

February 5, 2025

Dear LACCD Community,

Welcome to the 2025 Spring Semester!

As we begin a new term, we are reminded of the resilience and determination that define our LACCD community. Our students return to classrooms—both in person and online—ready to embark on new academic journeys, and our faculty and staff stand ready to support them every step of the way. Whether you're continuing your education or just beginning your path with us, we are excited to welcome you back and ensure that you have the resources you need to succeed.

At the same time, we recognize the challenges that many in our community continue to face. The aftermath of the fires continues to impact communities across California, and we stand in solidarity with those affected. Through our **LA Strong efforts**, we are committed to providing resources and assistance, ensuring that our campuses remain places of stability and support.

This semester also brings changes at the federal level, as new executive actions and policies take effect —many of which raise important questions for our students and employees. LACCD remains fully committed to providing guidance and support while continuing to fiercely advocate for the values that define us: access and opportunity for all.

As we move forward, we also take time to celebrate Black History Month, honoring the profound contributions of Black leaders, scholars, and changemakers who have shaped our nation. Their resilience and achievements remind us of the power of education and the importance of lifting each other up. LACCD is proud to recognize and celebrate Black history—not just in February, but every day —as we work toward a more just and inclusive future. Each of our colleges has planned events and activities to commemorate this important month. **Check out our website** to explore Black History Month events across all LACCD colleges.

No matter the challenges ahead, we face them together—with strength, unity, and a shared commitment to our students and communities. Thank you for all you do to support one another and uphold the mission of LACCD.

Wishing you a successful and inspiring semester!

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Campus Events & Updates











LACC continues to offer information and support for our immigrant community through the Dream Resource Center. Our campus encouraged students to attend the CARECEN "Know Your Rights" Presentation on Thursday, January 23.

LACC held an Open House on Friday, January 24 and an Enrollment Fair on Saturday, January 25, 2025, from 10am to 2:30pm on the LACC campus. Additionally, LACC is providing extended hours during their Beat the Rush Week from February 3 through February 8 and their Welcome Week from February 10 through February 13.

LACC hosted a free yoga class to all LACC faculty and staff on January 23 and will offer additional classes on January 27 and January 29.

LACC is planning the following events for Black History Month:

- Umoja Student, Faculty & Staff Welcome Back Mixer 2nd week of February Time TBD, Location TBD
- Paint & Sip Mon 2/24 12-2pm, SU MPR
- Altadena Workshop Tues 2/25 12-1pm, Online
- Black Wall Street Wed 2/26 12-2pm, SU MPR
- BHM Campus-Wide Celebration Thurs 2/27 12-2pm, SU MPR or North Quad

LACC's advanced ESL student Uka Dashdavaa has won a student scholarship to attend Women in Cybersecurity (WiCyS) conference in Dallas, in April 2025. WiCyS is a non-profit organization dedicated

to advancing the role of women in cybersecurity through education, mentorship, and networking opportunities.













ELAC Hosts Spring Enrollment Day

ELAC kicked off the spring semester with its vibrant Spring Enrollment Day on Saturday, January 25th. From 9 AM to 1 PM, the campus buzzed with activity as current and prospective students took advantage of this one-stop opportunity to register for classes and receive personalized support.

The event offered more than just enrollment services. Students enjoyed a lively atmosphere with music, games, and complimentary food, creating a welcoming environment for all attendees. In a unique approach to showcase the college's diverse offerings, all ELAC departments were present, providing interactive demonstrations that gave students a taste of their potential classroom experiences.

This successful event not only streamlined the enrollment process but also fostered a sense of community and excitement for the upcoming semester, embodying ELAC's commitment to student success and engagement.



ELAC Men's Basketball: Dominating the Court

The ELAC Men's Basketball team is having an exceptional season, currently riding an impressive 15-game winning streak. With a stellar record of 17 wins and only 2 losses, the Huskies are showcasing their prowess on the court.

