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LACC RECEIVES \$2.9 MILLION GRANT TO FOCUS ON CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY

(September 22, 2020) – Los Angeles City College (LACC) was named the recipient of a U.S. Department of Education Title IV “Focus on Creative Technology Grant.” The five-year \$2,991,602 award begins October 1, 2020 and will provide stimulating and engaging options to connect minority and low-income students directly to their career interests.

The new grant will fund dual enrollment, a new Center for Innovation & Technology, supplemental instruction and community internships. The combined areas will improve retention, persistence and attainment of certificates, degrees and transfers.

“We are extremely grateful for receiving this important grant,” said Dr. Mary Gallagher, president of Los Angeles City College. “The funds will help us in our efforts to provide student centered education focusing on our communities unique skills, abilities, interests and talents.”

For the over 3,000 high school students in dual enrollment classes through LACC, the grant will fund classes for 500 students at various landmark sites throughout the city rather than at participating high schools. The new Center for Innovation & Technology (CIT) will be a planned gathering space where faculty, students and the community can create and develop projects and products using nontraditional hands-on methods. The makerspace will be specifically designed to enhance learning and collaboration within the STEM and Arts subjects for low-achieving students. The CIT is planned to open when students return to campus. Supplemental Instruction will include tutoring focusing on collaboration,

group study and interaction to assist students in traditionally difficult courses. Community internships will provide workshops and unpaid internships and field trips for students in the fall term of their second year. Professional seminars will also be provided as well as paid internships at worksites related to student majors.

The grant includes \$20,000 annually for an endowment that will be matched by the LACC Foundation, resulting in a \$200,000 total endowment to benefit future students.

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 90th anniversary.