

March 5, 2025

Dear LACCD Community,

As we step into March, we celebrate Women's History Month, honoring the achievements and contributions of women who have shaped our communities, industries, and institutions—including the remarkable women leading and learning within LACCD. Our District takes pride in serving one of the most diverse student bodies in the nation, and I remain committed to ensuring an inclusive and equitable environment where all students can thrive.

This month, East Los Angeles College (ELAC) had the privilege of hosting Governor Gavin Newsom and key state leaders for the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) event, where the Governor announced vital plans to address wildfire recovery and climate resilience. ELAC's selection as the venue for this critical conversation underscores the essential role community colleges play—not just in education but in workforce development, environmental sustainability, and community resilience.

As we navigate ongoing shifts in higher education, workforce needs, and student support services, LACCD remains focused on adapting to meet these challenges head-on. Our commitment to representing all students drives us to invest in innovative programs, strategic partnerships, and policies that expand pathways to success.

Through it all, one message is clear: community colleges transform lives. Whether it's preparing students for in-demand careers, providing support through life's challenges, or offering a high-quality, affordable education, LACCD is leading the way. Thank you for your dedication to our students and for being part of this journey.

In Community,



Alberto J. Román, DPA
Interim Chancellor
Los Angeles Community College District

Campus Events & Updates



150 CAREER WINS

100 CAREER WINS
HEAD COACH
TWAN HERRON
1.29.2025
WEST L.A. 85
SANTA MONICA COLLEGE 43

Player Name	Year	Team	Gold Team GPA
Isabella Ferguson	2024-2025	West	3.5+
Andrea Hinton	2024-2025	West	3.5+
Alana Young	2024-2025	West	3.5+
Allyah Young	2024-2025	West	3.5+

program GPA 3.03

How does it feel to be head coach?
West LA COLLEGE Alumni Spotlight
GO WEST. GO FAR.

Scoring On & Off the Field + Coaching Milestones

The Wildcats Athletics program, comprised of 189 student athletes, earned a combined Fall 2024 GPA of 3.03. Women's Basketball had the highest team GPA of 3.52.

Veintwain Herron, Women's Head Basketball Coach, recently achieved his 100th career victory. As of February 18, the Women's team achieved a season record of 16-10. **Anthony Jones**, Men's Health Basketball Coach and Wildcats Athletic Director, achieved his 150th career win and was recognized at a recent game by the California Community College Men's Basketball Coaches Association (CCCMBCA). As of February 18, the team was enjoying a 20-6 record for this season.

Women's Soccer achieved its best season record in recent memory with 8 wins, 10 ties, and 4 losses. This was all the better as the team is now led by a WLAC Soccer alumna, **Stephanie Banuelos Valencia** (see profile at <https://youtu.be/5ya4s-AZcos?si=HuSNnr-1W7WEgBR>). Valencia credits her experience as a student playing soccer at West with keeping her on track academically and allowing her to transfer to CSULA.



Student Received Supervisorial District 2 “Young Leader Award”

WLAC student **Ekco Murkwood** is among eight people and organizations selected by Supervisor Holly Mitchell to be honored during Black History Month for “efforts to help their communities overcome obstacles in the fight for justice and equity.” Murkwood, recipient of the “Young Leader Award,” is an art student at West who is passionate about photographing nature. After taking a conservation studies class, Murkwood was recruited by college partner Nature Nexus Institute to assist with habitat restoration, guided tours, and trail monitoring and maintenance.

Murkwood is also part of the Ballona Creek wetlands community outreach team, which offers guided bird tours and information about nature. Murkwood volunteers at the Natural History Museum in the ornithology and mammalogy department doing specimen preparation and fluid checks, along with data input. Murkwood is also a long-time member and past president of the WLAC Environmental S.A.V.E club where they have aided in growing edible plants in the college garden and mentoring new club members.

Dr. Arease Edison, LMFT


The impact of climate change and wildfires in Los Angeles on mental health can be profound, both on an individual and community level.

Trauma: Results from exposure to an incident or series of events that are emotionally disturbing or life-threatening. Research suggests that 62% of Americans have experienced 1 Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) and 25% of Americans have at least 1 Adverse Childhood Experience. Such events have a negative effect on the individual's functioning across various life domains:

- Mental
- Physical
- Social


Experiences that may be traumatic include:


- Physical, sexual, and emotional abuse
- Childhood neglect
- Living with a family member with mental health or substance use disorders
- Sudden, unexplained separation from a loved one
- Poverty
- Racism, discrimination, and



Suggested Discussion Prompts

1. What emotions come up for you when you think about the wildfires in January, or what emotions do you remember experiencing then?
2. How were you, your family, friends, or colleagues impacted?
3. Is there anything that makes you angry when you think about the wildfire event?
4. Is there something one of our speakers said today that resonated with you?





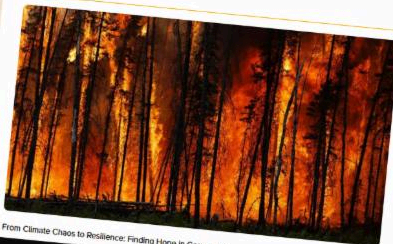
Finding Hope - Climate Chaos

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

📍 Online : Zoom

🕒 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

📄 Campus Life




From Climate Chaos to Resilience: Finding Hope in Community

From Climate Chaos to Resilience: Finding Hope in Community

The CA Center from Climate Change Education at West hosted a lunch-and-learn Zoom session open to employees and students across the District in mid-February. The 60 attendees learned why there has been such an increase in both the frequency and size of wildfires in the last decade. Information was also provided on how natural disasters like the recent fires affect us emotionally and psychologically as impacted individuals, those related to impacted individuals, and as a collective. In addition to the obvious financial implications, there is trauma, grief, anxiety, displacement, migration, and social fragmentation.

