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# President's Progress Report

## President's Message

Dear Students, Faculty and Staff,

As the summer comes to a close and we prepare together for the coming academic year, I wish to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to Los Angeles City College. The start of the year is always a special time on our campus, with new students, returning students, new faculty and new staff.

I look forward to fall 2017 semester and wish to take this opportunity to share with you some updates from our community. As we move forward towards the opportunities and challenges facing higher education today, we continue to be dedicated to making decisions that strengthens our community, create a quality learning environment for our students, allow and assist faculty in pursuing their passion to teach and position our college for future success.

Five years have gone by since I first arrived at Los Angeles City College. We have made tremendous changes to campus environment. This past year the completion of two buildings Holmes Hall and Student Services with our new Welcome Center and Da Vinci in construction.

## Los Angeles City College Symposium-Flex

On August 28, 2017 Los Angeles City College held its fall 2017 Flex Day Symposium for faculty and staff in the LACC Student Union building.

LACCD Chancellor, Dr. Francisco Rodriguez and LACCD Board of Trustees, Mike Fong attended the ceremony to welcome returning faculty, new faculty, returning staff and new staff back to LACC fall semester.

Chancellor Rodriguez gave a heartfelt speech to both faculty and staff on the outstanding work

LACC new Student Services building is now a one-stop-shop where students can manage and organize all their student services in one location.

The Welcome Center staff is there to assist you with receiving your student ID card, enrolling in classes and much, much more.

We continue to find new ways to exercise our college mission, educate our students and advance our work by improving our technology to ensure your college experience is new and effective.

This summer LACC website changed its look. The website provides more information, user friendly and allows students, faculty, and staff to navigate with ease.

I am deeply grateful to our faculty and staff for their contributions and extraordinary dedication to our students. I am honored to be a part of a community college that cares about its student's education. I wish you a successful fall semester and welcome you to Los Angeles City College.

Yours in Student Success

Renee D. Martinez



LACC President Renee D. Martinez

they had done and encouraged all to continue to give students excellent services and to continue to work together collectively to ensure students are successful in their educational goals.

LACC college president, Renee D. Martinez gave her welcome opening speech and thanked everyone for the hard work they had put into making LACC an educational institution for students to receive a quality education.

President Martinez also spoke to

faculty and staff of the positive direction LACC is moving towards.

President Martinez announced several new changes that the college underwent over the summer session such as the new SIS modernization project, budget, enrollment, construction update, marketing, launching of LACC new website look and participating in LACC Pride Week.

"The college administrators are looking forward to a productive and successful semester. We must all continue to work together to improve the mission of the college" said President Martinez.



## LACCD Chancellor Message, Dr. Francisco Rodriguez

Dear LACCD Students, Staff, and Faculty colleagues:

This morning, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced that the DACA program (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) has been rescinded. He has directed the Department of Homeland Security to "wind-down" the program, and has signaled to Congress time to address this issue over the next six months.

This ruling affects our Dreamer student population, within the approximately 11,000 undocumented students, enrolled in the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD). We have immediately started work to better understand the implications of this decision on our families, classrooms, and communities.

Those currently enrolled in DACA will be able to continue working until their permits expire; those whose permits expire by March 5, 2018, will be permitted to apply for a two-year renewal as long as they do so by October 5, 2017. For now, our message is clear: Stay enrolled in school and, if working, maintain your employment. Do nothing to jeopardize your current status. We will communicate often and clearly as we learn more.

On behalf of the nine college presidents and LACCD's Board of Trustees, I want to reaffirm LACCD's commitment as a place where all students can enroll and achieve their educational goals, regardless of their immigration status. Our

undocumented students are integral and valued members of our LACCD family. These are extraordinarily talented students who have sacrificed to better themselves, their families and their communities, and our country. Over my years as an educator, I have taught and studied alongside many undocumented students striving to achieve their educational dreams—their courage is inspiring.

The President's decision, while uncertain and unsettling for our Dreamer students and their families—is not defeating, nor will it dissuade us from providing advocacy and support for this segment of our student body.

Any threat to this vulnerable constituency is a threat to us all. Since 2012 when DACA was enacted, LACCD has made a firm and unwavering commitment to undocumented students.

