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**LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE'S JOURNALISM STUDENTS  
RECEIVE THREE COLLEGE MEDIA ASSOCIATION PINNACLE  
FINALIST AWARDS**

(September 10, 2021) - Los Angeles City College (LACC) student staff members of the Collegian newspaper are finalists for the College Media Association Organizational Pinnacle Award for Best Two-Year College Newspaper for 2020-21. College Media Association in New York (CMA), represents the schools that advise the nation's collegiate media newspapers, yearbooks, magazines, and electronic media. The staff of the Collegian is recognized with four other finalists in the category of "Best Two-Year Newspaper," including L.A. Valley College, Richland and Eastfield Colleges in Texas and Langara College in Vancouver, B.C.

"We are extremely proud of our journalism students," said Dr. Mary Gallagher, President, Los Angeles City College. "To be named a finalist in three categories says so much about our journalism program, faculty and students."

CMA serves more than 700 member colleges and universities from coast to coast and was founded in 1954. Their mission is to support student media programs and professionals through education and community.

"I see all of the finalist colleges leaned heavily into COVID coverage from a student perspective," said LACC professor and journalism newspaper adviser Rhonda

Guess. "LACC students never stopped reporting, and the program kept printing and distributing in the community until the spread was at its worst last November. I think the judges at CMA took notice."

CMA also recognized LACC with two other finalist awards in the design category where the Collegian Times Magazine is a finalist for "Best Magazine News Spread," by Beatrice Alcala. The other four finalists for magazine design spread include Syracuse University, California Baptist University, University of Alabama, and University of South Carolina.

Places will be announced Oct. 14-17, at the Associated Collegiate Press/College Media Association Fall Conference in New Orleans.

### **About Los Angeles City College**

Established in 1929, Los Angeles City College is the oldest of the Los Angeles Community Colleges. Located in the heart of Hollywood, LACC provides a dynamic innovative learning environment offering more than 100 vocational and professional programs including degrees, transfer programs and certificates to more than 18,000 students. In the past decade, a total of 6,651 students have transferred to four-year colleges and universities, including 4,040 students attending Cal State universities and 1,086 students transferring to UC campuses. Los Angeles City College is home to one of the most vibrant and diverse campuses in the country. The campus provides a wide range of professional and vocational programs at a fraction of the cost of state and private colleges. Ranked in the top three Best Southern California Community Colleges by USA Today News, LACC provides students and adult learners vital pathways to more advanced education and enhanced employment. In 2019, LACC celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **About the College Media Association**

The voice of collegiate media and its advisers, College Media Association (CMA) serves student media pros, staff and programs with education, research and resources. CMA communicates and works with professional media organizations and education associations on the local, state and national levels.

Founded in 1954 as the National Council of College Publications Advisers, CMA now has more than 700 members — the people who advise the nation's collegiate media newspapers, yearbooks, magazines, broadcast and electronic media and their staffs — from coast to coast.