

President's Newsletter spring 2015

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President's Message

Welcome to spring 2015! Thank you for choosing LACC as your choice for education. LACC is an innovative college that is deeply committed to academic excellence and student success. We hope you enjoy your time here on campus and encourage you to use the many resources and services we have to offer to ensure your educational success.

It has been an exciting past year and this semester will be even more exciting. As most of you know we have completed several construction projects since our last campus newsletter. Kinesiology building is now completed and we have begun construction on the new Student Service Center located in the center quad of campus. February celebrates the re-opening of Clausen Hall and Da Vinci Hall will soon undergo construction in June 2015.

LACC has been proudly helping students achieve their life goals and dreams. City college now offers 14 associate degree transfer programs to the CSU of your choice. Under Student Services program, we have added an additional assessment room where students can "drop-in" for testing. We encourage our students to complete their chosen program so they attain a recognized degree, certificate, and credential which will offer a feeling of pride in completion.

The Office of the President is proud to present its upcoming new monthly "*City Chatter*" publication. *City Chatter* was created to keep our faculty, staff, and students informed of month-to-month activities in our campus community. *City Chatter* will be located on our LACC website for your convenience.

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 also here to make sure our students receive professional and caring services while here at LACC. I wish you a successful 2015 spring semester!

Again, welcome to LACC! We look forward to meeting you and helping you achieve your dreams.

Yours in Student Success,

*Reneé D. Martínez, President
Los Angeles City College*



President Reneé D. Martínez

**LACC SPRING
2015**
*Last Day to drop
Classes with a "W"*

*May 10th
(Sunday)*





“Ripples”

Los Angeles City College Sculpture Dedication

On November 3rd, 2014 at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, Los Angeles City College Foundation hosted the 2014 Gala where Steve Lebowitz among other distinguishing honorees (David & Merryl Alpert and Lula Ballton) was honored for his accomplishments and commitment to LACC. The Gala raised over \$450,000 and all proceeds were used to fund scholarships, and provide other means of financial support for our dedicated and deserving LACC students.

On January 13th, 2015, Los Angeles City College held a dedication ceremony for the new “Ripples” sculpture located in the center quad area of campus. Attending the ceremony was Steve and Debi Lebowitz and artist Jeffery Laudenslager. The event was to honor the sculpture donors. Other guests who attended the ceremony were: Carl Schlosberg, and Steve Springer, LACCD Public Relations, just to name a few.

Steve Lebowitz is an alumnus of LACC. Mr. Lebowitz explained that he donated the sculpture because of his appreciation and love for public art; this is why he and his wife Debi wanted to share this gorgeous piece of art with our college and the public.

Mr. Lebowitz donated approximately \$120,000 to LACC to purchase this sculpture and for the installation.



President Martinez comment on the sculpture

LACC President Reneé D. Martinez said that “the sculpture will not only bring beauty to our campus, but will remind us of alumnus like Steve Lebowitz who is an example of what student success is all about. We are honored to display this wonderful piece of art for everyone to see and enjoy.”

In the photo below, Jeffery Laudenslager speaks on the history of his masterpiece. “The sculpture is a 20-foot kinetic piece entitled “Ripples Basho,” in honor of the famous Japanese poet Matsuo Bashō who was known for haikus. The poem that inspired this piece is “an ancient pond / a frog jumps in/the splash of water” [1686]. “I base my work on Bashō’s haikus...conveying something tranquil and a resulting reaction,” Laudenslager commented on the piece during the January 13th dedication. “It has taken 40-plus years for me to arrive and conceive of this piece. It is kinetic, totally dependent on the extreme sense of balance, precision and the precise placement of each element.”



