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**ATTEND LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE FOR FREE IN 2017**

*Los Angeles College Promise Offers One Year of Covered Tuition*

All graduates of LAUSD and charter high schools are now able to attend Los Angeles City College (LACC) tuition free for their first year.

As part of former president Barack Obama’s “America’s College Promise,” LACC will provide free enrollment to all full-time (12 units) qualifying students graduating from LAUSD and charter high schools starting with seniors from the class of 2017. New students under the program will have priority enrollment and availability of career support and counseling services. They will also be eligible to receive LACC First Year Experience benefits including guaranteed enrollment in Mathematics and English classes, Mathematics and English supplemental instruction tutors, participation in the Peer2Peer Mentor program, special social and extracurricular activities and free book loans.

“Higher education should be within reach for every student in Los Angeles. The L.A. College Promise is a path for every Angeleno to earn a high school diploma and pursue the skills and education they need to realize their dreams and potential,” said Mayor Eric Garcetti, who alongside former second lady of the United States Dr. Jill Biden and Los Angeles City College District Board President Scott J. Svonkin announced the new program last year on the LACC campus.

“This program is vital for our community,” said Reneé D. Martinez, President, Los Angeles City College. “Now college is an option for all LAUSD and charter high school students. At LACC, students can begin their pathway to a college degree or certification in dozens of different fields without incurring any debt.”

For more information about the Los Angeles College Promise, go to [http:/lacitycollege.edu/Resources-Services/First-Year-Experience/LA-College-Promise/FAQ.](http://207.62.77.103/Resources-Services/First-Year-Experience/LA-College-Promise/FAQ)

**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 will celebrate its 90th anniversary.

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