

# President's Spring 2013 Semester Newsletter

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## Dear Los Angeles City College Campus Community,

On behalf of my office and administration, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2013 spring semester! Thanks to Proposition 30, funding for the number of classes being offered in the spring semester has increased. Because we worked together as a college campus and

community, this measure passed!

We had many successes in fall 2012 and this newsletter will highlight those achievements. Let's continue to work together as a unit to ensure that our students succeed in achieving their educational and career goals; whether they complete a certificate, degree, transfer, or transition into employment.

## Fall 2012 Highlights

### STUDENT SUCCESS

**Job Placement:** A total of 120 CTE students were successfully placed into internships in which they received college credits. Of the 120 students, 38% were placed into permanent jobs during the fall semester.

**Journalism Regional Awards:** Los Angeles City College (LACC) Journalism students win 10 regional awards from the Journalism Association for Community Colleges (JACC). Top awards in the Southern California region for Web Broadcast News, Video Journalism, General Newspaper Excellence and Magazine Layout and Design have been awarded to LACC students by the Journalism Association for Community Colleges (JACC). **Luis Rivas** won first place, Magazine Profile Feature, for his candid portrayal of the struggles of former LACC student and current "Celebrity Rehab Coach," Bob Forrest. Rivas recently transferred to California State University .Northridge where he was hired as a managing editor of *The Daily Sundial*. The first place award for Luis follows top honors for "Best Print Writing" from the Los Angeles Press Club for his thoughtful piece, "Communities within Communities," a look at the "tribes" within the Occupy L.A. Movement. Judges called Rivas' work, "Outstanding in its originality, informative and witty. Journalism at its best." Rivas came to LACC in 2010 from the *Valley Star* at LAVC. He was fully trained, but continued to grow and hone his craft at the Collegian. He is among the most talented students to come through the program, and his byline is one to watch for in the coming years. **Current Collegian Co-editor-in-chief, Matthew Mullins** won second place, Magazine Opinion Story, for "Photographers Still Do it in the Dark," observations on the 200 year old process of developing film in the dark room, and the teaching of process at Los Angeles City College. **Richard Martinez produced, Josefina Nunez reported and Dave Martin shot** the video for

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## Featured Article

President Martinez received a copy of *My Beloved World*, a personal memoir by Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Honorable Sonia Maria

Collegian Wired to win second place, Web Broadcast News, covering the opening of "Welcome to the Edge," the Da Vinci Gallery's showcase of artists on the edge of L.A.'s contemporary art scene.

**Journalism National Honors Pacemaker Award:** El Don of Santa Ana Community College, the LACC Collegian, the El Camino College Union, the Sun, of Southwestern College and The Advocate, of Contra Costa College have been named finalists for one of the highest awards in scholastic journalism, the ACP Pacemaker Award. Five of the nine community colleges awarded Pacemaker status are California schools. The award is akin to the Pulitzer Prize for Journalism on the collegiate level. This is the third Pacemaker finalist award for the Collegian since 2008, but LACC has not won the Pacemaker since the late 1960s. The Pacemaker is awarded to the best student newspapers in the nation that produce quality coverage and content, and show evidence of sound news judgment. Newspapers must show leadership on the opinion pages, and sensitivity to controversial topics. Judges recognize newspapers that demonstrate evidence of in-depth reporting and series, as well as a look and design that is clean and contemporary. Judges also look for quality in photos and art that is technically excellent. The Collegian is also being recognized for excellence in student designed advertising.

**Nursing Students:** Fall 2012 nursing students passed at 100% the state NCLEX examination, which is a requirement for California nurses to work in their profession as registered nurses.

**Radiology Students:** The Radiologic Technology (Rad Tech) program celebrated its 54th year of providing quality Rad Tech education to the future radiographers of California. Its students achieved a 95% passing rate on the American Registry of Radiologic Technologist (ARRT) national radiography board examinations with 80% of the class finding jobs within the first six months of graduation. The Radiology Program is rated in the top 5% of schools in the United States with average scores of 90% on the ARRT national radiography exam. The program female students scored a 100% passing rate on the ARRT national mammography board examinations. Many of the new graduates have received job offers for working in that modality. Two students accepted jobs in Orange County at the University of California Irvine Medical Center in the Interventional Radiology Department. Three students applied and were accepted into the City of Hope National Medical Center Radiation Therapy program. This is a great honor as over 200 applicants apply each year and they only accept ten students. One student applied and was accepted into the Loma Linda University Nuclear medicine technology program. This too is a great honor as more than 50 applicants applied for admission and only seven were accepted. The clinical students (RT180) recently completed the California Department of Health, Radiologic Health Branch, mandated 55 hour Fluoroscopy Permit course. LACC is one of two California Department of Health approved fluoroscopy schools in the state. In addition, the students who will begin their clinical education this semester are in the process of completing the California State Department of Public Health mandated 20 hour Digital Radiography class. Again, LACC is one of the few schools that is able to offer a California State recognized Digital Radiography Program.