As the team heads into the final stretch of the regular season with 9 games remaining before playoffs, they continue to demonstrate their skill and teamwork. The Huskies' success can be attributed in part to the leadership of head coach John Mosley, who has amassed an outstanding record of 258-61 during his tenure of over a decade at ELAC.

The team's performance is reflected in their statistics, with players showing strength in various aspects of the game. They are averaging 84.4 points per game while holding their opponents to 76.7 points[1]. The Huskies are also demonstrating efficiency from the free-throw line, shooting at a 74.4% success rate.

As ELAC approaches the playoffs, the Men's Basketball team's continued success promises an exciting conclusion to an already remarkable season.













Registration Continues past Super Saturday

Every Wednesday is a Registration Day at Harbor College - the Welcome Center is open 9 am to 7 pm to accommodate our students' schedules.

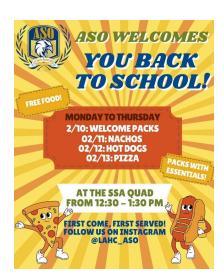


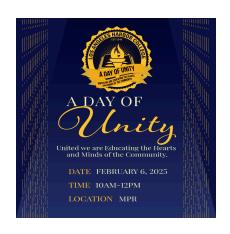


Super Saturday Highlights!

Students registered for the spring 2025 semester, connected with faculty and staff, and were entertained by the **Region South High School Bands** as Harbor hosted the 2nd Annual Cash for College event.

Harbor Seahawks, we GOT YOU!





Day of Unity – February 6, 2025 – 10 am to 12 pm

The ASOs are gearing up for the upcoming semester with the <u>Umoja Drop-in Counseling</u> <u>Hours</u> to the ASO Welcomes you Back to School on 2/10.

Actives will be hosted to enhance <u>Welcome Week</u> for our Students.

Harbor College will be hosting a Day of Unity in celebration of decades of serving students in our community and to honor those who serve them, our administrators, faculty and staff. The event is to set the tone for a new beginning for Harbor College with its purpose of academic excellence. A reception with entertainment will follow in the dinning room/free speech quad area.



Blue Economy Climate Action Pathways

Save the DATE ~ March 26, 2025! <u>Sponsorship Opportunities Available</u>
Harbor College will be a part of The BECAP (Blue Economy Climate Action Pathways) event ~ Tides of Transformation. Save the Date.









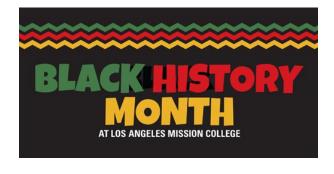




LAMC to Host 2nd Annual Dream Resource Forum

Join us to learn about the latest guidance to support our students. This Districtwide event is an opportunity to improve services, increase student success, and advance equity through our individual college Dream Resource Centers.

Faculty and staff from all colleges are invited to attend, visit <u>lamission.edu/drcforum25</u> and RSVP today!



LAMC Celebrates Black History Month

Los Angeles Mission College has a full month of events planned for Black History Month, featuring a Black History presentation hosted by our Black Scholars Program, an engaging documentary screening and discussion about the Negro Baseball League, and a special event focused on the mental and physical well-being of our athletes.

For a complete list of events, please visit lamission.edu/bhm25.



Culinary Cup Competition Returns to Mission College

Los Angeles Mission College is excited to host the Culinary Cup once again on Friday, May 16, 2025! Now in its fifth year, this full-day event will feature an exhilarating culinary competition spotlighting the talents of chef instructors and culinary students from L.A. Mission College, L.A. Harbor College, and L.A. Trade-Tech College.

This year's competition is inspired by the vibrant flavors of the Caribbean. Guests will enjoy guided tours, interactive cooking and baking demonstrations, a Caribbean-inspired lunch crafted by Culinary Arts students, and a front-row seat at the awards ceremony where the winning team will claim the coveted Golden Chef's Hat trophy.

