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# CHANCELLOR'S

## Monthly REPORT

**October 9, 2024**

Dear LACCD Colleagues and Community,

As I prepare to step down as Chancellor, I want to take a moment to reflect, to thank you and to express my deep gratitude for the impactful work that we have accomplished together.

Our District has evolved in so many ways, but perhaps none more important than our reenergized focus on the success of students and our focus on equity. Students from all walks of life—each with unique backgrounds, experiences, and aspirations—are walking through our doors at the nine colleges and entrusting their educational lives to us.

Education is the civil rights issue of the 21st century and is the greatest accelerant for social and economic mobility. Our District prides itself on providing affordable and accessible education to all who seek it, as each student represents immense potential and opportunity. Together, we have the power to unleash and harness that potential, to kindle the flames of curiosity, and to cultivate skills that will shape their lives and the world around us.

This focus and strength stems from our unwavering commitment to equity and inclusion. By placing our students first and championing access, we have created a District that truly reflects the vibrant diversity of Los Angeles. I am deeply proud of our collective efforts to ensure that all students, no matter where they come from, can find opportunity, growth, and a sense of belonging here.

I am equally proud of the remarkable leadership across our District. From our college presidents, faculty, staff, and administrative teams, to our Board of Trustees—LACCD is in strong, capable hands. I have every confidence that the District will continue to flourish, adapting to new challenges with creativity, resolve, and an enduring clarity of purpose.

LACCD's best days lie ahead. Together, you will continue the work that we've started—innovating, supporting, and empowering our students.

Thank you for allowing me to serve this incredible community. It has been an honor I will always carry with me.

With deepest gratitude and respect,

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.

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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 Katrella Walker at [walkerkc@laccod.edu](mailto:walkerkc@laccod.edu) a minimum of 5 business days before the event.

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



## California Community Colleges' Undocumented Student Action Week

This month the Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges is proud to recognize the eighth annual [California Community Colleges' Undocumented Student Action Week](#), scheduled for October 14-18, 2024.

Year-round, the Foundation partners with LACCD's nice Dream Resource Centers to address financial and other barriers for undocumented students. In partnership with the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA) and the Central American Resource Center (CARECEN), this includes supporting students to

access legal services and filing fee assistance. For more information, students can reach out to the Dream Resource Center on their campus.

[Click here to support](#) immigration filing fees and other assistance for LACCD students.



## LACCD Voting Information

### Your Voice Your Vote

Voting is a cornerstone of democracy.

All nine of our colleges serve as official voting centers, reinforcing LACCD's dedication to fostering civic engagement and empowering our communities. By hosting voting centers, we are proud to provide accessible spaces where students, staff, and local residents can make their voices heard and participate in the democratic process.



The District has also begun our Information Security Awareness 2024-2025 campaign. All active employees will receive an email from the Vision Resource Center with information on how to participate. You can also launch this year's program directly from the [Vision Resource Center](#).





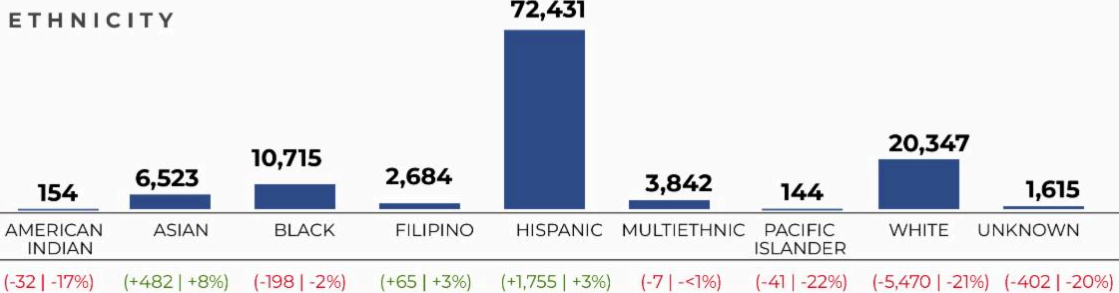
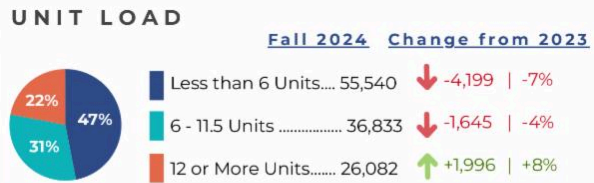
# LACCD Enrollment Update

Fall 2024 TO Fall 2023 COMPARISONS  
 DAY 42 - RELATIVE TO THE BEGINNING OF INSTRUCTION

Relative Day Comparisons for Day 42, comparing Fall 2024 (Monday, October 7, 2024) to Fall 2023 (Monday, October 9, 2023).  
 Data source: LACCD PS Student Information System.