In the aftermath of events such as this, said the presenter, it is important that we increase emotional literacy. Being better equipped to name our emotions helps individuals and others understand what they need. It can also help manage stress and/or depression. Additionally, better communication helps foster empathy and stronger connections with others. Presenters included Dr. Jo Tavares, Climate Center Director; WLAC Professor Holly Bailey-Hoffmann; and Dr. Arease Edison, Licensed Clinical Therapist.

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MEN OF COLOR ACTION NETWORK

Advocacy | Mentorship | Brotherhood

MISSION

The Men of Color Action Network (MOCAN) is an active support network that advocates for, provides resources to, and cultivates a community for diverse male students, faculty, staff, and administrators of color at California Community Colleges. MOCAN focuses on addressing systemic changes needed to foster an environment that optimizes the success and well-being of California Community College Men of Color.

STUDENTS CONNECTED:	PROFESSIONALS CONNECTED:	SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN:
2120+	906+	\$27,700+

West Joins Men of Color Action Network (MOCAN)

West has been accepted into the Men of Color Action Network (MOCAN). MOCAN advocates for California Community College men of color, while focusing on the systemic (academic, political, social) change needed to cultivate a learning environment that optimizes the success of male students of color. Cross-campus

partnerships, institutional efforts, and culturally relevant activities are being implemented throughout California Community Colleges to increase the success for men of color. Benefits of membership include: Complimentary access for up to 10 professionals and unlimited students to the Annual MOCAN Leadership Conference; Other professional development workshops and events; and Resources for program development, funding guidance, and institutional best practices.



WLAC Customized Training Partnership With DENCO

Denco Family, a privately held company that owns franchise restaurants and several hotels, turned to the noncredit Adult Education Program and Career Center at West to provide ongoing skills training for its employees. In fact, Denco will require that some of the asynchronous remote classes being offered must be taken by any employee who wants to be considered for promotion into management. This new partnership came into being after Denco described its needs and goals to Los Angeles Regional Consortium (LARC). LARC then referred the employer to West.

Upcoming Events

Microforest Planting Day

Saturday, March 8

Becap March 28

Friday, March 28

The CA Center for Climate Change Education is partnering with other campuses and organizations to bring you the 2025 Blue Economy & Climate Action Pathways (BECAP) Summit. This is a free event.





Grand Opening for the LAVC Rising Scholars and Veterans Resource Center

LAVC's Rising Scholars Program and Veterans Resource Center held a grand opening on Wednesday, January 26 to celebrate its renovated space on the second floor of the Student Services Center. The event allowed veterans, students, faculty and staff toured the welcoming refurbished space, and learned more about the programs.

Rising Scholars is a new student support program that provides assistance to students who are formerly/currently incarcerated, system impacted, and for those who were justice impacted as juveniles.

The **Veteran Resource Center** offers services to assist veterans and military affiliated students (active duty, reservists, and dependents) with resources and referrals to support their academic and career goals.



Valley College Celebrates Black History Month

The LAVC Umoja Black Scholars Program, in collaboration with the college's Black Student Union, Anti-Racism committee, and Associated Student Union (ASU), hosted a variety of events to celebrate Black History Month (BHM).

Students, faculty and staff from across the campus gathered to embrace their artistic talent by creating their own sneaker painting while grooving to music at Rhythm & Paint, and made African drums with a cultural drum naming ceremony. To support the mind and spirit, there was a mental health workshop that focused on relaxation and well-being through the use of music and practicing mindfulness.

One highlight was the annual Valley Young Black Scholars Day with students from LAUSD Region North, and Umoja programs at LACCD colleges. Students attended college prep workshops, met college and university reps, learned about academic programs and pathways, and had fun activities with Tommy the Clown and a dance battle in the South Gym. One participant commented "This is the first time I have seen so many Black students in one place!" and another said "Can't wait for next year!"

The month-long celebration culminated with the BHM Sneaker Ball with music and everyone wearing their favorite sneakers.

Upcoming Events

WHM: Veteran & LGBTQIA+ Women Ceramics Workshop

Tuesday, March 11 from 12-2 p.m.

LAVC Veterans Resource Center & LAVC Rainbow Pride Centers invite you to a hands-on [Ceramics Workshop](#) with Professor Katy Queen. Join us to celebrate Veteran & LGBTQIA+ women during Women's History Month.

Opening Reception for the 2025 Art Department Alumni Exhibition

Wednesday, March 12 from 12-2 p.m.

You are invited to an [opening reception for the LAVC Art Department Alumni Exhibition](#). This exhibition is being held in celebration of the college's 75th anniversary, and includes works by artists currently working professionally in the field. Exhibition runs March 10 - April 18, 2025.

Free Wednesday Concert: Music for Storytelling - Song Cycles

Wednesday, March 12 at 1:30 p.m.

LAVC Music Department presents a [Spring 2025 Free Wednesday Concert on the theme of "Music for Storytelling - Song Cycles"](#). This performance features LAVC Music Faculty members Natalie Pang and Christian Nova. In addition, the featured guest artist is Joe Hagen, viola. Music by Frank Bridge, and others.

Pi/STEM/MEC Day

Thursday, March 13 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Join us for a free [Pi / STEM / MEC Day celebration](#) featuring fun activities/demonstrations such as Pi games, pie your professor, eat Pi foods (pizza, fruit), 3-D printing, drones, robotics, video game development, prosthetics, and microscopy.

Free Wednesday Concert: Music for Characterization - Stories Without Words

Wednesday, March 19 at 1:30 p.m.

Listen to selections of instrumental "program music" that tell a story at the Music Department's [Free Wednesday Concert: "Stories without Words"](#). This concert features Whist Duo (LAVC Faculty member Michael Matsuno, flute; Todd Moellenberg, piano) performing works by Tania Léon, Takashi Yoshimatsu, Brett Banducci, Claude Vivier, and Pierre Boulez.