Tickets will be available on Thursday, February 27th. Please visit <u>lamission.edu/culinarycup2025</u> for more information.













Pierce College celebrated the Lunar New Year with an event on Wednesday. January 29, 2025 from noon – 1 p.m. at the Multicultural Center on campus.

Lunar New Year is a festival that marks the start of the year according to the lunar calendar. It is celebrated in many Asian countries and communities around the world.







California First Partner Visits Pierce College to Support Fire Response Efforts

Amid the challenges of wildfires sweeping through Southern California, Pierce welcomed California First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 to our Equestrian Center, where a large animal evacuation shelter has been operating in partnership with L.A. County Animal Care and Control. The shelter is currently home to approximately 225 animals, including horses, alpacas, goats, sheep, chickens, and pigs.

During her visit, the First Partner met volunteers and staff, offering gratitude for their tireless efforts. She also had a special moment with Loretta Mae, a miniature horse who usually serves as a therapy animal for children with disabilities. Loretta Mae, like so many other animals, are finding safety and care at the Pierce shelter during the crisis.

Pierce College students from the Pre-Veterinary, Registered Veterinary Technician, and Equine Sciences Club played a pivotal role in the shelter's success. Under the leadership of farm management staff and faculty, they constructed modular pens to expand the shelter's capacity and provided hands-on care to the animals last Wednesday evening during the peak of the fires. These efforts highlight the students' dedication and demonstrates the practical, community-oriented education that Pierce College offers.

The Pierce College Farm has been a cornerstone of the response, ensuring displaced animals are well cared for. However, this vital work depends on the community's support. In addition to monetary donations, some items needed for shelter operations include:

- Heavy-duty water hoses
- 50+ gallon portable water tanks
- Hay feed (Timothy or Alfalfa)
- Shavings bedding

Donations can be delivered daily between 6:00 AM and 4:30 PM, with Animal Control officers available onsite 24/7 to assist. For those needing donation letters, the Pierce College Foundation is happy to provide them.

Your contributions will help ensure these animals continue to receive the care they need during this challenging time. To support the wildfire relief efforts, please visit the **Pierce College Foundation Wildfire Support Page**.





Pierce Plant Science Program Contributes Fresh Produce to Brahma Bodega During Wildfire Crisis

The Pierce College Plant Science program recently donated three crates of greenhouse-grown produce to the Brahma Bodega to support the campus community during the ongoing wildfire crisis. On January 14, student workers and volunteers joined Dr. Savanah Senn to harvest fresh lettuce, greens, radishes, and tomatoes in preparation for an upcoming Brahma Bodega distribution day.

The opportunity to care for the plants and provide fresh food offered a sense of purpose to students and faculty who wanted to assist in relief efforts. The Plant Science Program, which cultivates a variety of plants including vegetables, succulents, cacti, and trees, has a history of giving back to community. Previous donations include vegetables for the Associated Students Organization (ASO) in 2020, Mission College's culinary program, and the Brahma Bodega in 2024.

Thank you to Dr. Senn and the Plant Science students for supporting our community with fresh, locally grown produce.





















Los Angeles Southwest College Child Development Center Snow Day

On Thursday, January 16th The Los Angeles Southwest College Child Development center hosted a snow day. A slide and platform filled with real mountain snow was set up on campus in a nearby filled. The children and their parents enjoyed building snowmen, playing snowball toss and experiencing the elements together.



New Athletic Director

Marguet Miller has officially begun his tenure as our **new Athletic Director**, effective January 15th, 2025. AD Miller brings a wealth of experience in athletics administration and a strong commitment to



Financial Literacy with Supervisor Mitchell

The Office of Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell in partnership with LA Southwest College hosted a panel and resource fair on financial literacy on Friday, January 24th. They discussed and examined how building generational wealth and advancing equity is key to empowering our communities.

fostering a vibrant sports culture within our institution.