As educators, we have invested in their success, and in return, they have made positive contributions to our classrooms and in our communities. I want to reassure you that LACCD—as a public higher education institution—will not stand back and allow our brothers and sisters to lose their right to a high quality and affordable education. My note today is to underscore that "we have their back."

In June 2017, the Board of Trustees passed a resolution that reaffirms student privacy protections, resources and services provided by LACCD for all undocumented students attending any of our nine colleges. Please go to [www.laccd.edu](http://www.laccd.edu) and click on the LACCD

Immigration Resources button for additional resources and information.

On August 31, Board President Sydney Kamlager-Dove and I sent a letter to President Trump urging him to uphold the 2012 executive actions that created the DACA program. Today, we sent another letter to our Congressional leaders urging them to pass the bipartisan DREAM Act, or to enact legislation to provide our Dreamer students, raised in this country, the opportunity to live free from the fear of deportation and give them the permanent residency solution they deserve. Dreamers are vital to the future health of our economy and to the stability of our nation. These young people are aspiring Americans, pursuing their higher education goals, working hard, and paying taxes. With them, our economy grows, our communities thrive and we continue to have a distinct, global competitive advantage.

As Chancellor, this issue is personal to me. As a proud son of immigrant factory workers, I pledge to keep the doors of LACCD's colleges open for all students seeking an education, particularly for the most vulnerable and poorest in our communities. We will continue to advocate relentlessly, fearlessly and unapologetically for the rights of all students, regardless of their immigration status.

In closing, my message to all undocumented LACCD students is to stay enrolled at your LACCD College. You have our support, respect and admiration. We are committed to standing by your side as you succeed and reach your goals at LACCD.

Adelante estudiantes!

## Vice President of Student Services, Dr. Regina Smith

It was a busy Summer for the LACC as we prepared for the Fall 2017 semester. LACC new Student Services Building opened for

the first time to Fall 2017 students. Academic Affairs and Students Services joined hands and welcomed all students with a Scavenger Hunt and Resource Fair.

Our new Welcome Center (One-stop Center) was so successful serving approximately 8,000 students that we had to create another Welcome Center Lab on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

President Martinez declared LACC Pride Week during the first week of school. The entire campus supported the president by wearing LACC shirts and "Ask Me" buttons to create a welcoming environment for our new and continuing students. LACC's focus is to increase enrollment, course load and SSSP core services.

To prepare for Fall 2017 semester, both Academic Affairs and Student Services



collaborated on projects and events such as Beat the Rush and Ticket to Success which also supported LA Promise and First Year Experience.

The activities for both events included calling 2,500 students to complete their enrollment process, various training sessions in SIS system for both faculty and staff, set-up various information tables of academic departments and student services programs, ASG club rush with club tables in the Student Union Building, students from the President's Scholars receiving laptops, distributed backpacks for EOPS and FYE students, and other means for the incoming Fall semester.

Due to the hot weather, we developed a hydration table with the assistance of Administrative Services which aided students in handling the heat.

LACC Student Services expects this semester to be a productive one. As always we are here for our students and welcome you to LACC,

Dr. Regina Smith, VP of Student Services

**Los Angeles City College**  
**Welcome Center is open**  
**Monday-Thursday**  
**9am-6:30pm**  
**Fridays**  
**9:30am-2pm**

## Vice President of Administrative Services, Dr. John Al-Amin



Welcome back!

This has been a difficult September given the unusual weather we have had, the various equipment failures we have experienced during the first week of school, and our declining enrollment. Even with these difficulties, we are making strides in Administrative Services to deal with each of these issues.

While we don't control the weather, we are working feverishly to resolve the temperature fluctuations throughout our buildings. Unfortunately, our central plant is not large enough to address the size and needs of our campus. To address this, we have a project underway to replace and expand the current physical plant.

The proposed work will make the upgrades that are necessary to improve the temperatures within our classrooms and offices. However, this

project may not be completed until late 2018. We are awaiting final review of the project at the Division of the State Architect and once this is done, we can then send the project out for public bid and begin construction.