**Student Union:** The new Student Union building officially opened its doors to students and campus stakeholders on October 1, 2012. It serves as the center for campus life for students, providing educational, cultural, social, and leadership programs and services that complement the academic experience and contributes to student success. Over 200 students participated in the opening and the official ribbon-cutting.

Sotomayor. Honorable Sotomayor is the Court's 111th justice and has served since August 2009. Sotomayor is the first Hispanic justice and the third female to serve.

### Theater Academy

The Theatre Academy will be performing "Untitled Warhol Project" at the American College Theatre Festival-45 at Los Angeles Theatre Center, Saturday February 16, 2013.

The invitation to perform continues a tradition of excellence in the performing arts at the Theatre Academy which has been recognized by the American College Theatre Festival more than 30 times over the 43 year existence of the national organization. The Theatre Academy in partnership with the LACC Foundation will begin its first semester of scholarship awards in spring 2013. Awards will come from the Norman Mennes Scholarship Endowment, which is made possible by the generous gift of a former Professor and Department Chair at the Theatre Academy.

### Radiologic Technology

The Rad Tech program will be offering 20 students its emerging Computed Tomography program, which leads to the ARRT certification. This training is in this area of medical imaging that is fast becoming a replacement for traditional radiologic procedures. LACC will be

## FACULTY AND STAFF SUCCESS

**Published Authors:** Social Sciences Adjunct Professors, William Cuddigy and Robert P. Hager, Jr. published an article and book review, *Warrantless House-To-House and Fourth Amendment Originalism* and *Kennedy, Crushchev, and the most Dangerous Place on Earth*, respectively. Dr. Wendel Eckford, Chair of Social Sciences published an essay entitled, *I'm Going to Make You Change Your Major*, in *Historically Black Colleges and Universities - The Book*.

**National Journalism Award Returns to LACC after 40 Years:** Staff members of the LACC Collegian are the winners of a 2012 Newspaper Pacemaker Award - the highest recognition accorded by the Associated Collegiate Press. Twelve LACC students attended the 91<sup>st</sup> Associated Collegiate Press/College Media Advisers National Convention in Chicago last week, alongside students from Southwestern College, Santa Ana Community College and eight other two-year programs from across the nation and Canada. California universities and colleges were represented in the finalist schools like San Francisco State, Chico State, U.C. Berkeley, UCLA, USC, the University of Santa Clara, Pepperdine, Loyola and Biola University. Students looked on as finalist awards went to Harvard Crimson, Yale University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Syracuse University, and Northwestern among others. LACC has been a finalist three times since 2008, but the Pacemaker award has eluded students since the late 1960s. The Pacemaker is considered the equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize for scholastic journalism. The breakthrough win came as a complete surprise to LACC students who attended the convention. "I am proud of our journalists, photographers, artists and designers, and hope to have the chance to improve the quality of our work as we go forward," said Richard Martinez, Collegian co-editor in chief.

**Staff Award:** Ms. Carrie Apolonio, Financial Aid Technician at LACC, received the California Community College of Financial Aid Administrators (CCCSFAAA) "Making a Difference" award. This award is presented to those financial aid professionals who go above and beyond to make a difference in the lives of others and in their community. Ms. Apolonio has worked at LACC since 2009, and has shown her devotion to the foster youth in many ways. Her selfless efforts and networking of the Guardian Scholars resulted in a wealth of partner relationships that enabled the foster youth to have more beneficial living and academic experience.

## PROGRAM SUCCESS

**CalWORKs:** The CalWORKs program served 654 students in fall 2012 compared to 757 for the entire 2011-2012 program period. The



CalWORKs program staff have streamlined their processes to position the program for success in serving students. Each student has received an educational plan to guide their paths to academic excellence!

**Career Technical Education/LACC Gear-up Collaboration:** LACC Gear-up, in partnership with the Career Technical Education (CTE) program, welcomed 120 students from Berendo Middle School for Career Exploration Day on November 27 and December 6, 2012. The middle school students had an opportunity to learn about the college's financial aid options, dual enrollment, and toured the Cinema and Theater CTE departments. The events took place at the new Student Union building. Students also



the only community college that offers this program with on-site CT training and the clinical participation required for ARRT board eligibility.

### Proposition 30

Distance Education in the state of California will receive \$16M of additional funds as a result of the passage of Prop 30. LACC has already begun to experience the passage of Proposition 30 as 150 courses have been added to the spring 2013 schedule of classes and the college plans to deliver a summer 2013 session as well. More information can be found in the Academic Affairs 2013 Bulletin.

### Gateway to College National Network

LACC is the recipient of the new Gateway to College program, which will serve approximately 300 high school students who have been disengaged from school and have fallen behind in their high school credits. The program will be facilitated on the LACC campus where the students will enter into a cohorted learning community to receive their foundational skills. Once they have matriculated through their respective learning communities, the students will be mainstreamed into the general population of students to obtain their

participated in a scavenger hunt to find out about various service areas and programs on campus.