We believe that AD Miller's leadership will not only enhance our athletic programs but also strengthen our community engagement and support for our student-athletes. Please join me in welcoming AD Marguet Miller to our area and offering your support as we move forward together as a team.

This event also included a Financial Literacy Resource Fair offering resources on credit building, tax preparation assistance, financial coaching, estate planning, homebuyer programs, tenant protections, and more.



Saturday Enrollment Express

All aboard the Enrollment Express! On Saturday, January 25th from 8 AM - 1 PM students and the community visited the Student Services Building to prepare for the 2025 school year. LASC representatives were on-site to give in-person assistance with class registration, financial aid, counseling, and support services.

Upcoming Events

Enrollment Express: Saturday Registration Days - Saturday, February 8, 2025

Self(Y)ie Solo Exhibition by Rachel Hastings - Thursday, February 20, 2025

Enrollment Express: Saturday Registration Days - Saturday, February 22, 2025















LATTC's Gets Ready for Spring Semester with Enrollment Assistance Events

LATTC hosted its Spring enrollment assistance events on Friday, January 24 and Saturday January 25. Nearly 500 students registered for the events, which provided current and prospective students an opportunity to file a new application, speak with a counselor, explore academic pathways and student services, file a FAFSA application, and enroll in open classes.



LATTC Celebrates Black History Month!

Happy Black History Month! Throughout February, LATTC joins the rest of the nation, and many parts of the world, in celebrating the achievements of African Americans and recognizing their central role in U.S history. Join the college for a month of activities, including live music performances, conversations, art exhibitions, and a lively festival.

Upcoming Events

LATTC Celebrates 100 Years: Alumni Mixer & Basketball Game Event

In celebration of LATTC's 100th anniversary, the college hosts a special event to honor the legacy of LATTC. The event will highlight alumni success stories and strengthen connections with former students. Guests are invited to show their Beaver pride and support our women's and men's basketball teams who will face off in home games against Rio Hondo College.

Celebrating 100 Years: Alumni Mixer & Basketball Game Event

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Los Angeles Trade-Technical College, 400 W. Washington Blvd, Los Angeles

5 pm-7 pm: Women's basketball game versus Rio Hondo College 7 pm-9 pm: Men's basketball game versus Rio Hondo College











LAVC is the #16 Community College in the Nation for Online Learning

The On EdTech Newsletter recently named Los Angeles Valley College to its Top 30 public 2-year institutions with the largest online enrollments. LAVC ranked 16 of our 30 in the nationwide list based on fully online enrollments for Fall 2023. Two other LACCD colleges also made the list. Read the **Online Learning in Community Colleges Update** article.



LAVC to Celebrate Black History Month

Los Angeles Valley College will be celebrating <u>Black History Month 2025</u> with a series of campus events and activities. The events are sponsored by the LAVC Umoja Black Scholars Program, in collaboration with the college's Black Student Union, Anti-Racism committee, and Associated Student Union (ASU).

Featured events include Umoja orientations, <u>Welcome B(I)acKaraoke</u>, <u>Rhythm & Paint</u>, <u>African Drum Making & Naming</u>, <u>Rhythms of Healing</u> mental health workshop, and a <u>Sneaker Ball</u>. In addition, it will host the 3rd annual <u>Valley Black Scholars Day</u> for LAUSD Region North black scholars.



LAVC to Host the 2025 California Al Cybersecurity Workforce Development & Education Summit

The California Cybersecurity Task Force, Workforce Development and Education Subcommittee, Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC), and the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) cordially invite all students, faculty, staff and the public to the **2025 California Al Cybersecurity Workforce Development and Education Summit** on Friday, February 28 in LAVC's Monarch Hall.