<b>HEADCOUNT</b> <b>118,455</b> <b>97%</b> 122,303	<b>ENROLLMENT</b> <b>259,423</b> <b>100%</b> 258,632	<b>SECTION COUNT</b> <b>10,325</b> <b>99%</b> 10,411	<b>ENROLLMENT DIVIDED BY SECTION</b> <b>25.1</b> <b>101%</b> 24.8
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GENDER	Fall 2024	Change from 2023
FEMALE	64,573	↓ -1,160   -2%
MALE	51,108	↓ -2,926   -5%
NON-BINARY	1,083	↑ +132   N/A
UNKNOWN	1,691	↑ +106   N/A



AGE	Fall 2024	Change from 2023
UNDER 20	43,721	↑ +3,212   +8%
20 - 24	29,601	↓ -155   -1%
25 - 34	24,700	↓ -2,547   -9%
35 - 54	16,346	↓ -3,560   -18%
55 & OVER	4,086	↓ -799   -16%

NONCREDIT HEADCOUNT & ENROLLMENT	
<b>HEADCOUNT</b> <b>16,425</b> <b>110%</b> 14,947	<b>ENROLLMENT</b> <b>30,027</b> <b>112%</b> 26,926

CLASS MODALITY & FILL RATE		
CLASS MODALITY:	47% Remote	8% Hybrid
FILL RATE:	82%	71%

SOURCE: LACCD Office of Institutional Effectiveness

## Fall 2024 Enrollment Update:

Comparing Fall 2024 to Fall 2023 as day 42 of the semester, districtwide, student credit headcount is down by 3% and enrollment is unchanged while class offerings are down by 1% and enrollment per section is up by 1%. Declines are observed for older age groups (-9% for the 25-34 age group and -18% for the 35-54 age group), likely due to more effective identity verification screening in Fall 2024. An 8% increase for younger students (under age 20) is also observed. Increases are observed for Asian students (8%) and Hispanic students (3%), while a decline in White and Unknown students (-21% and 20%, respectively) 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 declines for part-time students. Noncredit headcount and enrollment increased by, respectively, 10% (14,947 to 16,425) and 12% (26,926 to 30,027). 47% of classes are being taught remotely, 45% are in-person, and 8% are hybrid. Remote classes have the highest fill rate (82%) followed by hybrid (79%) and in-person classes (71%).

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

## Campus Events & Updates



### Hispanic Heritage Celebration

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

### Yeoju City Mayor and Delegation Visit

LACC faculty and staff met 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.

### LACC to Host Inaugural LGBTQ+N Literary Festival

LACC will host the inaugural LGBTQ+Ñ Festival, the first-ever literary festival dedicated to bringing together Spanish and Latin American writers who explore and celebrate sexual diversity in their works. This pioneering event marks a cultural milestone in the world of Spanish-language literature and LGBTQ+ representation. The LGBTQ+Ñ Festival, from October 3-14, 2024, and on October 3 and 4 at LACC, aims to create a dynamic platform for creative expression, dialogue, and cultural exchange around the experiences and perspectives of the LGBTQ+ community. Through panel discussions,

readings, and parallel activities, authors, readers, academics and activists will converge to explore the intersections of LGBTQ+ identity and Spanish-language literature.

## LACCD Hangul Day Anniversary Recognition

October 9th was proclaimed as Hangul Day by the Los Angeles City Council in 2023. The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) will recognize the 1st anniversary as its Los Angeles City College (LACC) has the largest and the most accessible Korean Program in the U.S. To celebrate the college's partnership with Sejong City, the de facto capital of the Republic of Korea, Andrew Lee and John Lee will be awarded certificates of recognition for their efforts to elevate Korean language and cultural education during the LACCD October board meeting.

## LACC Foundation Gala

On October 23, LACC will hold its Foundation Annual Gala at the Skirball Cultural Center.





## Vincent Price Art Museum Presents "We Place Life at the Center / Situamos la vida en el centro"

The Vincent Price Art Museum (VPAM) at ELAC is showcasing "We Place Life at the Center / Situamos la vida en el centro," an exhibition exploring the intersection of art, science, and environmental justice in the Americas. This project stems from the work of Los Angeles-based Colombian artist Carolina Caycedo, whose art and research focus on water and land stewardship, food sovereignty, and fair energy transition.

### Exhibition Highlights

The exhibition features 35 artworks by Caycedo and 30 pieces from artists within her network. Key highlights include:

- **Water Portraits and Plant Portraits:** These series reorient Western portraiture towards non-human subjects like rivers, waterfalls, and plants.
- **Fuel to Fire:** A video depicting a ritual of returning gold to water in Colombia, emphasizing reciprocity over extraction.
- **Collaborative Mural:** A new artwork connecting Los Angeles's Eastside and Colombia, created through exchanges between VPAM, Caycedo, ELAC students, and Colombian artists.