Free Wednesday Concert: A Musical Celebration for Women's History Month

Wednesday, March 26 at 1:30 p.m.

Join us for a [Free Wednesday Concert: "A Musical Celebration for Women's History Month"](#) featuring the Eclipse String Quartet. Concert sponsored by the Music Performance Trust Fund.

Free Wednesday Concert: Music Performed at Home and at Court

Wednesday, April 2 at 1:30 p.m.

The Kadima String Quartet will perform a [Free Wednesday Concert on the theme of "Music Performed at Home and at Court"](#).





LATTC Hosts Alumni Mixer and Basketball Event as Part of the College's 100th Anniversary Celebration

On February 5, 2025, LATTC hosted a special celebration in honor of its 100th anniversary. The event began with an alumni mixer in the college's Culinary Arts Building with a welcome from emcee and LATTC former public relations manager, David Ysais. LATTC alumni, Carlos Guerrero, LATTC Student Services Specialist and Jessica Olivas, Dean of Student Services provided remarks and reflections as proud LATTC alumni. Attendees then heard a college update from LATTC President Dr. Alfred McQuarters, which included an update on recent campus developments, as well as a series of exciting upcoming events in celebration of the 100th anniversary.

A group of distinguished LATTC alumni closed out the mixer, providing remarks that spoke to their continuing legacies and impact on their chosen fields, ranging from the justice system to the entertainment industry. Speakers included Rochelle Aquino, renowned sculptural facialist; Everett Osborne, acclaimed actor and former college athlete; Judge Songhai Armstead, champion for justice and community empowerment; Mayes Rubeo, Academy and BAFTA-nominated costume designer; Marlo Shears, licensed cosmetologist and successful business-owner; and Andy Keseloff, engineer for BuildLACCD, working on future building projects for the LATTC campus.

LATTC's other illustrious alumni include evening wear and bridal fashion designer Tadashi Shoji (designed for Michelle Obama, Octavia Spencer, Kate Hudson, and Sofia Ritchie), Rick Owens, designer of the first Black Barbie doll Louvenia Black Perkins, winner of Project Runway season 3 and founder of clothing label Cosa Nostra Jeffrey Sebelia, renowned tattoo and graffiti artist Mark Machado/Mr. Cartoon, member of the band The Monkees Micky Dolenz, and the late dancer and inventor of "pop-locking" Don Campbell.



Later in the evening, guests were invited to show their Beaver pride and support the college's women's and men's basketball teams as they faced off in home games against Río Hondo College. The college was pleased to warmly welcome Río Hondo College President, Dr. Marilyn Flores, and Dr. Earic Dixon-Peters, Vice President of Student Services.

It was an evening to remember as guests gathered to reflect on their LATTC experiences that helped build a century of success.

View the event's full photo album at [LATTC's Facebook page](#).

LATTC honors its 100th anniversary with a year-long celebration series. The college invites you to stay up to date on [related news and events](#).



Netflix Partners with LATTC for Second Year of Work Study Program

On February 4, 2024, Netflix hosted a culmination ceremony for four LATTC students who completed a three-week work study program. During the program, the students were exposed to real-world work situations, and enhanced their proficiency in leadership development, building operations, and construction. Program participants and LATTC Construction, Maintenance and Utilities students Illiana Abarca, Iraima Martinez, Michelle Oberman, and Darlene Ramirez, each gave a formal presentation of their experience at Netflix.

Now in its second year, the program's cohort of students was unique in that it comprised of all women. The construction industry is a major contributor to the U.S. economy, employing eight million workers and creating nearly \$2.1 trillion worth of structures each year according to the Associated General Contractors of America. In spite of these impressive industry numbers, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, women only make up 10.9% of the national building trades workforce. Opportunities, such as the Netflix work study program, support and train women to reduce skill gaps and create a more equitable workforce.

Upcoming Events



LATTC Offers Super Saturday Enrollment Assistance Days

LATTC presents its Super Saturday Spring Series, bringing enrollment and service assistance to prospective and continuing students. Attendees can receive assistance with enrollment and applications, counseling sessions, navigating the student portal, and getting a student ID (must be currently enrolled).

Join us for the following Saturdays:

- Saturday March 22, 2025 - 8 am–12 pm
- Saturday May 17, 2025 - 8 am–12 pm

• Saturday June 7, 2025 - 8 am–12 pm

[Register](#)



LASC Celebrates Black History Month

The Los Angeles Southwest College Black History Month Committee presented a series of events in celebration of the achievements and history of Black Americans.

Self(Y)ie Solo Exhibition by Rachel Hastings - Feb 20th through March 20 in the LASC Art Gallery
Los Angeles Southwest College Presents the Black History Month Art Gallery Show with an opening day reception on Feb 20th from 5 pm – 7 pm.

BHM Double Feature: "Put it in a Book" and "Superman Doesn't Steal" - Friday, February 21, 2025, 3 pm - 6 pm, LASC Little Theatre
The LASC Black History Month Committee presents a double feature film in the LASC Little Theatre.

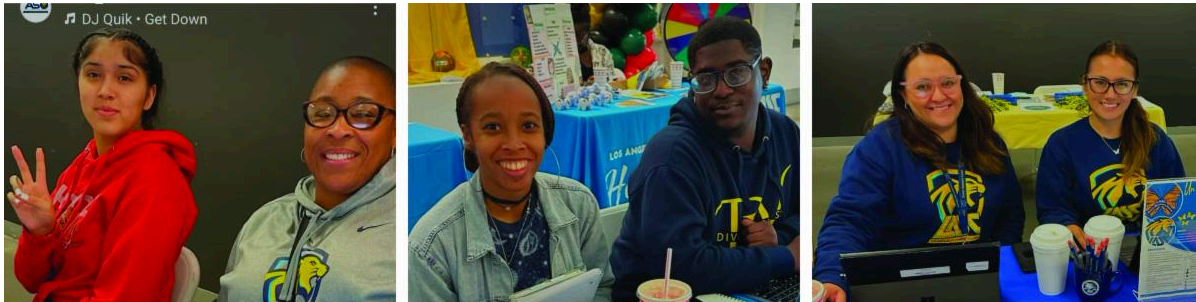
Lowndes County and the Road to Black Power, Sponsored by ASO - Saturday, February 22, 2025, 3 pm - 6 pm, LASC Little Theatre

Join the LASC Associated Student Organization for a viewing of The Peacock Original film that tells the story of the local movement and young SNCC organizers who fought not only for voting rights, but for Black Power in Lowndes County, Alabama.