In the meantime, staff are making routine checks of our campus HVAC equipment, making needed repairs and replacements as needed. We are extremely short staffed, which makes our responses even more challenging, but efforts are underway to increase current staffing levels in order to provide better response times and perform preventive, not reactive, maintenance.

For some, this may seem to be a "too little, too late, or not fast enough" response to the numerous facilities issues that we have. However, the solutions that we are implementing will provide us with sustainable operations that will benefit our students, staff, and

our community. Unfortunately, they are not simple, easy to implement, and there are limited, quick, short term solutions that will resolve our facilities issues.

Facilities staff are working to make our environment a better one. In time, that will soon become a reality.

If you have service issues or concerns that you feel are not being addressed, please contact me at x2086 or stop by my office in AD 218.

Wishing you a successful year!

Dr. John al-Amin, VP of Administrative Services



## Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Daniel Walden

Greetings LACC Faculty!

Welcome to the 2017 fall semester at Los Angeles City College. I trust you all enjoyed some relaxation and had a great summer. Now it is time to once again turn our attention to operating the college, teaching classes, and working with our students to reach their academic and life goals.

While we face challenges with declining enrollments and the implementation of a new district wide student information system (PeopleSoft), we have much to celebrate. I am happy to report once again that annual degree completion is up by 15% and certificate completion is up by approximately 23% for the 2016-2017 academic year. This is due to your excellent and hard work in the classroom, the tremendous support services we receive from student and administrative services, and the outstanding quality of students at LACC. Oh by the way, we have a new website! Check it out and let us know what you think.

Many of our programs and students have celebrated receiving outstanding awards and other honors this past year. Also, the most recent licensure pass rate for our graduating nursing students is 100%. I could go on and on, but you and I know how great LACC really is. I think our biggest challenge is finding ways to communicate the greatness of this college to the

community which we serve. If more people really knew the LACC story, I am convinced that we would have more students standing at the door to get in than we could physically accommodate in our facilities. So, let us continue to work together to improve our classroom experience and service to students while looking for more effective ways to market the good news of this great college.

I want to welcome to our academic community two new academic deans, Doctors Carol Kozeracki and Vi Ly. Dr. Kozeracki was recently chosen as the permanent dean of IDWG 1, while Dr. Ly was chosen as dean of IDWG 3. Please join me in welcoming them to our academic team.

While you are learning how to log on and access PeopleSoft, please remember many students have faced, and continue to face, significant challenges in registering for classes. So, please be patient and work with them to make sure they get all of the classes they need this semester. Just as the Academic Affairs website has an FAQ link to assist you as faculty in accessing the new system, the Student Services webpage also has an FAQ link to assist students. Please familiarize yourself with both of these sections so you can assist your colleagues and students in adapting to this new system.

Finally, let me say that the staff, deans, and I in Academic Affairs are here to assist and help you in any way we can. So, please do

not hesitate to call upon us.

Let's have a great, enjoyable, and prosperous fall 2017 semester!

Go City Go!

Dr. Daniel Walden, VP of Academic Affairs

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**  
OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

**LACC ASG**  
**ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

On August 28-31, the Associated Student Government successfully hosted welcome week during the first week of school. Welcome week included student activities in order to get students involved on campus. Some activities included life size chess, a piñata, giant jenga, and checkers in front of the student union building.

Students were also provided free food, campus tours, music, and LACC giveaway items such as water bottles, backpacks and blue books. They also hosted a club preview event where existing clubs tabled in front of the student union building in order to get new members to sign up. The ASG also sponsored free haircuts, and showcased the student resource center where students can stop by throughout the school year for free gently used clothing, toiletries, shoes, canned food, and much more.

Any student interested in becoming involved in the ASG can contact President Mark Mathes at [asgpres@lacitycollege.edu](mailto:asgpres@lacitycollege.edu). They may also stop by the ASG office located on the second floor of the student union building. Additionally, any student interested in joining a club or starting their own club can email the Vice President of Clubs, Teresa Morgan Cruz at [asgvpc@lacitycollege.edu](mailto:asgvpc@lacitycollege.edu). The ASG will also be hosting club rush week September 18<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> in the campus quad. Any students interested in learning about the different clubs on campus should definitely stop by.



students posing with LACC cubby bear



students in the new Student Services building at LACC



students posing with their sweat shirts