

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

June 2008

## Summer Scenery Shifts at City

The Martin Luther King Jr. Library is moving and will reopen this month on the North end of campus, on the corner of Vermont and Willowbrook. Hours for summer are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. The All Campus Computer Lab has been integrated into the Library but there will not be any access to the Internet (therefore, no phone or email access) for an unknown period of time.

Go and visit your new library! The official Grand Opening and ribbon-cutting event will be held at the beginning of the Fall 2008 semester.

On June 21st the new track and field atop parking lot 3 will receive lighting! A new scoreboard will also highlight this facility soon.

The areas adjacent to Franklin Hall will soon be fenced off and inaccessible during the FH renovation.

Please note that the Jefferson Hall parking lot has been taken out of service. Construction trailers are scheduled to arrive for the campus-wide utilities infrastructure upgrades. Faculty and staff parking will be in lot 5, the grassy area in front of the Communications building and the FH lot.

## Campus to Host Day of Service

On Saturday, July 19th, more than 500 community volunteers are expected to descend on the LACC campus as part of the "Mayor's Day of Service" culmination event to enjoy information booths, entertainment and lunch from the City of Los Angeles.

Beginning at 8 a.m., volunteers will come together in a unifying spirit of service to work on projects in the central area -- the space bound by the Hollywood fwy. on the north, the Santa Monica fwy. on the south, the Pasadena fwy on the east and Western Avenue on the west.

The purpose of the day is to mobilize the community for city pride. Projects range from painting out graffiti to organizing soccer games, all led by local community groups in collaboration with the Mayor's office.

In addition to hosting the culmination ceremonies, LACC is coordinating a sock and underwear drive to benefit *Los Angeles Youth Network* and *My Friends Place*. A donation bin will be set up in the quad area inside the blue-umbrella covered LACC information booth. Get involved! Call 213.922.9737 or email [volunteer@lacity.org](mailto:volunteer@lacity.org).



*Dr. Judy Chu, Chair of the California State Board of Equalization, was keynote speaker for LACC's June 3rd graduation ceremonies at the Greek Theater. The event photo album will be posted on the Web site soon.*



### Summer Calendar Highlights

Summer Session 1:  
5 weeks beginning 6/16

Summer Session 2:  
8 weeks beginning 6/16

Summer Session 3:  
5 weeks beginning 7/21

LACC Bookstore  
Summer Clothing Sale:  
June 16 - 20

Mayor's Day of Service:  
July 19th

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*Cubby the mascot was big hit when he made an appearance after the graduation ceremonies, taking pictures with graduates and their families well into the afternoon. Thanks to all LACC Staff and Faculty who made this event memorable! Special thanks to Eric Peters, who coordinated the ceremonies; the LACC Bookstore team, who assisted with robes and Cubby; the Facilities staff; the Physical Plant, the Student Life staff; and the Custodial staff.*

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## Final Capitol Day Scheduled

The Community College League of California is actively working to increase presence in the State Capitol, in response to the state's budget and property tax shortfall – both of which greatly impact community colleges.

The first Capitol Day, March 12, was met with great enthusiasm and success by participants. Even though a small number of community college representatives were present, impact was significant.

Capitol Day is a one-day event offering advocacy teams a chance to visit with local legislators and key budgetary legislators and staff to discuss the impact of the state budget on our colleges. The League provides the overview, the talking points, handouts and lunch. It is our hope that each college sends at least one person to one of the remaining event dates. The final Capitol Day is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 17**. Learn more and register at [www.ccleague.org](http://www.ccleague.org).

## Osher Foundation Commits to California Community Colleges

On May 6, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger joined with the California Community College System Office and the Foundation for California Community Colleges to announce an historical commitment of \$70 million to support student scholarships. This commitment from the Bernard Osher Foundation is the single largest gift to any community college system in the nation and underscores the critical role that our campuses play in California's education system.

An initial \$25 million will begin the CCC Scholarship Endowment. A \$25 million matching gift will be added to the endowment if the colleges and the foundation can raise an additional \$50 million over the next three years. By the end of the three-year campaign in 2011, the infusing of \$100 million total in endowed scholarship funding will result in scholarship awards to more than 5,000 students per year. A third gift of \$20 million will provide scholarships for CCC students transferring to UC or CSU campuses. These funds will establish programs at 19 campuses which do not currently have Osher-supported scholarships.