Labor Talk, Sponsored by ASO, Thursday, February 27, 2025, 12 pm - 1 pm, Student Services Building Lobby

LASC student Pamela Licavoli shares about her father and his activities as a member of the "Sleeping Car Porters."

Visit <https://www.lasc.edu/news/lasc-celebrates-black-history-month> for more information.



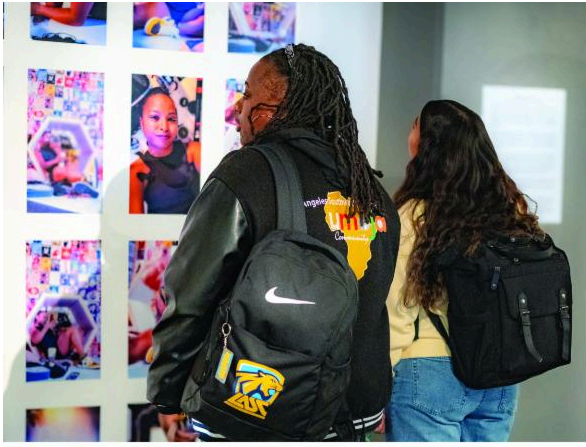
Enrollment Express Saturday Registration Days

On Saturday, February 8th and 22nd 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.



Immigration Legal Clinic

The LASC Dream Resource Center in collaboration with the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA) hosted an in-person Immigration Legal Clinic on Saturday, February 22nd, 2025. Legal representatives from CHIRLA visited the DRC to answer questions about immigration relief, assist with DACA renewals, the Citizenship application, and more.



Sely(Y)ie

The LASC Art Gallery presents the Black History Month Art Gallery Show featuring Doc the Documentarian, (also recognized as Dr. Rachel N. Hastings). She began documenting her work as a mixed media artist-scholar-advocate the same year Trayvon Martin was murdered by George Zimmerman. power, and social justice. Presented in many forms, Doc's work includes photography, resin, cardboard, paper mâché, collaging, digital collaging, visual graphics, and performance art as captured through video reels, video shorts, memes, and video vlogs. The opening day reception was held on Feb 20th from 5 pm – 7 pm and the exhibit is open until March 20th.





L.A. Pierce College Breaks Ground on Academic West Building

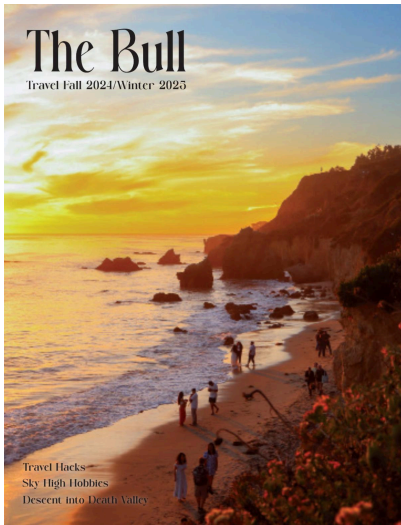
Pierce College reached another milestone on Friday, February 21, 2025, with the groundbreaking of the Academic West Building. Nearly 100 attendees gathered to celebrate the start of construction, including guests from the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), local government, students and faculty.

LAPC President Aracely Aguiar emphasized the building's role in advancing arts, media, and social sciences education. Distinguished speakers included LACCD Interim Chancellor Alberto Roman and Vice Chancellor and Chief Facilities Executive Leigh Sata, who highlighted the District's commitment to student success, equity, and sustainability. Local representatives in attendance and showing support for the project included LAUSD Board Member Nick Melvoin and Community Engagement Officer Rachel Sherman, Field Representative Jack Trent-Dorfman from the Office of Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel and representatives from Los Angeles City Councilmember Bob Blumenfield's office.

Faculty members and department chairs shared their excitement for the new facility and its impact on academic programs. Melody Cooper (Art & Architecture), Cara Gillis (Philosophy & Sociology), and Jill Connelly (Media Arts) spoke about how the new 34,900-square-foot building—featuring state-of-the-art classrooms, collaborative spaces, a darkroom suite, and a radio station—will elevate hands-on learning and foster innovation.

Pierce College Student Publications Earn National First-Place Awards

Pierce College student journalists continue to shine nationally, earning top honors from the American Scholastic Press Association (ASPA) for their outstanding work. Both *The Roundup* newspaper and *The Bull Magazine* received first-place awards in their respective categories for issues produced during the Fall 2024 semester.



The ASPA evaluates student publications based on content coverage, organization, design, presentation, and creativity, scoring them on a comprehensive point system. *The Bull Magazine* was recognized for its innovative theme, which explored all things automotive—from classic lowriders to the latest in electric vehicle technology and high-speed racing.

These award-winning publications were guided by two dedicated student editors-in-chief: Delilah Brumer (*The Roundup*) and Myraneli Fabian (*The Bull Magazine*). Their leadership and the hard work of their teams reflect the excellence of Pierce journalism students.



Pierce College's Dr. Gaga Shines at the 2025 Oscars

Pierce College celebrates its own Dr. Garineh Avakian—also known as Dr. Gaga—who took the stage at the 2025 Academy Awards. An associate professor of music and voice at Pierce College, Dr. Gaga performed with the renowned Los Angeles Master Chorale during the Oscars ceremony, which was televised live on Sunday, March 2.

