor's 5th year participating in the run.





## Scotty Hong: From Army Veteran to MIT-Bound Scholar

Scotty Hong's journey from a U.S. Army veteran to an accomplished student at East Los Angeles College (ELAC) is a testament to perseverance and the power of education. Hong, a former Preventive Medicine Specialist who served in the Army for five years from 2017 to 2022, found his way to ELAC after watching the Netflix docuseries *Last Chance U: Basketball*. Hong's decision to join the military stemmed from a chance encounter with an Army recruitment van. This spontaneous choice led to five years of service, during which he gained valuable life experiences, traveled the world and developed leadership skills. The idea of pursuing higher education struck Hong during a challenging land navigation exercise. Inspired by successful veterans who excelled in college, he decided to embark on his own academic journey.

Initially apprehensive about mathematics, Hong began his studies at ELAC as a Business and Economics major. However, a transformative experience in a Philosophy class and summer research prompted him to confront his fears and switch to a Mathematics major. During his time at ELAC, Hong demonstrated exceptional academic prowess:

- Completed the Honors Program in just one year
- Selected to present at the 2024 Honors Transfer Council of California Research Conference
- Participated in a research internship at Yale University

The Veterans Resource Center (VRC) at ELAC played a crucial role in Hong's success. He credits the VRC staff, particularly Jessica, Razi, Sal, and Reuben, for providing a supportive community and valuable resources. Hong also benefited from the Warrior Scholar Project (WSP), a unique national program that empowers student veterans. ELAC's partnership with WSP has enabled numerous student veterans to attend summer programs at prestigious universities across the country. Hong's hard work and dedication have paid off spectacularly. He has committed to attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to study Computer Science and Engineering. To fellow veterans starting their academic journey at ELAC, Hong offers this advice:

- Utilize the resources available at the VRC
- Choose classes and professors wisely
- Seek guidance from VRC staff members
- Take advantage of organizations such as Service to School and the Warrior Scholar Project

Scotty Hong's story exemplifies the potential for success when determination meets opportunity. His journey from the military to MIT serves as an inspiration to veterans and students alike, showcasing the transformative power of education and community support.



### **A2Mend Trip to Zambia**

From July 16 through August 3, staff, faculty and students attended the A2Mend student trip to Zambia.

### **LACC Enrollment Fair**

LACC held our Fall Enrollment Fair on August 10, 2024, from 10am to 2:30pm. The fair provided information about admission, financial aid, and counseling and staff were available in the business office, bookstore, and our student services offices to assist students. Additionally, the bookstore provided books and metro passes.



## EOPS 55th Year Celebration

LACC held a EOPS 55th Year Celebration on September 4. Born from the Civil Rights Movement, LACC's EOPS has empowered students with essential support creating equitable opportunities in education for 55 years.



## LACC Founder's Day Event

LACC kicked off our 95th Anniversary Celebration with a Founder's Day event on September 9. The celebration included a group photo, free ice cream and a special give-away.

## Hispanic Heritage Celebration

On September 17, LACC will host LACCD's 2nd Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration at noon. Please join us to celebrate and enjoy the student City College Salsa Bands. On September 27, LACC's RESJ Center will host a visit to the Museum of Latin American Art including a private tour and a workshop. On October 3 and 4, LACC will host the Festival Literario LGBRQ+N, an international book festival highlighting LGBTQ+ artists from Spain and Latin American countries.

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## Yeoju City Mayor and Delegation Visit

LACC will meet with the Yeoju City mayor and his delegation on September 26 to discuss a collaboration with LACC's Korean program and possibly setting up a student exchange program.

## In The News

### [Taxpayers cover tuition at California's for-profit schools. The results? Low-wage, high-turnover jobs](#)

August 21, 2024  
Cal Matters

### [Study ranks California's best community colleges](#)

August 14, 2024  
FOX40  
Also reported by: [KTLA5](#)

### [L.A. Community College district chancellor retires](#)

August 22, 2024  
Beverly Press



## **Newsmakers**

August 17, 2024  
Community College Daily

## **This new dorm will house both UC and community college students. Is it the way forward?**

September 3, 2024  
LAist

## **California Assemblymember Miguel Santiago Tuition Free Bachelor's Degree Bill Heads to Governor Gavin Newsom's Desk**

September 3, 2024  
Sierra Sun Times

## **California Legislators Pass Tuition-Free Community College Bachelor's Degree Bill**

August 30, 2024  
Diverse Education

## **The fastest-growing college expense may not be what people think**

August 22, 2024  
Hechinger Report

## **Do California for-profit colleges pay off for job training?**

August 21, 2024  
Cal Matters

## **Too many California students are struggling to afford community college**

August 16, 2024  
EdSource

## **Modesto Junior College to expand nursing program in response to state's shortage**

August 15, 2024  
The Modesto Bee

## **Las Vegas Places a Bet on a New Art Museum, With Help From L.A.**

September 4, 2024  
The New York Times

## **Second Annual Opioid Summit Fosters Collaboration in Battling the Deadly Epidemic**

August 28, 2024  
San Fernando Sun

## **Los Angeles Mission College | Look At This!**

August 19, 2024  
CBS News

## **Community college students conduct research at UTA**

August 29, 2024  
UTA

## **Funding roundup**

August 6, 2024  
Community College Daily

## **U.S. National Science Foundation investing \$14.5M in inaugural Innovation in Two-Year College in STEM Education awards**

August 27, 2024  
US National Science Foundation

## **The bill to codify the California Center for Climate Change passes**

August 23, 2024  
National Center for Science Education



## About the Los Angeles Community College District

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