### About Carolina Caycedo

Carolina Caycedo is a multidisciplinary artist based in Los Angeles. Her work focuses on environmental and social issues, contributing to the construction of environmental and historical memory. Caycedo has exhibited internationally and received a 2023 Soros Arts Fellowship. The exhibition runs through March 2025 as part of PST ART: Art & Science Collide, a regional event exploring intersections of art and science.

**EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE**  
*Racial Equity & Social Justice Town Hall*

**Mendez et al. v. Westminster et al:**  
**Paving the Path to Educational Justice and Racial Equality**

October 17, 2024

Panel Discussion  
12:00pm - 1:15pm  
S2 Recital Hall

Taste of Latino America  
1:15pm - 1:45pm  
S2 Quad

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Please RSVP  
<https://facebook.com/splishthat.com>

**Former Students of the "Mexican" Schools and Plaintiffs, Panel speakers featured in the new documentary film about the Mendez case**

**Presenters**

**Daniel G. Solorzano, Ph. D., Keynote Speaker**  
Dr. Solorzano is a professor in the University of California, Los Angeles' Departments of Education, Chicano/a Studies, and Central American Studies. He is also the Director of the Center for Critical Race Studies in Education. He has authored numerous articles, book chapters and reports on issues of educational choice and equity for underrepresented minority populations in the United States. He is also the recipient of many awards and accolades, including the UCLA Distinguished Teacher Award, and most recently was elected to the National Academy of Education.

**Catherine Murphy, Documentary Film Maker, Special Guest Speaker**  
Catherine Murphy is creative director of Maestra Productions, a production house that makes films at the intersection of arts, education and social justice movements. They have produced several films in the last decade and are currently working on a documentary film that explores the grassroots organizing elements leading to the filing of the class action lawsuit Mendez et al. v. Westminster et al., and its landmark victory in 1947.

**Disability Accommodations**  
ELAC encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. For disability accommodation requests for this event, please email [professionaldevelopment@elac.edu](mailto:professionaldevelopment@elac.edu) prior to the event.

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The Chicano/a Studies Department, Office of Professional Development, The President's Office, and The ELAC Foundation.

**Maestra productions**  
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## **Mendez et al. v. Westminster et al: Paving the Path to Educational Justice and Racial Equality**

### Mendez et al. v. Westminster et al: Paving the Path to Educational Justice and Racial Equality

is an upcoming panel discussion and documentary screening event scheduled for **October 17, 2024, from 12:00 pm to 1:45 pm at the S2 Recital Hall**. This town hall will explore the landmark 1947 class action lawsuit that successfully ended de jure segregation in California schools.

### The event will feature:

- Former students of the "Mexican" schools and plaintiffs involved in the lawsuit
- Scholars and researchers
- Filmmakers discussing the case's implications for social justice and racial equality
- Free food for all who attend.

**Panel Discussion:** The main program will include insights from various perspectives on the Mendez case and its lasting impact. **Documentary Screening:** Attendees will view a clip from a new documentary about the Mendez case, which features East Los Angeles College. **Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Daniel G. Solorzano, a distinguished professor from UCLA and

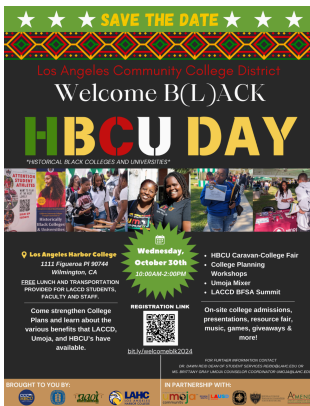
Director of the Center for Critical Race Studies in Education, will deliver the keynote address. **Special Guest:** Catherine Murphy, creative director of Maestra Productions, will speak about the documentary film her company is producing on the Mendez case.



### 75th Anniversary Gala

Harbor is excited to host the **75th Anniversary Gala at the Elks Lodge in San Pedro**. Established in 1949, Harbor College, located at 1111 Figueroa Way in the City of Wilmington, started as a group of Quonset huts, by 1963, five buildings were completed, including the Seahawk Center – the student activity hub. The college was first known as “Harbor Tech” and then as “Harbor Junior College” before adopting its present name in 1965. Over the

next 30 years, the campus grew to more than 10 instructional, student services, and administration buildings. In 2000, LACCD adopted the largest facilities construction bond issued in the district's history. With this support, the college renovated the Fine Arts, Theatre, Nursing, and Music Buildings and constructed the Northeast Academic Hall (NEA), Student Services and Administration Building (SSA), central plant buildings, the PE/Wellness Center, the Child Development Center, the Science Complex, the Technology building, and the Library and Learning Resources Building. In 2018, the Dr. Richard A. Vladovic Harbor Teacher Prep Academy opened a new facility and in 2019, the new student union opened. Coming soon is the latest Southeast Hall, set to open in Fall 2025, that will house the nursing program, Equity Village, and several student support services. Harbor College is proudly educating the hearts and minds of its community.