Dr. Gaga has been a member of the LA Master Chorale since 2015 and is among its first-roster singers. As a member of the American Guild of Musical Artists, she regularly performs at Walt Disney Concert Hall, delivering both chorale and solo pieces.

Most recently, in January, she performed in *Lift Your Voice* with

Jason Max Ferdinand at Disney Hall, where 200 Pierce College students attended to show their support.

The Pierce College community applauds Dr. Gaga's achievement and for representing the college on one of the world's biggest stages.



Men's Basketball Celebrates Sophomore Night

The Los Angeles Pierce College Men's Basketball Team celebrated Sophomore Night on Friday, February 21, honoring the hard work and dedication of the team's sophomore players.

The event was a special moment for Brahma student-athletes as they reflected on their journey and looked ahead to the next chapter of their lives. Friends and family showed their support, making the night a memorable one as they cheered on the team and celebrated the contributions of these players.

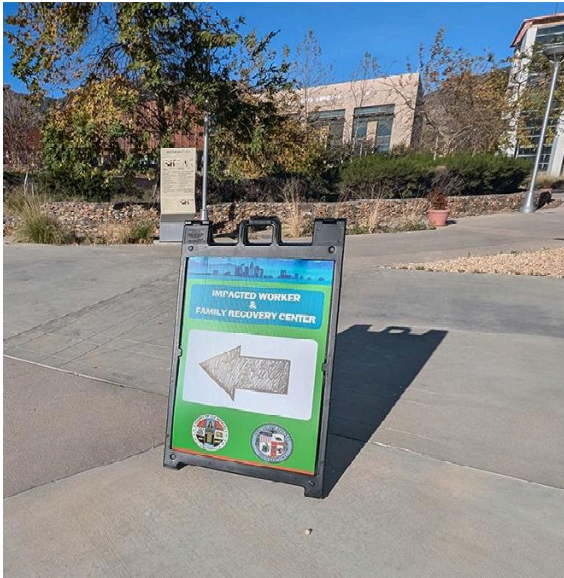




Free Tax Services

Through a partnership with California State University Northridge's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Clinic, Los Angeles Mission College will provide free tax return services to students and community members who made under \$67,000 in 2024.

VITA clinics will be held every Saturday from February 22 through April 5 from 9:15 am to 2:30 pm, with a special last chance event on Tuesday, April 15th, from 6:15–9 pm, just in time for Tax Day. For more information, [please visit our website](#).

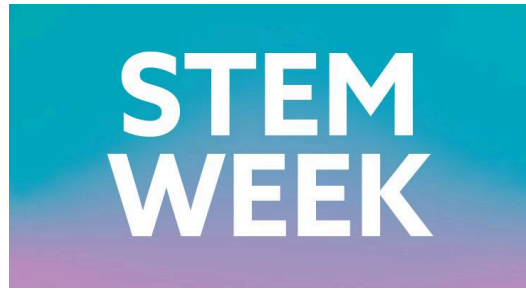


Impacted Worker & Family Fire Recovery Center

Throughout February, LAMC's WorkSource Center served as one of four Impacted Worker and Family Recovery Centers in Los Angeles, providing critical support to those affected by the January wildfires. Visitors received assistance with emergency shelter, rental aid, and tax filing, as well as access to educational and mental health resources and after-school program information.

Additionally, impacted workers could apply for the Wildfire Relief Fund, which offers up to \$2,000 for individuals and \$20,000 for small businesses.

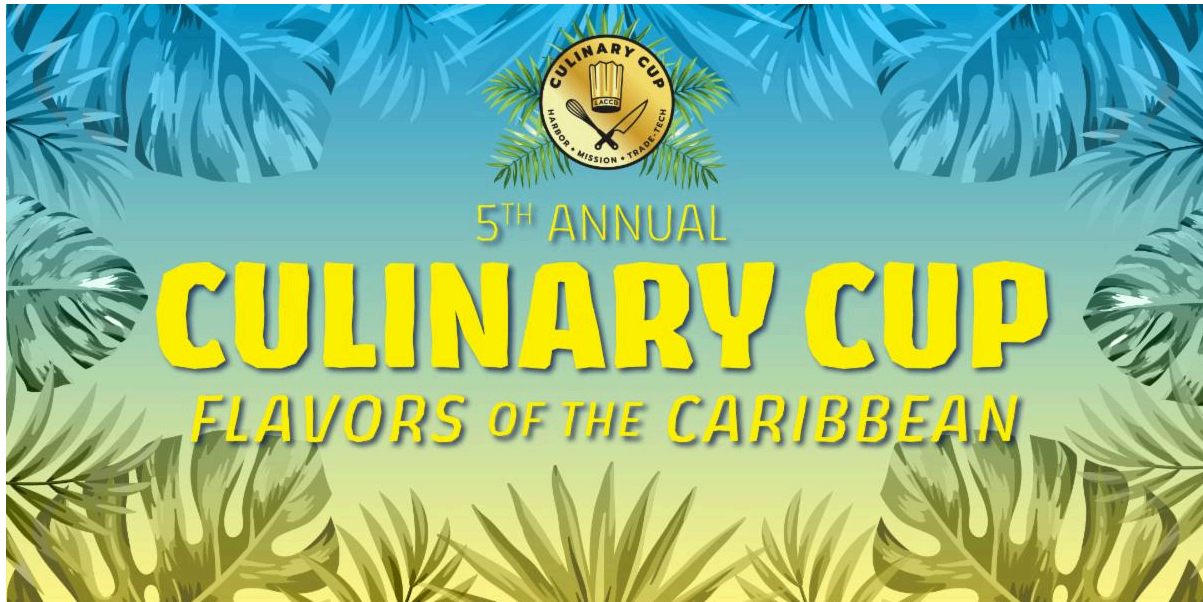
On Saturday, March 1st, Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass visited campus to tour the facility ahead of the March 5th deadline for the Wildfire Relief Fund.



