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LACC'S METACITY PROGRAM USES VIRTUAL UNIVERSE TO PROVIDE INNOVATIVE TEACHING AND LEARNING

(August 19, 2022) Los Angeles – Los Angeles City College (LACC) is at the forefront of creating and using extended reality technologies for innovative teaching and learning.

LACC recently launched their summer/fall 2022 MetaCity academy, with 46 additional employees joining the program resulting in 100 LACC faculty and staff who are creating accessible, virtual reality learning experiences.

“Our MetaCity Program enables LACC faculty and students to use augmented (AR), virtual (VR) and mixed (MR) reality in new and engaging ways through the creation of virtual experiences that can mitigate learning barriers in a variety of fields, including STEM courses, medical simulations, and technical education while also increasing hands-on learning and student success,” said Marcy Drummond, Vice President for Economic and Social Mobility Innovation at Los Angeles City College.

“We are proud to expand our MetaCity program,” said Dr. Mary Gallagher, President, Los Angeles City College. “LACC continues to prepare our students with the technological competencies necessary to become leaders in every career and for the future of work. Our AR/VR/MR classes help students grasp abstract concepts and gain hands-on experience in low-risk, high-quality virtual settings.”

The classes provide a variety of benefits for students and professors, including the ability to reinforce and enhance content originally delivered in live or in online lectures; provide students with hands-on experiences; better convey 3D concepts; enable students to apply critical thinking to realistic occupational scenarios; and enable students to view objects, internal components, and scenarios they otherwise would not be able to access.

MetaCity instructors have created AR/VR/MR lessons in more than 30 disciplines including English, Mathematics, Chemistry, Dental Technology, College Counseling, Anatomy, Electronics, History, Microbiology, Music, and more.

During the Spring 2022 semester, more than 1,100 students used AR/VR/MR lessons and 301 students earned an AR/VR/MR digital badge/credential.

About Los Angeles City College

Established in 1929, Los Angeles City College is one of the oldest of the California Community Colleges. Located in the heart of Hollywood, LACC provides a dynamic innovative learning environment offering more than 100 vocational and professional programs including associate degrees, transfer programs, and certificates to more than 18,000 students. Los Angeles City College is home to one of the most vibrant and diverse campuses in the country. The campus provides a wide range of professional and vocational programs at a fraction of the cost of state and private colleges.