### 5th Annual Welcome B(l)ack / HBCU Day

The 5th Annual Los Angeles Community College District Welcome B(l)ack event is taking place on Wednesday, October 30th from 10 am - 2 pm at Los Angeles Harbor College. Attendees have the opportunity to hear from a keynote speaker, attend a college planning workshop or the LACCD Black Faculty and Staff Association summit, and enjoy free lunch and games. This event also will feature the Historically Black College and University (HBCU) Caravan which provides students with the chance to connect with over 25 HBCU representatives - with some offering on-site admissions. Students, faculty, and staff can register at <https://bit.ly/welcomeblk2024>.

### HBCU Transfer Guarantee Counselor Training

Harbor provided two training sessions open to all counselors, at LACCD and other colleges, to provide them with key information about HBCU Transfer Guarantee. Sessions were hosted on September 19

and 26. Both were well attended. Thank you to Dr. McCord from El Camino College for providing her expertise and guidance.

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ONE-ON-ONE VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON APPOINTMENTS, NEXT STEPS WORKSHOP & TABLINGS

<p><b>SEPTEMBER:</b></p> <p><b>IN-PERSON:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10</li> <li>TRANSFER FAIR</li> <li>TIME: 10 AM - 1 PM</li> </ul> <p><b>VIRTUAL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18</li> <li>TIME: 10 AM - 1 PM</li> </ul> <p>Scan QR code for virtual appointment</p>	<p><b>OCTOBER:</b></p> <p><b>VIRTUAL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9</li> <li>TIME: 10 AM - 1 PM</li> </ul> <p><b>IN-PERSON:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MONDAY, OCTOBER 21</li> <li>CAL STATE APPLY ASSISTANCE</li> <li>TIME: 10 AM - 2 PM</li> <li>LOCATION: TRANSFER CENTER</li> </ul> <p><b>VIRTUAL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30</li> <li>TIME: 10 AM - 1 PM</li> </ul>	<p><b>NOVEMBER:</b></p> <p><b>VIRTUAL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6</li> <li>TIME: 10AM - 1PM</li> </ul> <p><b>IN-PERSON:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18</li> <li>CAL STATE APPLY ASSISTANCE</li> <li>TIME: 10 AM - 2 PM</li> <li>LOCATION: TRANSFER CENTER</li> </ul> <p><b>VIRTUAL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20</li> <li>TIME: 10AM - 1PM</li> </ul>
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To book in-person appointments October 21st and November 18th contact the Transfer Center  
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**TRANSFER CENTER**  
HARBOR COLLEGE

**UCLA UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION**  
FALL 2024 VISITS

**Interested in transferring to UCLA?**  
Schedule an appointment with UCLA Senior Assistant Director of Admission, Diana Elizabeth Torres, to get more information!

<p><b>Tuesday</b> <b>OCTOBER</b> <b>8</b></p> <p>11am - 5pm (Appointments)</p> <p><b>Virtual</b></p> <p><a href="#">SIGN-UP HERE!</a></p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b> <b>OCTOBER</b> <b>15</b></p> <p>10am - 11am (Tabling) 11:30am - 3pm (Appointments)</p> <p><b>In-Person</b></p> <p><a href="#">CONTACT CENTER</a></p>	<p><b>Monday</b> <b>NOVEMBER</b> <b>4</b></p> <p>10am - 3pm (Appointments)</p> <p><b>Virtual</b></p> <p><a href="#">SIGN-UP HERE!</a></p>	<p><b>Monday</b> <b>NOVEMBER</b> <b>18</b></p> <p>10am - 11am (Tabling) 11:30am - 3pm (Appointments)</p> <p><b>In-Person</b></p> <p><a href="#">CONTACT CENTER</a></p>
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Contact the Transfer Center to book your appointment!

[lahc-transfer-center@lahc.edu](mailto:lahc-transfer-center@lahc.edu) | **Tabling Location:** Infront of the Student Union Building

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## Transfer Application Season is here!

Harbor College is preparing our students for the application season and bringing reps to assist on campus for CSUs and UCs. We are here to help our students get to the next step on their educational journey.

**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH 2024**  
Honoring Our Trailblazers

<b>SEPT 18</b> 11:30 AM	Opening Ceremony Student Freedom Speech Location
<b>SEPT 25</b> 1:00 PM	Chicano Read-In by the Puente Project Library
<b>OCT 1</b> 5:00 PM	Let's Play Loteria! Taps 110 - snacks and prizes!
<b>OCT 2</b> 10:45 AM	"Hispanic, Chicano, Latino Identity" presented by Dr. Alberto Pimental
<b>OCT 8</b> 12:00 PM	The Long Game, a movie about young Mexican Americans who form a golf team Main Theater
<b>OCT 9</b> 11:00 AM	The History of Latinos in Baseball by Richard Santillan
<b>OCT 11</b> TBD	"Understanding the history and culture of dia de los muertos through the movie The Book of Life" Via Zoom
<b>OCT 15</b> TBD	Come support the Men and Women's soccer games

## Hispanic Heritage Month is off to a great start!

The events so far have been well attended by students, faculty and staff. The vibrancy and warmth of the culture are felt throughout the campus as we all come out to celebrate and learn from each other. The fun will be had at **"Let's Play Loteria!" scheduled for October 1**, with thoughtful conversations throughout October. The culmination event for the month will be cheering Harbor's Men and Women's Soccer Teams during their soccer games on October 15.