STEM Week Returns in March

Starting Monday, March 10th, our STEM and Health & Fitness Pathway will host a week of events geared towards increasing awareness of our STEM programs, transfer opportunities, and careers within the vast fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

This year's lineup includes hot chocolate and stargazing with our Astronomy Department, a STEM Alumni Panel, and a Lotería Night.



Tickets are now available for the 5th Annual Culinary Cup

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 are now on sale! Please visit culinarycup2025.eventbrite.com and purchase your tickets today!


Upcoming Events

- **Dream Resource Forum**—Friday, March 14th, 9 am–2 pm—[RSVP Today!](#)
- **Rising Scholars Symposium**—Friday, April 25th, 9 am–2 pm—[RSVP Today!](#)



Los Angeles Harbor College presents...

Black History Month February 2025



FEB 1 **Black College Expo / Battle of the Bands**
Connect with representatives from a variety of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), as well as over 100 other colleges. AND enjoy an HBCU band takeover – 6 Bands, 6 Sounds, 1 Field
SoFi Stadium | Time: 10am – 3pm









FEB 10 **Library Kiosk Debut**
New exciting library feature will be available for students to use to learn about the contributions and achievements of Black and African American individuals in literature

FEB 18 **Zuzu African Acrobats / Celebrating Black Excellence**
Learn about our Black student success programs, enjoy a soul food lunch, and experience a Zuzu African Acrobat cultural performance
Student Union (MPR) Room 202 | Time: 11:30am – 1:30pm
Must RSVP: <https://bit.ly/ZUZUATLAHC25>

FEB 25 **Game Recognize Game: Maximizing Your Love Types**
Presented by A2MEND
Enjoy food and engage in insightful discussions regarding love, communication, and emotional intelligence
The Village, General Classrooms (GC 108) | Time: 1pm

FEB 26 **African American Read-In**
Honor African American authors through books and poetry readings. Lunch provided
The Village, General Classrooms (GC 108) | Time: 12:30pm - 1:30pm
Zoom Link / RSVP: <https://bit.ly/LAHCREADIN25>

Website: lhc.edu/umojaj | Email: umojaj@lhc.edu | Phone: (310) 233-4348 | Instagram: @umojaj | Office: General Classrooms Room 108


AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE
EDUCATION NETWORK & DEVELOPMENT

IN COLLABORATION WITH THE LIFE SKILLS CENTER!

GAME RECOGNIZE GAME: MAXIMIZING YOUR LOVE TYPES


PULL UP, GET SOME PIZZA, & LET'S
TALK REAL—HOW WE GIVE AND
RECEIVE LOVE, WHY COMMUNICATION
MATTERS, AND HOW TO LEVEL UP
YOUR EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY
25TH @ 1:00PM
UMOJA VILLAGE (GC 108)**



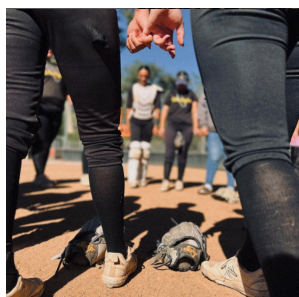
Game Recognize Game:
Maximizing Your Love Types

SIGN UP
NOW!




Celebrating Black History Month! We have had a great month of celebrations and events for Black History Month. One of the highlights was hosting the **Zuzu African Acrobats!** Next up is **Game Recognize Game: Maximizing your Love Types ~ the Art of Emotional Intelligence** on February 25th.

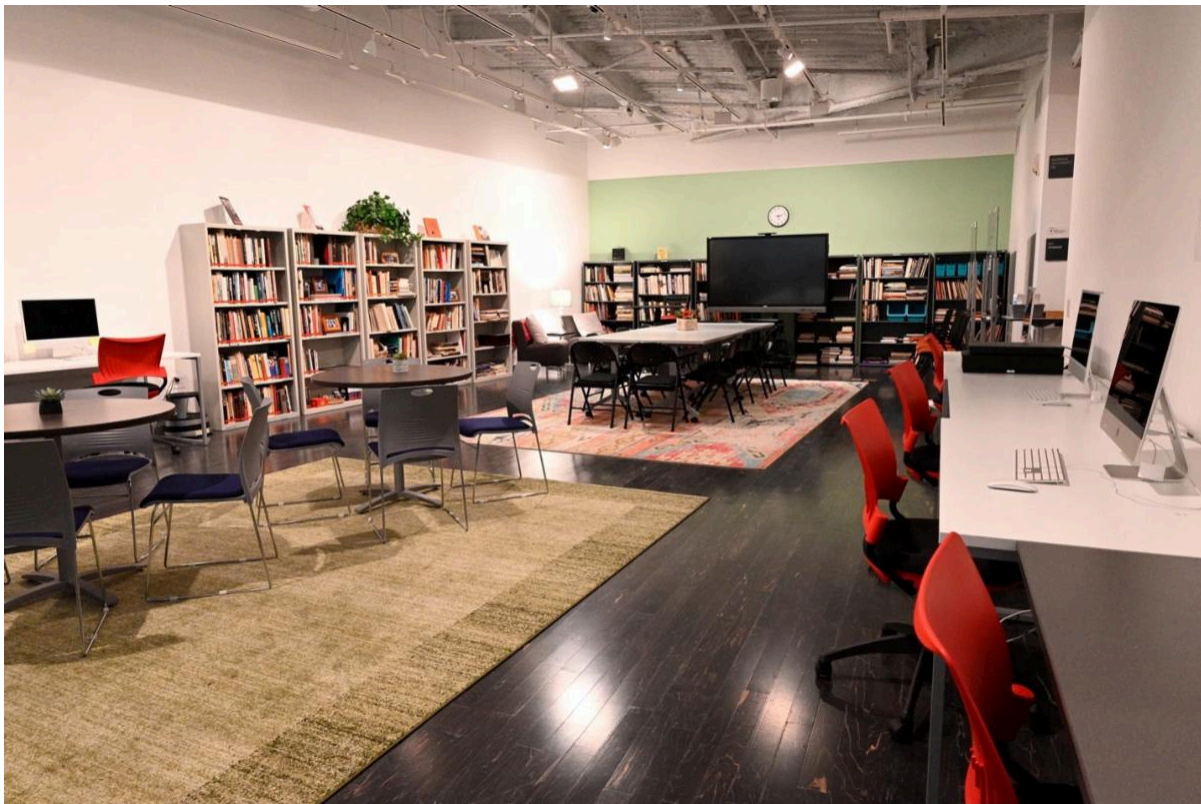
To close out the month of celebrations, Harbor will host an **African American Read-In, February 26, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm**



