



President's Newsletter

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President's Welcome

Welcome Back! As we move into Spring 2016 I can honestly say it has been an exciting new semester.

Los Angeles City College just completed its long and arduous accreditation evaluation with a positive review.

Construction projects are ongoing. We now have new tennis courts, new facilities maintenance department, new college banners, and the new Student Service building is expected to be completed by this fall 2016.

As always, I would like to thank you all for your patience with the construction on campus. We are working hard to make sure your college experience is safe and rewarding.

Remember, to take advantage of the many resources LACC has to offer: Financial Aid, Counseling, Student Assistance Center, Transfer Center, Career Centers, Community Services, and much, much more.

I encourage you in between your

busy schedule to get involved with our ASG (Associated Student Government), and campus clubs.

Also, encourage your students to apply for scholarships. Student education is important and there are plenty of financial resources to help meet their goals.

Remember, our administrators and faculty members are highly qualified in their fields and take pride in helping our students to become successful in their academic achievements.

Our wonderful support staff is here to make sure our students receive professional and caring services. I wish you a successful 2016 spring semester! Again, welcome to LACC!

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President Renee D. Martinez

LACC Workforce Development/CTE Department Continues to Help Stimulate the Workforce

Under the leadership of Dean Alex Davis and Dean Felicia Dueñas, Los Angeles City College, Workforce Development/CTE has submitted a \$4M grant application (over four years), on behalf of all nine LACCD colleges, to the Department of Labor in support of the TechHire Initiative that will provide training to 400 young adults (17-29yr old) and 100 AT&T incumbent workers in the Institute for Coding & Information Technology (CIT).

The CIT is uniquely positioned to address the region's acute and long-term IT workforce needs given that Los Angeles is projected to be among the nation's top five contributors to jobs in the IT sector over the next five years. CIT is targeting the following occupations: Junior Developers, Software Developers (Applications and Systems Software), Computer User Support Specialists, and Web Developers.





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*Dr. Daniel Walden
VP of Academic Affairs*

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*Dr. Regina Smith
VP of Student Services*

**LACC GRADUATION:
JUNE 7th, 2016 @ 5PM
GREEK THEATRE**



Department of Academic Affairs

This spring holds some exciting and challenging times for LACC. It is exciting as we move the agenda on student completion and improving enrollment management.

Last spring, we saw a 50% increase in the number of graduates. Also, we just hosted the accreditation visiting team, comprised of our colleagues from other community colleges around the state, who represent the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC).

I believe it went exceptionally well. Thank you all for your great work during this process. We will know the final results of this visit as it pertains to our status with ACCJC in early July 2016.

I think our biggest challenge this semester is hiring the best 13 new faculty possible to embark on the tenured track journey.

"Student centered to ensure Access, Success, and Completion"

Department of Student Services

Welcome back to Los Angeles City College!

The Student Services Success Team hit the ground running. Our faculty, staff, and students started the new year with a professional development Kick-Off. Faculty and staff participated in the following professional development activities:

AB 540 Ally Training

To learn how to become better advocates for our AB540 students. This training was facilitated by Michael Lopez and representatives from California State University Los Angeles.

True Color Training

Faculty and staff received this training to learn about personality type indicators and various work styles. The focus was to improve work relationships with each other as well as students. Each participant was certified as a True Color trainer.

In addition to the professional development training, EOPS/CalWORKs/CARE/TRIO/Upward Bound/Guardian Scholars had 77 students participate in a staff retreat. The retreat was facilitated by Associate Dean Jeanette Magee.

In addition, we are working to face our continuing budget challenges and refine our enrollment management processes to be efficient and effective in serving every student who wants to attend LA City College while living within our budgetary limits.

Consequently, we have already begun creation and preparation of creating the class schedule for the 2016-2017 academic year. Our intent is to create an entirely student need-based schedule for the year. Your feedback, input, and cooperation with this process is proving most helpful.