Career Technical Education Enhancement Funding

Governor Brown signed the 2014-2015 budget that provided a “one-time” basis to create, enhance, retool, and expand quality career technical education (CTE) offerings that build upon existing community college regional capacity to respond to regional labor market needs. Under the leadership of Economic Development and Workforce Education Dean, Dr. Adriene “Alex” Davis, Department Chairs, Israel Fonseca (Radiologic Technology), Keli Miller (Family & Child Studies); Christine Park (Music), and Joycelyn Simpson-Turk (Nursing) worked tirelessly over the 2014 Thanksgiving Holiday to make the case for their respective programs and were able to successfully submit an application to receive this one-time funding, totaling



\$304,968.00 across the four programs. With this funding, these CTE programs are able to further economic development with CTE programming, while meeting the following legislative requirements: 1) Impact occupations and sectors that are demonstrated to be in-demand in the regional labor market; 2) Impact occupations for which regional production of employees is insufficient to meet labor market demand; and 3) Demonstrate regional alignment of program and curricula. Additionally, the CTE faculty were able to secure industry match requirements to be qualified to use these state funds and will have to meet Momentum Points indicators to demonstrate student outcomes.

Please see some of the activity highlights below for each of the funded programs



ISRAEL FONSECA
Program Director/Tenure-Track Professor
LACC Radiologic Technology
\$96,968 in funding for 2015-2016

Los Angeles City College (LACC) Radiologic Technology program plans to conduct strategic alignment with programs at El Camino College and Pasadena City College to leverage advisory board expertise and industry partnerships to meet the regional workforce demands, while working in tandem with the LACC Nursing program to partner on regional strategies for patient care and curriculum alignment. Ultimately, the goal is to increase the number of annual graduates from the program and ensure graduates are continued to be placed into jobs.



CHRISTINE PARK
Department Chair/Professor
LACC Music
\$62,400 in funding for 2015-2016

A Music Technology will be developed to align with music industry workforce needs, based upon data and feedback from advisory members. This will allow students a career pathway that will introduce them to the program of study in commercial music to orient them to the music industry, and provide work and project-based learning opportunities. Music Technology prepares students for the gaps in demand for occupations such as music composers and arrangers, musicians and



KELI MILLER
Department Chair/Professor
LACC Child and Family Studies
\$62,400 in funding for 2015-2016

LACC Child Development (CD) program will work on expanding CD career pathways, including expanding transfer options for its existing LAUP/First 5 Workforce Initiative Program (WFI) with California State University, Los Angeles to California State University, Dominguez Hills. The impact to students is establishing a career pathways that leads to a VA track where students can achieve higher paid positions in the CD/Early Childhood Education career opportunities for BA level students. This track is aligned from high schools (Robert F. Kennedy, Helen Bernstein, and Hollywood High) to community college to four-year university. Ultimately, by having the CD career pathway accessible to more students at the respective high schools this creates exposure for students and makes them aware of the gaps that need to be filled in the industry.



JOYCELYN SIMPSON TURK
Assistant Director/Associate Professor
LACC Nursing
\$83,200 in funding for 2015-2016

LACC Nursing program will increase career pathway opportunities to high school students by exposing them to the LACC Associate Degree Program (ADN) and the requirements needed in building a foundation for entering the healthcare pathway. Exposure to LACC ADN program can open new opportunities to those currently in the program as well (whether through the LACC-CSULA collaboration or articulation agreements with the four-year universities).

LACC New Senior Personnel Technician Emmanuel Nuno



On February 2nd, 2015 Los Angeles City College hired it's new Senior Personnel Technician. Mr. Nuno comes to us from LACCD, where he last served as an Assignment Auditor with the Personnel Commission.

He has been employed with LACCD since 2003, where he began as a Personnel Assistant. In 2006, he was promoted to Administrative Aide and worked here at LACC in the Personnel/Payroll office before transferring back to LACCD to work at the Personnel Commission.

He has earned a Master's degree in Spanish Linguistics and Literature as well as a Bachelor's degree in Spanish both from CSU Los Angeles. Please welcome Emmanuel back to the LACC family!

Welcoming All New Hires to LACC

It is always a positive outcome when our college district can help contribute to the workforce. Although our mission is to provide quality education to our students at LACC, we also take pride in hiring qualified, professional, and experienced employees to provide excellent services to our students on campus.

Join me in welcoming the following new employees to LACC.: Mee Lane Kyon, Budget Specialist, Gina Peng, Personnel Assistant, Abraham James Horowitz, Payroll Assistant, and Silva Tatiossian, Secretary, Radiologic Technology. Finally, we would like to give a special congratulations to Donnelle J. McNeil on his promotion from Custodian to Custodial Supervisor. Job well done!

Welcome to LACC family!

Renee D. Martinez
President