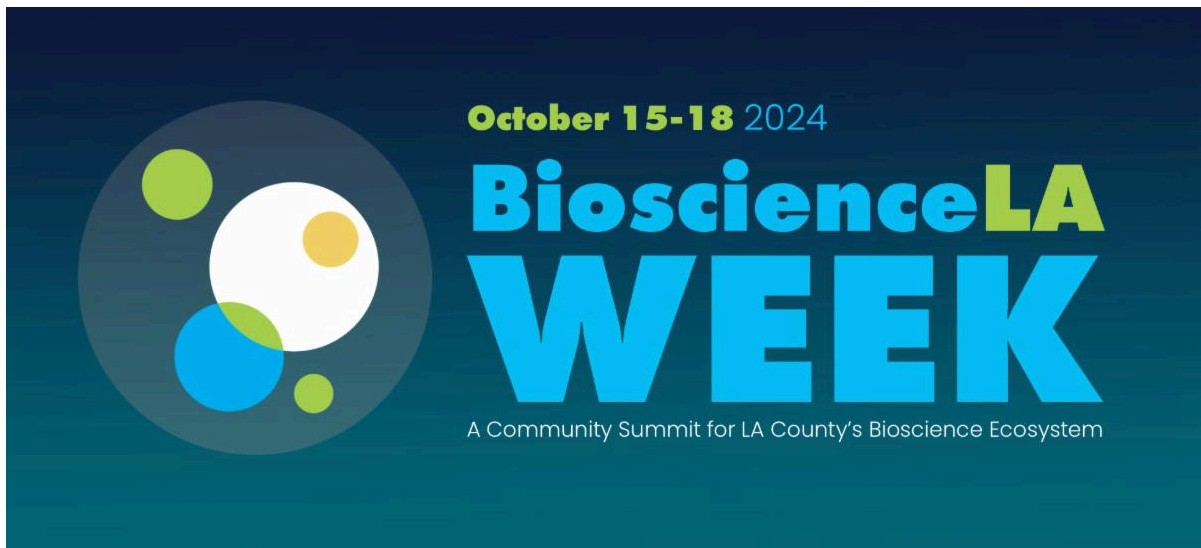
## Women's Volleyball Remain Undefeated, Men's Soccer Off to a Strong Start

Los Angeles Mission College's (LAMC) Women's Volleyball team is off to their hottest start in over 12 years, boasting a 13–0 record. The undefeated Eagles are ranked #8 in Southern California and #14 in the State.

The team recently hosted and won the 3rd Annual Eagle Invitational, sweeping East Los Angeles College and Santa Monica College. Tawnie Ohrt was named MVP of the tournament after recording 15 kills in a pivotal five-set victory over Cerritos College.

Sophomore Oluwatoyin Sunday leads the team with 111 kills, averaging an impressive 3.58 kills per set, while freshmen standouts Iliana Garcia and Lillian Pisarczyk lead the team defensively with 99 digs and 1.30 blocks per set, respectively.

LAMC's Men's Soccer team is off to their best start since 2015, with a 4-2-1 record. They opened the season with two victories against Santa Ana College and Taft College before facing a challenging stretch, going 0-2-1 in close matches against ranked opponents. The team recently bounced back with commanding wins over Golden West College and Rio Hondo College.



## BioscienceLA Week Set to Launch at Mission College

BioscienceLA Week is a four-day, county-wide celebration of the collective progress in advancing the bioscience ecosystem in Los Angeles. The kickoff event, focused on Biomanufacturing, will be hosted at Los Angeles Mission College on Tuesday, October 15th.

Biomanufacturing talent is one of the County's greatest competitive advantages, playing a key role in the production of cutting-edge therapeutics and medical devices.

Attendees will explore programs, resources, and career opportunities in the bioscience industry while engaging with some of the County's largest employers through panel discussions and a career fair.

Educators, administrators, career counselors, and students are all encouraged to attend. [Register today!](#)



## Poker & Bingo Night Returns October 19th

After a four-year hiatus, Los Angeles Mission College's Athletics department is proud to present the return of their highly anticipated Charitable Poker & Bingo Night, on Saturday, October 19th!

Join us for an unforgettable evening as we celebrate Los Angeles Mission College's 50th Anniversary with a night of Texas Hold 'Em, Bingo, and dinner & drinks, with proceeds benefiting the Los Angeles Mission College Athletics Department. Purchase your tickets today at [lamcpoker24.eventbrite.com](https://lamcpoker24.eventbrite.com)



## Bridging the Gap: 3rd Annual Industry Day Connects Classrooms to Careers

On Friday, October 4th, Los Angeles Mission College hosted its 3rd Annual Industry Day. Local business and industry partners from the northeast Valley were invited to learn about LAMC's Academic Pathways & programs and develop partnerships with the college to establish internship & job candidate pipelines.