I thank all of you for making LA City College a place where students get the best education available, and I hope to see you all around campus during the remaining part of Spring 2016.

Daniel Walden, Ph.D.
Vice President of Academic Affairs

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"One of our goals for the 2015-16 academic year is to ensure that all of our Student Services programs are "meaningful, manageable, and measureable."

These goals include: Provide student access and success, maintain a balanced budget, increase educational opportunities, and work together with faculty, staff, and students to ensure student success.

Please look for our Student Learning Outcome posters around the campus. These posters reinforce the campus mission, department vision, and our expected student-learning outcome. Congratulations to Student Services for having a 100% completion rate of their SLO assessments.

Student Services is developing orientations in Spanish, Korean, Chinese, and Armenian. LACC was recently ranked number **3** in the district among the number of orientations provided to high school students in fall 2015. Orientations are now available online and in person.

“Student centered to ensure Access, Success, and Completion” (cont.)

Financial Aid department

The department was recognized for their hard work, dedication, and partnership with EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs/TRIO department. Kudos to Dr. Jeremy Villar, Michell Anderson, Calvin Rankin, and the entire Financial Aid Department.

April

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. We have a new Title IX website. Please go to <http://www.lacitycollege.edu/>

and search Title IX. Denim Day is **April 27**. We are asking everyone to wear their denim jeans to lend support of sexual assault and rape awareness. Special thanks to Mr. Reynold Garcia, ASG and Associate Dean Jeanette Magee for their sponsorship and support.

Outreach

In fall 2015, Student Services hosted 40 principals during the President Martinez principal breakfast. In spring 2016, Student Services hosted 64 high school counselors during our first annual counselors summit.

City Pathways: will host approximately 400 students.

City Madness: Is expected to host a vast number of students during spring break. Special thanks to Ms. Terri Anderson, CGCA’s, student ambassadors and Dean Andriassian for their coordination.

Saturday Student Services

Student Services general counseling is open on Saturdays to be more accessible to students.

Special thanks to counseling chair Boris Lopez and Rocio Rubalcava and the entire admissions/records team for a job well done.

OSS and Veterans

OSS and the Office of Veteran Resource Center are pairing up to provide additional support services to our students thanks to an upcoming grant. OSS is providing above and beyond services to ensure students with disabilities encounter minimal problems when attempting to access our student labs. Special thanks to Susan Matranga, Donna Morley, Ryan Kushner, Krixa Lim, and Dr. Randy Anderson.

3SP& Counseling Services

As a preventive tool, our 3SP team along with other student services departments initiated a new project to increase student success titled “*From Probation to Academic Success.*” The Counseling Department is encouraging students to come in early to discuss developing strategies to increase their student success rate. These counseling sessions are targeted at those students who are at risk of losing their BOG FEE waiver and priority enrollment.

Student Services Building Update

We are looking forward to the completion of our new Student Services Building during the fall of 2016. We plan to have a grand opening ceremony in spring 2017.

Regina Smith, Ph.D.
Vice President of Student Services



LACC New Student Service Center



**TWO SESSIONS
SUMMER 2016
CLASSES BEGINS
JUNE 13TH
ENROLL NOW!**

Reneè D. Martinez, President, Los Angeles City College, Shares Her Journey as Latina College

Los Angeles City College President Renee D. Martinez presented a conversation about a journey of a Latina college president on March 24. Students and staff in attendance heard how Martinez became a college president starting from a preschool teacher, and how she overcame difficulties. The Women's History Celebration festivities continues. Join the celebration!



[View Women's History Celebration flyer](#)



March 7-10 ACCJC Accreditation Team Visits LACC

On March 7-10 Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) Team visited Los Angeles City College after six years from its last visit.

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC) accredits community colleges and other associate degree granting institutions in the Western region of the U.S.

The purpose of ACCJC visit was to evaluate the college's academic standings to make sure that it met all requirements to run a community college.

