



***Wishing all the LACC Family  
Happy New Year  
and Happy Spring Semester!***

## Holiday Staff Party



LACCD Trustee Sylvia Scott-Hayes, LACCD Chancellor Dr. Mark Drummond, and LACC President Dr. Jamillah Moore enjoyed the festivities at our staff Holiday Party!

Our thanks to City's holiday party committee for throwing a sensational celebration!

## Students TAP into MTA Savings - Only \$15 for Spring 2009!



## **Mayor Applauds MTA - LACCD Partnership Offering \$15 Semester Pass to Spring Students with 12 or More Units**

Mayor Villaraigosa was on campus January 16th to launch the TAP program, and Cubby welcomed Student Trustee Rose Bustos and District Board Member Mona Field to the news conference festivities.

All District students can now get a six-month Metro Transit Pass for only \$15 when they register for 12 units or more in the Spring Semester. The bus pass, called I-TAP for Institutional

Transit Access Pass, is active through June 30, 2009 and is good on all Metro Buses (including zone travel), Metro Rapid and Metro Rail. (*Metrolink trains or DASH/LADOT buses are not included in this promotion.*)

The pass is valid 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; students can even commute to work. To ride Metro, students will need to show the I-TAP pass and carry a valid Student ID card.

Full time students--those who are enrolled in 12 units or more--can obtain the pass for \$15 in the LACC Business Office by bringing proof of enrollment for Spring 2009 and a current LACC ID card.

The I-TAP reduces parking demand, allowing more students more access to campus and makes college more affordable by reducing auto and gas costs.

## Dr. Drummond's LACC Open Forum

### LACCD Chancellor Explains California's Budget Monster



*Dr. Marshall E. Drummond, LACCD Chancellor, brought along some District administrators to answer questions at the semi-annual Open Forum. From left are the Chancellor; John Clerx, Vice Chancellor of Instructional and Student Support Services; Gary Colombo, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Effectiveness; and Dr. Adriana Barrera, Deputy Chancellor. Marvin Martinez, Vice Chancellor of Economic and Workforce Development and David Beaulieu, District Academic Senate president, were also present.*

The budget shortfall in California is simply a house of cards that has finally collapsed, according to Chancellor Drummond, who spoke at an Open Forum at LACC on December 9th.

"I'm suprised it took so long," he said. "The politicians in Sacramento have been irresponsible, planning phony budgets for years."

The Chancellor's overall message was that student success is still important, even in light of the budget. Other highlights:

- Money is coming down the pipeline in the form of a Federal Stimulus package for workforce development.
- The change to Delta Dental in the employee benefits package is a good one, promising better customer service and a cost savings.
- It's important the campus work hard toward accreditation in 2009.
- Money from the recently passed Measure J will help modernization efforts throughout the district.
- We need to recruit students aggressively and students should be encouraged to apply for financial aid. If they receive Board of Governors Fee Waivers, they will not be affected by the proposed fee hikes in 2009

## Highschoolers Enjoy Their Day at City!



*Latino 96.3 DJ, Raq-C (center with sunglasses) blends into the crowd of high school visitors during the December 3rd "Day at City." The radio station ran a one week comprehensive campaign pushing the Winter Session and will have a second van appearance later in the New Year.*

And the Winners Are....



### **Congratulations Constitution Day Essay Winners!**

Final 500-word student essays on "Why My Vote Counts" were due on election day, November 4th and the winners are:

**1st Place:** Shawnte Sanders, who wrote about the Civil Rights Movement, freedom schools and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. "I assert," she concluded, "my vote counts because it is a legitimate action of my political contribution in reinforcing the legacy of progress in the African American race."

Congratulations to all the winners! 2nd Place: Melissa Vera, 3rd Place: Christine Refueroza, and Honorable Mentions: Antoya White & Sheeva Roth.



### **..... And a Film Festival Favorite!**

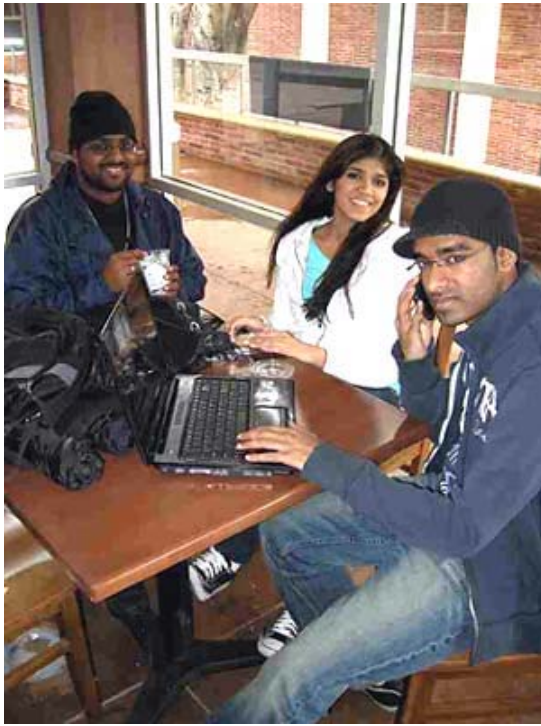
Congratulations to Cinema/TV faculty member Michele Gendelman, who co-wrote "Returning Champion," a screenplay comedy that was a semifinalist at the 2008

Austin Film Festival!

New Student Lounge Now Open!

**Cub's Coffee Klatch**





After three years I am happy to say the ASO and Foundation of LA City College have successfully completed the process for a coffee/tea house student lounge. In a unanimous vote the LACCD Board of Trustees approved the project. I would like to thank the Chancellor; the LACCD Board of Trustees; Associated Students of LA City College; the Executive Director of the Foundation, Mr. David Ambroz; the entire LACC Foundation Board; First Class Vending; Harris & Associates; Mr. Willie Richmond; Mr. Bruce Baron; Mr. Earic Peters; and the LACCD District office staff for all of the hard work in putting this project together for the students and staff of LA City College. Congratulations, this is a great day for City College!!!

-- Dr. Moore

***Student Lounge Hours:***

***Mon. - Thurs. 7:00 am to 9:00 pm, and Fri. 7:00 am to 5:00 pm***

**Ambassadors at Your Service!**



**Introducing our LACC Ambassadors!**

The LACC ambassador program provides a leadership opportunity for college students to promote the campus. As Ambassadors, students develop leadership qualities, enhance interpersonal skills, network with faculty, staff and administration, interact with other students, and improve communication and public speaking skills.

Ambassadors help to develop, implement, and promote student life functions such as welcome days, Denim Day, community service and other events.

Ambassadors also serve as student representatives along with Associated Students Organization to welcome and host honored guests and distinguished members of the college community. Additionally, ambassadors take great pride in Los Angeles City College and work together to create a dedicated, diverse and energetic organization. For more info, contact Earic Peters.

### **In Remembrance:**

Violet Kendall, a member of the former Office Administration Department (now CAOT) passed away recently. She retired from the department in 1984.

## Calendar Highlights

**Spring 2009 Semester: Feb. 9 - June 8**

**"Pieces of a Dream," Black History Month Event:  
Tuesday, February 24**

**LACC Foundation Scholarship Deadline:  
Noon, March 27**

**Child and Family Studies Building  
Ribbon Cutting: April 29, 2009**

#### **College Closed:**

**Feb. 13 & Feb. 16 - Lincoln's & Washington's Days**

**March 31 - Cesar Chavez Day**

**April 6 - 12 - Spring Break**

**May 25 - Memorial Day**