## American Scholastic Press Association Gives Top Honors to Collegian

The American Scholastic Press Association has awarded the Los Angeles City College Collegian a First Place with Special Merit rating for special and outstanding design and content.

ASPA scores each publication on a points system in a variety of areas including editing, writing, page design, scope of content, photography, reproduction and reporting. Judges said the L.A. Collegian provided an excellent window into life at Los Angeles City College. Judges awarded two other California Community College newspapers to the top-honors list: the Saddleback College Lariat and the Southwestern Sun.

Rhonda Guess, LACC Collegian advisor and assistant professor of journalism says: "I am amazed at the number of talented student journalists who make their way to LACC. They put in so much time on the newspaper and we are beginning to see the results."



## California Great Teachers Seminar Set for August 3 - 8

La Casa De Maria, a beautiful retreat center located in the rolling hills above Santa Barbara will be the setting for the California Great Teachers Seminar. Cosponsored by the Community College League of California and the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, this seminar is for faculty from all disciplines who are full or part-time, teaching or nonteaching, new or experienced.

Find the "Great Teacher" within! Come away re-energized and renewed, with teaching ideas and course credit. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, visit [www.ccleague.org](http://www.ccleague.org), click on events, then the California Great Teachers Seminar link.

### Some Links to Take the Sting out of Your Commute

The Up Side of High Gas Prices – [Join the LACC Rideshare Program!](#)

[Calculator your Commute Cost – www.commutesmart.info](#)

LA Public Transit Save Consumers Millions at the pump – [A Better Way to Go: Meeting](#)

[America's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Transportation Challenges with](#)

[Modern Public Transit – www.calpirg.org](#)

New Cell Phone Laws take effect July 1<sup>st</sup>! – [www.chp.ca.gov](http://www.chp.ca.gov)

Current Spring 2008 part time permits are good until June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Summer Permits are only for Hourly and Temp, Classified Staff only.

[Bring your cub card to AD 317](#)

[Hours: 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.](#)

[and 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.](#)

## Security!

In our on-going effort to enhance the overall safety and security on the campus, the sheriff's office provides a student escort service. Escorts are available free of charge Monday through Friday, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call #3 from an office phone, or 323.662.5276, or stop in the sheriff's office and make arrangements for a uniformed security officer or police cadet to safely escort you to your vehicle in an LACC lot.

## Looking for Some More Interesting Reading?

We regularly receive a variety of newspaper and magazine articles from the state Chancellor's Office! Education articles are sent to us frequently and spotlight local, state and national college events, announcements and news. Just click:<http://www.lacitycollege.edu/facstaff/staffdev/acadnews.html> The link to the Education Articles is on the top bar of the Faculty & Staff page as well. <http://lacitycollege.edu/citymain/facultystaff.html>

## Obituary Notices

It is with the deepest sadness that we inform you of the passing of Dr. Benedict Beit-Ishoo, who was an Italian & French instructor for many years at LACC. Dr. Beit-Ishoo was a well-versed scholar. He spoke seven languages and was well respected by his colleagues. We will all miss him very much.

Gloria Bohanon passed away on May 6, 2008; she started her career at Los Angeles City College in 1973. During her many years of service, Ms. Bohanon taught design, drawing, printmaking and painting. She was dedicated to the Associated Students, and she was a champion of and friend to all disabled students. Professor Bohanon served as Art Department Chair in the 1980s and as the Director of ADAPT (Accommodated Disabled Arts Program and Training).

Margaret Modlish Cheshire, full-time faculty member of the LACC Music Department from 1962-1986, passed away recently. While at LACC she taught theory, piano and music appreciation. She is survived by her daughter in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Harice Lois Seeds, long-time member of the Business Department, died on May 26. She retired after teaching at Occidental College, Pasadena City College and finally LACC from 1968 - 1984. She was a beloved and devoted teacher of computer languages and authored two widely used textbooks on Fortran and RPG.

Abram Olodort, who was involved in many aspects of his community, including supporting the Journalism department at LACC, died May 22. In lieu of flowers donations are being accepted at the City of Hope or Cedars Sinai Medical Center. There is a guest book for condolences - click on "paid obituaries" and type in *Olodort* at <http://www.latimes.com/news/obituaries/>