**College Readiness Academy (CRA):** The College Readiness Academy (CRA) is the first non-credit to credit program at LACC that focuses on preparing students to enhance their basic skills education, and transitioning them to college level courses with the skills to succeed. The CRA provides a comprehensive academic and social support program for first year

basic skills students. In fall 2012, the CRA successfully prepared 16 students to transfer into the FYE program for spring 2013.

**English Literacy and Civics:** The Workforce Investment Act, Title II Adult Education - Non-credit English Literacy and Civics grant program generated 933 payment points in the instructional areas of English as a Second Language, English Literacy and Civics, Adult Basic Education and/or Vocational Education.

The program is performance based and the payment points were generated by students earning a significant gain or two level gain measured by the CASAS pre-test and post-test scores, passing the Citizenship Oral Interview, and the Government and History for Citizenship test and/or additional assessments.



**Foreign Languages Department:** The Foreign Languages Department hosted the Chinese American Film Festival in fall 2012 in the Student Union building.

**Music Department:** The Chamber Chorale and College Choir (Irene Kim, director) presented an informal performance on the new Student Union steps on November 28, 2012. The combined chorus of over 80 singers presented selections from Vivaldi's masterpiece *Gloria*, plus pieces by Haydn and other contemporary composers. In November, members of the Chamber Chorale attended the Music Association of California Community Colleges (MACCC) conference to participate in a workshop led by Cristian Grases, assistant professor of choral studies at USC.



**Non-credit Skills Certificates Awarded:** Los Angeles City College has awarded a total of 669 non-credit skills certificates to students who successfully completed programs for Customer Service, Entrepreneurship Training, In-Home Support Services and VSEL for Home Health Aide, and Job Readiness.

**Project Accessible Hollywood Fest (PAH Fest):** LACC successfully hosted its 6th consecutive PAH Fest Los Angeles in October 2012. The event was a huge success where numerous LACC students enjoyed the experience of learning artistic expression through digital media. Created by Christopher Coppola, the self-identified "pirate" of the Coppola family. PAH Fest is a week-long festival that introduces participants to the world of film-making following the simple motto, "think it, shoot it, share it." This year's festival included panels by LA-based Women in Music and Microsoft - who spent three days introducing students and staff to the new features of Windows 8 and the emerging field of Application Development.

**Radiology Department (Rad Tech):** In September of 2012, the LACC Radiology program was inspected for an accreditation review by the Joint

high school diploma, college certificate and/or degree.

### Accreditation

LACC is committed to making accreditation a daily focus in the new year. We encourage the entire campus to become more knowledgeable in the process and take the "Online Basics" course offered by ACCJC by visiting the site at: <http://www.trainingway.com/accjc/>

### Collegian Newspaper

In a journalistic tour de force, LACC won the first place award for "Best of Show" for the latest edition of the Collegian in fall 2012. "Seeing the look on every face around me when they called the LACC Collegian to accept the "Best of Show" first place award, really made me feel like every long hour, every stressful moment we have in the newsroom is worth it," said Co-editor-in-chief Matthew Mullins. "The staff members do everything they can to make our paper the best."

**The Collegian Times** - LACC's yearly magazine - won seventh place for "Best of Show," edging out *Blot* magazine, from the University of Idaho and *Legacy* magazine from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge in the feature

Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT), and received full program accreditation in fall 2012.

**Theater Department:** LACC and Los Angeles High School of the Arts staff and faculty hosted a field trip to the Odyssey Theater in Los Angeles on November 11, 2012, to see the "Untitled Warhol Project." The *Untitled Warhol Project* is a biographical play that portrays Andy Warhol's life in two different ways - as a public figure with the fame and glory in which people grew to respect and as an introverted and self-contained person who was different from the "norm." Both high school and college students were able to ask specific questions of the actors as they pertained to their respective areas of study. Most cast members were from the LACC Theater Academy.

Have a great spring semester!

Sincerely,

Renee' D. Martinez  
Interim President  
Los Angeles City College

magazine category. Top honors went to Columbia College of Chicago. Students won four awards in all, including an Honorable Mention in Advertising Design for the Collegian rate card. "For many of us it's a new experience, working on a paper," said Denise Barrett, a Collegian copy editor. "It's a fast-paced place, really challenging, but you find yourself addicted to finding the story, telling the truth, and being inspired by the people around you. It's not easy, but it has opened me to a new way of thinking about writing and what it can do."

### **City College at Wilshire (CCW) Programs Return to Main Campus**

City College at Wilshire (CCW) Economic and Workforce Development programs made their transition back to campus, which include Community Services and Non-credit programs. The new Economic and Workforce Development home is located in the "old" Bookstore and Cub Center, just adjacent to the Faculty and Staff Center. A grand opening of the new location is in progress.