Summit discussion topics include best practices for preparing students to work in IT cybersecurity-Al positions. Presentations from distinguished speakers will focus on the following subjects: public and private sector employer perspectives, cybersecurity awareness and training, K-12 and higher education programs & partnerships, IT-Cyber apprenticeships, and internships. A panel on diversity and inclusion in the field, numerous lunch sessions in key areas for networking and collaboration opportunities, and an Al-Cybersecurity IT Career Fair to learn more about employment and work-based learning opportunities.

This event is co-sponsored by the Los Angeles Regional Consortium (LARC), LAVC Career Technical Education (CTE), and LAVC Computer Science Information Systems (CSIS) Department.

Upcoming Events

Spring 2025 Saturday Monarch Enrollment Day

Saturday, February 8 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

LAVC will host a **Saturday Enrollment Day** to help students enroll before the start of spring.

Farmers Market

Sundays, February 9, 16 & 23 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Come purchase fresh produce, food, beverages, baked goods and handcrafted items at the <u>farmer market at LA Valley College</u>. Good Times Farmers Market is held every Sunday year-round.

Just-In Time: Spring 2025 Enrollment Days

Monday, February 10 & Tuesday, February 11 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

It's not too late! Get help and enroll at our <u>Just In Time: Enrollment Days</u>! LAVC reps from admissions, counseling and financial aid will be available.

LAVC Welcome Week: Spring 2025 Kick-Off & Spirit Day

Wednesday, February 12 from 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Join us for Welcome Week's <u>Spring 2025 Kick-off and Spirit Day</u>. Don't miss out on this perfect start to the spring semester! Discover campus activities and clubs, play games, make new friends, and enjoy delicious food. Show Monarch pride at this pep rally before our Men's & Women's Basketball 75th Anniversary games that evening.

LAVC 75th Anniversary Basketball Games vs. College of the Canyons

Wednesday, February 12 starting at 5 p.m.

Students, faculty and staff are invited to cheer the Monarchs as we celebrate LAVC's 75th Anniversary! Men's game starts at 5 p.m. and followed by the Women's game at 7 p.m.













Climate certificates and internship

WLAC's College & Career Prep Division and Adult Education Program, in partnership with the California Center for Climate Change Education, has developed several "climatized" noncredit certificates. The certificates teach students about Climate Careers, Green Jobs, Sustainable Entrepreneurship, and Nature Conservation. They include hybrid and online courses that combine practical skills with real-world tools like greenhouse gas tracking software, case studies of eco-friendly businesses, and field trips to explore conservation practices. Designed to be accessible and low stress, these programs are perfect for those looking to enhance their resumes, diversify their skills, or explore climate and sustainability careers. Whether people are just starting out or looking to pivot, the certificates provide a gateway to meaningful professional and educational growth in emerging economic sectors. Certificates:

- Nature Conservation
- Sustainable Facilities Management and Climate Mitigation Strategies
- · Job Readiness for Green Careers
- Sustainable Entrepreneurship for Climate Action

The Climate Center is also busy recruiting 100 new student interns who will be placed with local organizations with compatible missions this summer. Continuing and in-coming students are eligible to apply for these paid positions. More information and the application can be found at **WLAC.edu/Climate-Center**



The Microforest is Coming

An open field area formerly known as "The Slope" will be converted into a "microforest" this spring. A planting day event will be held on Saturday, March 8. Students, staff and community members will gather to plant indigenous trees, shrubs, plants and flowers that will be enjoyed by the campus and greater community for years to come.

Microforests (also called pocket forests, mini forests, and tiny forests) are densely-planted and multilayered indigenous forests planted in small urban spaces which act as self-sustaining ecosystems that reconnect fragmented habitat and restore biodiversity in the city. More information on this coming event is available at WLAC.edu under the Events section.