DIY Girls Founder and 29th Congressional District Candidate **Luz Rivas** returned as Keynote Speaker.

los angeles  
**Pierce College**





## Women's Soccer Celebrates 500th Game

It was a historic night on September 17th as Head Coach Adolfo Perez and the Los Angeles Pierce College Women's Soccer team celebrated their 500th game with a 2-1 win over LA Harbor. The win was also the 333rd win in program history.

Both the program and Coach Perez were recognized in a ceremony before the game.

The Brahmas were missing a couple of key players, however, they managed to squeeze out the win.

Freshman Payton Larsen recorded two assists. Just before the end of the first half Jocelyn Coronado was able to beat the goalkeeper on a one-on-one opportunity. Larsen would find another open teammate in the second half this time reigning student-athlete of the week Melissa Nevarez who scored her fourth goal of the season. LA Harbor would get a goal back on a long-range shot before the end of the game, but Pierce was able to control the rest of the game for the victory.



## Pierce EOPS Celebrates 55 Years of Serving Students

Pierce College Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) celebrated 55 years of serving students on Tuesday, September 24th with an open house, refreshments and giveaways. Many students are aware of EOPS for the free books, school supplies and financial assistance they receive, but many more appreciate the trusted relationships they build with caring counselors, "My favorite part is the counselors and that I get to have a personal connection with at EOPS," said Yvette, a Pierce EOPS student. "they're very good at keeping track of where I'm at in my educational journey so if I ever need help, they make it easy."

EOPS is a state-funded support program designed to assist qualified low-income and educationally disadvantaged students in completing their educational goals with the assistance of financial and student support services. The program is open to all qualified students from high school graduates to working adults.

## Free Shuttle Service Resumes at Pierce College

Free transportation service returns to Pierce College campus after a five-year hiatus. Utilizing an 11-passenger bus with a wheelchair lift, service began on the 11-stop route across the 440-acre campus on Wednesday, September 25, 2024. Students with disabilities are able to utilize the service that is also open to faculty, staff and the general student population. The bus service will operate Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. or as demand dictates. Saturday service is still to be determined. Students and staff are encouraged to take advantage of this new transportation service.



**LOS ANGELES  
SOUTHWEST COLLEGE**



## Founder's Day

The LASC Associated Student Organization hosted the annual Southwest College Founder's Day celebration on September 11. Alumni, students, employees, and the community were welcomed with music from each decade filling the halls of the Student Services building.

This year's theme was "57 Years of Embracing Excellence," where guests read from the archives, shared testimonials, and viewed the archival table display. The event concluded with the singing of the Alma Mater, "Together We Stand."



## LASC Cougar Football

Football is back and the LASC Cougars welcomed the Santa Ana College Dons for the first home game of the season on September 14th. The following week was Cougar Spirit Day and they played the Compton Tartars. Families, students, and fans were encouraged to show their Cougar Pride and there was a pompom giveaway for attendees.

Select Cougar football and basketball games will be live-streamed this year by LASC students who are taking part in a new hands-on learning experience. Participants are learning how to do play-by-play commentating, sideline interviews, live producing and camera operation in real-time.

## Student Immigration Legal Consultations

The LASC Dream Resource Center embraces and celebrates diversity in all its forms and aims to be a resource for undocumented immigrant students and their families. They want to empower and support students to achieve educational and personal success by hosting immigration legal consultation services twice a month throughout the fall. They've partnered with the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights to screen for immigration relief, assist with DACA renewals, and provide other legal services.



## LATTC Welcomes Congresswoman Sydney Kamlager-Dove for Developers Roundtable

On September 6, LATTC served as the host location for a CA-37 Developers Roundtable hosted by Congresswoman Sydney Kamlager-Dove (CA-37) and Jason Pu, Regional Administrator US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Region IX.

The Roundtable hosted at Trade-Tech, kicked off with a greeting from LATTC President Dr. Alfred McQuarters and

created space to discuss the challenges and solutions for affordable housing development and preservation in Los Angeles. The dialogue between industry leaders and government officials was both open and insightful, with critical issues identified that will shape future efforts to strengthen affordable housing in our region.



## LATTC Shows Out at the 11th Annual Latino College Expo



On Saturday, September 14, LATTC tabled at the 11th Annual Latino College Expo at the University of La Verne. The free all-day event included on-the-spot admissions, college resources, workshops, scholarship drawings—and the chance for prospective students to meet with more than 50 university representatives, including LATTC. The event had a great turnout, providing a positive day to engage the community.