The ACCJC accreditation process provides assurance to the public that the accredited member colleges meet the Standards; the education earned at the institutions is of value to the student who earned it;

and employers, trade or profession-related licensing agencies, and other colleges and universities can accept a student's credential as legitimate.

Because of our LACC family we established enough evidence collectively to have only one unmet standard (Distance Education) as a college.

Congratulations to Student Services for being commended for (1) High level of passion and commitment for student success, (2) Guardian Scholars/Foster Youth-Model for state and nation, (3) Veteran Resource Center, (4) Strong partnership between foundation and college, (5) Effective Institutional Planning and Governance Handbook, (6) Office of Institutional Effectiveness provides operational data reports to facilitate decision-making.

We also want to congratulate our students for being commended for an award-winning Collegian Newspaper.

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LACC Employees Receive President's "On the Spot Recognition of Excellence in Service" Award



Congratulations to Assistant Dean, Angelica Ramirez of Academic Affairs-noncredit and classified staff, Mee Lane Kyon of Administrative Services, for receiving the "On the Spot Recognition of Excellence in Service" award.

On March 29, 2016 President Reneè D. Martinez presented the awards to Dean Ramirez and Ms. Kyon after being nominated by Associate Dean, Alen Andriassian for their excellence work performance.

"Angelica is one of the hardest working administrators on campus", said Associate Dean Andriassian. She has a positive attitude and truly cares for students. Assistant Dean Ramirez was recognized for her leadership abilities, teamwork efforts, and her eagerness to always assist her fellow colleagues. Angelica is recognized for being knowledgeable, patient, and considerate. She is a leader with integrity, but at the same time humble. "It is comforting to know you have a colleague who is always there to support you", said Associate Dean Andriassian.

Mee Lane is recognized for being extremely hardworking and is always willing to assist her colleagues. The administration relies on Mee Lane to assist them with college budgetary concerns. Mee Lane is very knowledgeable, efficient, and detailed when providing this information. She was recently asked to assist Associate Dean Andriassian with a SSSP deadline which met the goal intended. "Being one of the newest deans on campus, it is nice to know you can count on someone. She is always busy, but finds the time to smile and help", said Associate Dean Alen Andriassian.





Los Angeles City College Quarterly Construction Update

CONSTRUCTION PHASE

Construction continues on the **Student Services Building** and is expected to be completed and ready for move-in in Fall of 2016.

The Holmes Hall Renovation Project is 85% complete and interior finish work is proceeding in all floors. Expected occupancy is August 2016.

The construction is underway on the **Physical Plant and Tennis Courts Projects**. They are scheduled to be completed and occupied by May 2015.

The **Vermont Street (Redline) Improvement Project** is currently in construction. Main entrance work is scheduled to be completed by May 2016.

PRE-DESIGN / DESIGN PHASE

The **Central Plant Phase II** has been awarded to Southland Industries. Schematic Design is 100% complete.

DaVinci Hall Project – Value Engineering is 90% complete. Submission to DSA is scheduled for April 2016 and Bid and Award process is scheduled to begin in May 2016.

The **Campus Wide Accessibility Improvement Phase I** plans have received DSA approval. Currently incorporating permeable paving for Lot 1 as part of this project. Phase II is pending contract for design team.

Campus Wide Security Project and **Campus Wide Landscape & Hardscape Improvements** are in the procurement of a programming architect.

The **Cesar Chavez - Admin. Building Modernization Project** is in design development and has been submitted to the campus for review. Design Development is scheduled to go to FMPOC for approval in May 2016

LACCD District Wide LEED Projects Summary

	Total # of LEED Projects on CAMPUS
City College	8
East LA College	9
Harbor College	8
Mission College	5
Pierce College	8
Southwest College	7
Trade Tech College	5
Valley College	11
West LA College	5
VDK	1
Total # of LEED Projects on CAMPUS	67