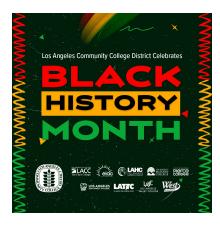


West's Football Stars

As football season wraps up. West salutes a few of our football greats. Did you know two Pro Football Hall of Famers are West alumni? They are former quarterback Warren Moon and former widereceiver Isaac Bruce. Alumnus Keyshawn **Johnson** was a star NFL player for 11 years followed by a career in broadcasting. **Spencer Phillips** served as an assistant coach for the victorious Eagles in Superbowl LII. This year, alumnus Del Alexander, acting as interim Head Coach, led the UNLV Rebels to their first bowl victory in 24 years at the LA Bowl. And the Wildcats current head football coach Eric Scott got a shout out in advance of the Arizona Bowl from Colorado's Head Coach Jav Norwell who said. "I'm verv humbled today because I probably wouldn't be here without Eric Scott and the involvement with the Snoop (Dog) League." Scott helped found the Snoop Youth Football League nearly 20 years ago. GO WEST. GO FAR.

District Office Events & Updates





Celebrating Black History Month: Join Us in Celebrating a Rich Heritage

February marks the beginning of Black History Month around the nation. At LACCD, it serves as an opportunity for reflection and celebration, as we honor and elevate the history, culture and significance of our Black/African American community. Our nine colleges are hosting a series of dynamic events and programs, and you are cordially invited to participate.

View All Events







Spring 2025 Scholarship Applications Open February 14th

This spring the Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges will award more than \$200,000 in scholarships and basic needs grants. Students can review the opportunities and apply through the "Scholarships" tab in their student portal or through this direct link. Applications open February 14, 2025.

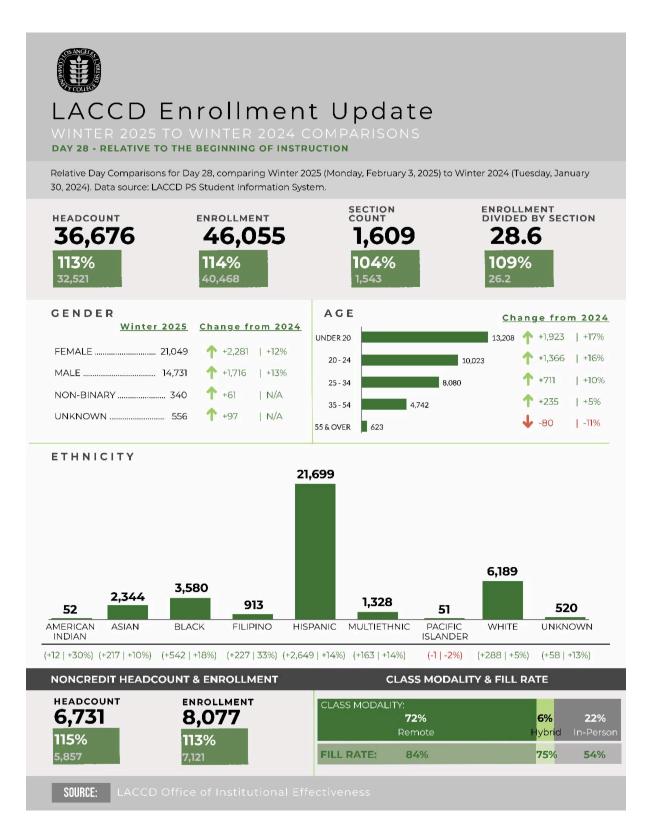
LA Strong: Disaster Response Fund

In response to devastating wildfires in the LA region, the Foundation launched the LA Strong: Disaster Response Fund to support LACCD students and employees impacted by these disasters.

To date, more than \$2 million has been donated to support the LACCD and surrounding communities.

Visit the <u>LA Strong: Disaster Response Fund</u> <u>webpage</u> to learn how to support this effort or apply for funding.