## Upcoming Events

### [Bucky's Pride Center Grand Opening Celebration](#)

Thursday, October 10, 2024 | 10 am–2 pm

North Quad Lawn & D4-323

LATTC is pleased to host a grand opening celebration for Bucky's Pride Center on Thursday, October 10 from 10 am–2 pm. The opening, which coincides with the same week as National Coming Out Day, will feature a raising of the pride flag, food and music, guest speakers and performances, LGBTQ+ vendors, mental health and wellness services, STI testing/health resources, and advocacy. All are welcome!

### [Dream Resource Center Fundraiser Luncheon](#)

Thursday, October 17, 2024 | 12–2 pm

Culinary Arts Building/E3-106A

#### [RSVP](#)

Join LATTC's 2nd Annual Dream Resource Center (DRC) Luncheon to support our undocumented, AB540, and Dreamer students in their pursuit of higher education. Last year, the DRC raised over \$10,000 to assist our students with much-needed resources, and the Center hopes to double that amount this year with your help. Donations are needed to assist students who do not qualify for Financial Aid or California grants in covering tuition, fees, supplies, and unfunded immigration-related legal support. Become a Dream Resource Champion!

### [Deja Tu Huella](#)

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

3–7 pm

The PepsiCo Foundation is bringing its 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!



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## LAVC participates in the LAUSD Region North College Fair

On September 14, more than 25 LAVC departments and programs were tabled at LAUSD Region North's San Fernando Valley College Fair (previously known as College Fest) at LA Pierce College. Los Angeles Pierce College. This year, LAVC's TRiO, Umoja, and EOPS offices also offered workshops for prospective students

The fair primarily targeted LAUSD Region North students in the San Fernando Valley and surrounding Los Angeles areas, and LAVC, LAPC, and LAMC students.



## EOPS Celebrates 55th Anniversary

In celebration of the 55th anniversary of EOPS, LAVC EOPS held an Open House on September 25 for faculty, staff and students. It also recognized "over and above" instructors that were nominated by EOPS students.



## You're Invited to Celebrate LAVC's 75th Anniversary

This year marks the 75 years of serving the San Fernando Valley. LAVC is highlighting campus events as part of its year-long 75th anniversary celebration. Join us for a homecoming tailgate, athletic games, concerts, art exhibitions, movie nights, and much more! To learn more, visit the [LAVC 75th Anniversary Calendar](#)

## Upcoming Events

### STEM CAP: Women In STEM Panel & Panelist Reception

**Monday, October 14 from 1-4:30 p.m.**

The MESA Programs at LA Mission, LA Valley and LA Pierce Colleges & the STEM CAPs at LA Valley and LA Mission College are hosting a [Women In STEM Panel & Panelist Reception](#). Hear from women in the science, technology, engineering and math fields! You'll have a chance to ask questions and learn the next steps you should take to get closer to achieving your goals.

### Valley Film Festival Encore Screening of 'Ciure'

**Tuesday, October 22 from 6-8 p.m.**

The LAVC Rainbow Pride Center invites you to the [Valley Film Festival Encore Screening of 'Ciure'](#) (2022). Salvo is a young father who struggles between makeshift jobs and a life of crime, to support his son in suburban Palermo, Sicily. When the spiral of violence turns against him, he runs into Ciurè, a transgender dancer who helps him find a way out of the underworld.

### Decoding the Ballot

**Wednesday, October 23 from 1-2:30 p.m.**

As part of the "Embracing Democracy" series leading up to the 2024 General Election, join us for an insightful [Decoding the Ballot](#) discussion with a representative from the League of Women Voters Los Angeles. They will provide a comprehensive overview of the pros and cons of each ballot measure and proposition on the California ballot.

### Fall 2024 Media Arts Student Showcases

**Friday, October 25 & Saturday, October 26 at 6 p.m.**

The Media Arts Department will be presenting student showcases featuring a [Beginning Student Films \(Cinema 101\) screening](#) on October 25 and an [Advanced Thesis Films \(Cinema 125\) screening](#) on October 26. All are invited to attend!

### Artist Reception for "And this too..." Art Exhibit

**Tuesday, November 5 from 12-3 p.m.**

The LAVC Art Gallery invites you to an [opening reception with artists Miguel Rodriguez, Ben Jackel, Dirk Hagner](#) for its new exhibition that runs from November 4 - December 6, 2024. "And this, too..." explores the visual interplay between popular culture, politics, and personal narrative.




## Climate Center Weighs In on Heat Wave in LA Times

WLAC's Center for Climate Change Education was back in the news during the early September heat wave in the LA Times article "100 Days of 100-degree misery: A summer of relentless, oppressive heat

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## 100 days of 100-degree misery: A summer of relentless, oppressive heat across the West



By Summer Lin and Ashley Ahn  
Sept. 5, 2024 9 AM PT

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To get an idea of how the forces of climate change and extreme heat are transforming the West, consider the summer Phoenix has endured.

On Wednesday, the city experienced the 101st day in a row with temperatures topping 100 degrees, with little relief in sight.