Athletics is in Full Swing ... Our **women's softball team** is on fire with a full schedule this coming week.

Baseball is on fire with their season as well. Come check out a game! For the most up-to-date Schedules and stats, visit our **athletic website**.

The Theater Department Presents: 10 Minute Play Festival. Join us on March 17, 2025 – 9:40 am in DS 107. This event is 100% student lead. LAHC students get to create and grow in the following areas: acting, directing, stage managing, light design, sound design, costume design.



VPAM Engagement Initiatives

On February 26, VPAM hosted its "Make Your Own Amulet" workshop, inviting students and community members to explore personal symbolism through hands-on art creation. Guided by professional artists, participants used mixed media to craft wearable talismans reflecting individual narratives and cultural traditions. This event aligned with VPAM's ongoing mission to bridge academic art practices with community storytelling, drawing 85 attendees according to preliminary participation data. Learning Lab and Lounge Elevates Arts Education

February saw the grand opening of VPAM's first-ever Learning Lab and Lounge on the museum's third floor. Designed as a multidisciplinary hub, this 1,200-square-foot space features:

- A specialized collection of 500+ art books, including rare letterpress editions
- Advanced digital tools: iMac workstations, smart touchscreen monitors, and professional-grade scanners
- Flexible collaboration zones for coursework and project development

"The Lab revolutionizes how we teach museum studies," noted Art Department Chair Dr. Elena Marquez during the opening tour. "Students can now handle archival materials while simultaneously accessing digital curation software – a combination previously unavailable at community colleges." Enrollment data shows 127 visual arts students utilized the Lab within its first two weeks of operation.



ELAC Community Check-in Chats

ELAC will continue to host Community Check-In Chat, a vital forum dedicated to advancing support systems for undocumented students and families navigating mixed-status realities. The next one will be held on March 20th at 3 pm on Zoom via bit.ly/checkinSP25.

Participants will engage with a dynamic agenda designed to address both urgent and long-term needs. The event opens with CARECEN's legal team providing updates on recent immigration policy changes impacting DACA recipients and undocumented scholars, including actionable guidance for renewal applications and state-specific protections. Following this, the Student Health Center will present new trauma-informed wellness strategies tailored to the stressors faced by mixed-status households, emphasizing culturally responsive coping mechanisms.

A highlight of the afternoon will be peer-led success stories, where ELAC students share their journeys through transfer pathways, scholarship acquisitions, and career development despite systemic barriers. These narratives will segue into a collaborative workshop segment, allowing attendees to draft personalized action plans with input from Dream Resource Center (DRC) advisors.

Whether you are seeking immediate support or strategies for long-term success, this dialogue will equip you with tools to thrive.



2025 Spring Symposium

LACC's 2025 Spring Symposium, held on February 6, was a dynamic gathering filled with informative sessions, impactful presentations, and meaningful conversations. Deepa Iyer led our culminating keynote workshop. The symposium also featured breakout sessions where faculty came together to exchange ideas, explore new perspectives and strengthen our bonds as a community of learners and teachers.



Honoring Black History Month

Throughout February, we celebrated Black History Month with a series of engaging events, including mixers, workshops, film screenings, and community gatherings. These moments of reflection and celebration allowed us to honor the contributions of Black leaders, artists, and scholars while fostering meaningful discussions about history, resilience, and the path forward.



Welcoming the Year of the Dragon: Lunar New Year Celebration

LACC rang in the Lunar New Year with a joyous celebration featuring delicious Asian cuisine, a captivating live drum performance, and an elegant calligraphy demonstration. The event was a

wonderful opportunity to embrace cultural traditions, share in festive cheer, and strengthen our connections with one another.



Animate Exhibit

On February 20, LACC held a reception for the new “Animate” exhibition of figurative drawings, paintings and sculptures from visual artists in a range of styles. The art depicts anthropomorphic and celestial entities as well as people, animals, and insects. The exhibit will be open at LACC’s Da Vinci Hall until March 14.

Supporting Our Community: Free Food Drive

We remain deeply committed to supporting the well-being of our students and community members. On February 26, LACC hosted a free Food Drive, generously sponsored by the Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, The Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, and Baby2Baby. Events like these remind us of the power of collaboration and collective care, ensuring that every member of our campus community has access to essential resources.

Upcoming Events

LACC Launches Cubby Cares Training

LACC has launched Cubby Cares, a new transformative initiative. Aimed at enhancing student retention and success at LACC, Cubby Cares focuses on fostering a culture of care and connectedness within our campus community, recognizing that students who feel supported and engaged are more likely to persist and achieve their academic goals. Cubby Cares strives to increase student enrollment, promote term-to-term persistence, and strengthen the bond between our students and the campus.

TG12 Job Fair

LACC will host the second annual TG12 Job Fair on March 27 from 10am to 4pm. Students will have a chance to network, grow and connect with inclusive employers and learn about resources.