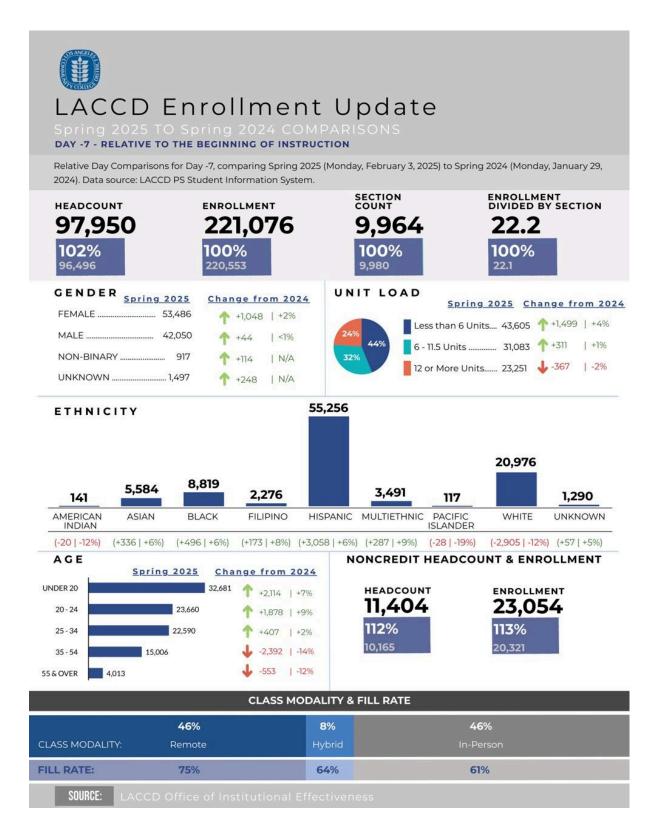


Winter 2025 Enrollment Update:

Comparing Winter 2025 to Winter 2024 as of day 28 of the semester, districtwide, student credit headcount is up by 13% and enrollment is 14% higher while class offerings are up by 4% and enrollment per section is up by 9%. Increases are observed for all, except the oldest, student age group (+17% increase for the under age 20 group, +16% for the 20-24 age group, +10% for the 25-34 age group, and +5% for the 35-54 age group, -11% for the 55+ age group). Additionally, increases are observed for nearly all ethnic groups: Asian students (+10%), Hispanic students (+14%), Black students (+18%), and White students (+5%). Noncredit headcount and enrollment increased by, respectively, +15% and +13% (5,857 to 6,731 for headcount and 7,121 to 8,077 for enrollment). 72% of classes are

being taught remotely, 22% are in-person, and 6% are hybrid. Remote classes have the highest fill rate (84%) followed by hybrid (75%) and in-person classes (76%).

View the LACCD Winter 2025 Enrollment Update PDF version



Spring 2025 Enrollment Update:

Comparing Spring 2025 to Spring 2024 as 7 days before the first day of instruction, districtwide, student credit headcount is up by 2% and enrollment, class offerings, and enrollment per section

are unchanged. Increases are observed for all, except the oldest student age groups (+7% for the under age 20 group, +9% for the 20-24 age group, +2% for the 25-34 age group, -14% for the 35-54 age group, and -12% for the 55+ age group. Additionally, increases are observed for nearly all ethnic groups: Asian students (+6%), Hispanic students (+6%), Black students (+6%), and White students (-12%). Noncredit headcount increased by +12% (from 10,165 to 11,404) and enrollment increased by +13% (from 20,321 to 23,321). 46% of classes are being taught remotely, 46% are in-person, and 8% are hybrid. Remote classes have the highest fill rate (75%) followed by hybrid (64%) and in-person classes (61%).

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About the Los Angeles Community College District

LACCD (www.laccd.edu) is the nation's largest community college district, educating about 250,000 students annually at its nine colleges that serve the residents of more than 36 cities and communities from 900 square miles of Los Angeles County. Since 1969, the District has been providing an important learning pathway for students seeking transfer to four-year colleges or universities while also offering

two-year degrees and certificated training programs to Southern California's diverse workforce in many specialized trades and professions.

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