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Los Angeles is an [urban heat island](#), which is made hotter than nearby rural areas by heat-trapping surfaces such as concrete, asphalt and some types of roofing. Urban heat islands also tend to lack trees and shading for cooling.

The urban heat island effect results in people, particularly those in low-income communities of color, becoming more vulnerable to heat waves. Jo Tavares, the director of the California Center for Climate Change Education at West Los Angeles College, said.

"We know that most people who have the means are fine during heat waves. It's a little uncomfortable when they are getting in and out of the house and their cars," she said. "But the people who suffer the most are the ones who work in the fields, construction sites, or the elderly who are poor and living in apartments that don't have proper air conditioning."

[LATimes.com/California/Story/2024-09-05/Heat-Story](https://latimes.com/California/Story/2024-09-05/Heat-Story)

across the West," by Summer Lin and Ashley Ahn (September 5, 2024). Center director Jo Tavares, Ph.D., discussed the effects of urban heat islands on low-income communities of color.

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Article: [LATimes.com/California/Story/2024-09-05/Heat-Story](https://latimes.com/California/Story/2024-09-05/Heat-Story)



## Raíces y Futuro: Celebrating Latine Conservation

Nearly 100 students and community members participated in the 1st annual Raíces y Futuro: Celebrating Latine Conservation and Climate Justice at West LA College on Saturday, September 14. This event embodied the spirit of Latino Conservation Week: Disfrutando y Conservando Nuestra Tierra—an initiative of the Hispanic Access Foundation. It was hosted by the college's California Center for Climate Change Education (Climate Center) and the support of all the community-based organizations and agencies present. Raíces y Futuro meant embracing our ancestral roots in protecting nature and working together to advocate for change in climate justice. The event engaged participants in a nature walk where they learned about the campus's natural history and adjacent Inglewood Oil Fields. It also engaged participants in an impactful panel including Jacqueline Estrada, Jazzari Taylor, Renée Gael Lujan and Marta Segura- LA Chief Heat Officer.

There were booth and workshop facilitators, some led by alumni from West LA's Conservation Studies Certificate Program and other community leaders like Edin Madrid from Green Arrow Co-lab, an organization that focuses on young adults harmed by systemic injustices. Lastly, there was a performance by Por Amor a Guatemala, a Guatemalan Folklorico group that demonstrated ceremonial dances, including la Bendición del maíz (The Blessing of the Corn). It was a true reflection of community

through story-telling, celebration, and climate resilience. A big thank you to community-focused organizations that were part of this event: The Action Project, Green Arrow Lab, Wildwoods LA, Commission on Voluntary Service & Action, National Forest Foundation, Los Angeles National Forest, TreePeople, Bureau of Land Management, Comunidades Indigenas en Liderazgo (CIELO), Sierra Club LA, North East Trees, The Puente Project, Nature Nexus Institute, National Parks Conservation Association, and, California State Parks.



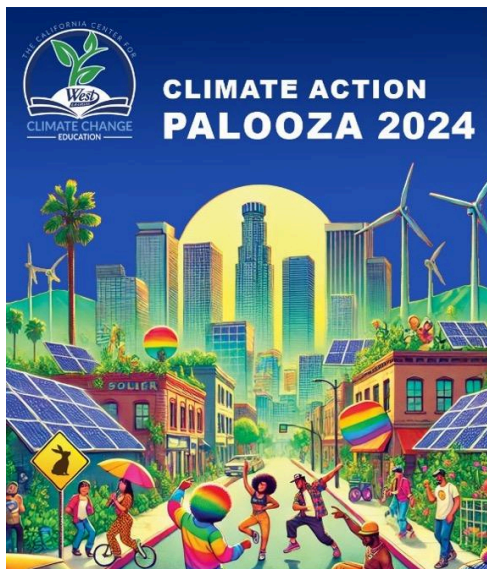
## West Launching EMT Training Program

West recently received approval to launch an accredited Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Primary Training Program.



## EOPS celebration

Like West LA College, EOPS celebrated 55 years of serving students this year. In honor of its birthday, staff shared donuts, tacos and office swag with EOPS participants and students who were interested in the program



## Coming: 2024 Climate Action Palooza

[The 2nd Annual Center for Climate Action Education Palooza](#) will be held at West LA College on October 24 – 26. This year's theme is Reinventing Our World: Solarpunk Visions, Circular Practices, and Climate Innovation to Combat a Global Crisis. On Day 1, the college will host high school students who will share their visions for transforming their neighborhoods if they had unlimited power to enact change. On Day 2, industry leaders, educators and community members will convene to discuss the role of innovation in addressing climate change, analyzing and the impact of AI and other technologies. The final day will be a vibrant, family-friendly event focused on how we can produce and consume in ways that combat climate change, minimize waste, and maximize joy.

Live music, food, booths, raffles, and fun activities for all ages, including a Halloween costume swap.

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