District Office Events & Updates





LACCD at LAEDC's Economic Forecast 2025

Interim Chancellor Alberto Román represented LACCD at the **LAEDC Economic Forecast 2025** at East Los Angeles College, with Board of Trustees President Kelsey Iino, Deputy Chancellor Nicole Albo-Lopez and Vice Chancellor Jim Lancaster in attendance. This year's event offered a deep dive into the economic forces shaping the region and beyond, covering key topics such as the impact of Hollywood strikes, shifts in immigration policies, wildfire recovery, and evolving global trade dynamics.

Governor Gavin Newsom attended the event to address the economic toll of recent wildfires, highlighting the state's recovery efforts and his vision for California's future. In a press conference, he unveiled plans to fast-track permits, support rebuilding efforts, and accelerate housing development to meet the state's growing needs.

This event reinforced the importance of informed decision-making and proactive strategies in building a resilient economy for Los Angeles and California.



Office of Human Resources



The Human Resources Division is pleased to share the March edition of our HR Newsletter. Launched in January 2025, this newsletter was created to celebrate and inform the District's greatest asset—our employees.

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LACCD Enrollment update



LACCD Enrollment Update

Spring 2025 TO Spring 2024 COMPARISONS

DAY 21 - RELATIVE TO THE BEGINNING OF INSTRUCTION

Relative Day Comparisons for Day 21, comparing Spring 2025 (Monday, March 3, 2025) to Spring 2024 (Monday, February 26, 2024). Data source: LACCD PS Student Information System.

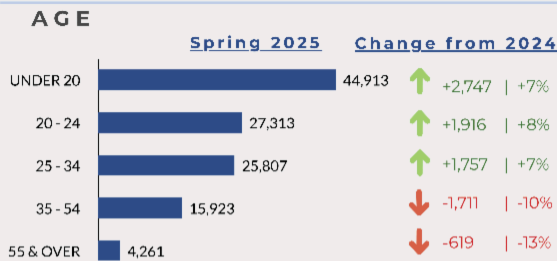
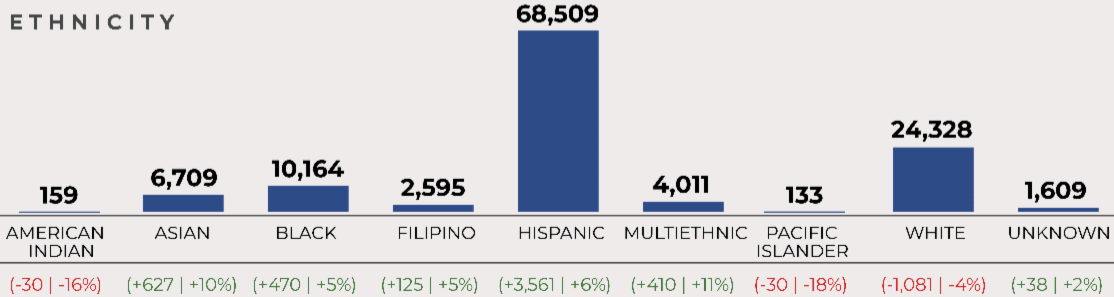
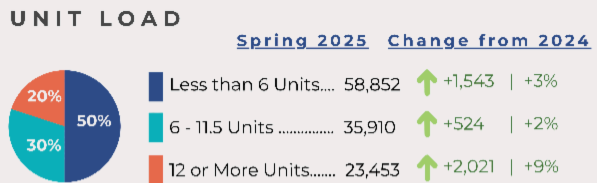
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118,217
 104%
 114,127

ENROLLMENT
248,723
 104%
 238,168

SECTION COUNT
9,947
 100%
 9,980

ENROLLMENT DIVIDED BY SECTION
25.0
 105%
 23.9

GENDER	Spring 2025	Change from 2024
FEMALE	63,692	↑ +1,940 +3%
MALE	51,739	↑ +1,799 +4%
NON-BINARY	1,018	↑ +81 N/A
UNKNOWN	1,768	↑ +270 N/A



ENROLLMENT STATUS

Enrollment Status	Spring 2025	Change from 2024
FIRST-TIME	4,797	↓ -937 -16%
TRANSFER	8,042	↑ +976 +14%
RETURNING	7,688	↓ -122 -2%
CONTINUING	76,133	↑ +6,835 +10%
CONCURRENT HIGH SCHOOL	21,509	↑ +2,755 +15%

NONCREDIT HEADCOUNT & ENROLLMENT

HEADCOUNT
15,258
 112%
 13,595

ENROLLMENT
28,958
 116%
 25,040

CLASS MODALITY & FILL RATE

Class Modality	Fill Rate
Remote	48%
Hybrid	8%
In-Person	44%
FILL RATE:	83%
	73%
	71%

SOURCE: LACCD Office of Institutional Effectiveness

Spring 2025 Enrollment Update:

Comparing Spring 2025 to Spring 2024 as day 21 of the semester, districtwide, student credit headcount and enrollment are up by 4%, class offerings are unchanged, and enrollment per section is up by 5%. Increases are observed for most student age groups (+7% for the under age 20 group, +8% for the 20-24 age group, +7% for the 25-34 age group), while some have declined (-10% for the 35-54 age group, and -13% for the 55+ age group). Additionally, increases are observed for Asian students (+10%), Hispanic students (+6%), Black students (+5%), while White students show a decline (-4%). Compared to Spring 2024, a 10% increase in continuing students is observed along with a 15% increase in concurrent high school students, and a 14% increase in transfer students. In contrast, first-time students

and returning students have shown declines (by -16% and -2%, respectively). Noncredit headcount increased by +12% (from 13,595 to 15,258) and enrollment increased by +16% (from 25,040 to 28,958). Modality of classes is 48% remote, 44% in-person, and 8% hybrid. Remote classes have the highest fill rate (83%) followed by hybrid (73%) and in-person classes (71%).

[View the LACCD Spring 2025 Enrollment Update PDF version](#)

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