Los Angeles Harbor College is proud to be at the forefront of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) initiative spearheaded by Federal Government to ensure that the US remain competitive in the global technology marketplace and is the recipient of a $2.8 Million U.S.Department of Education Title V-Hispanic-Serving Institutions grant over a five year period. This grant establishes career and four year university transfer pathways in engineering which is a way for local students to seize the opportunity opened by the prediction of mass retirements in aerospace and other science and technology fields.

Los Angeles Harbor College has taken an active role in implementing STEM education by creating an Engineering Career and Four Year University Transfer Pathway for our local youth through a joint partnership with Banning High School. This program consists of cohorts of nearly 45 11th to 12th grade Banning High School students who are enrolled in our college’s engineering program concurrently. By the time the students graduate high school and enroll at Harbor College, they will have approximately one academic year of community college classes to complete and subsequently will be eligible for transfer.
I would like to welcome you to our inaugural issue of Harbor Happenings. Our Newsletter is dedicated to keeping you informed but also celebrating the achievements of our campus community.

In this period of economic hard times, I think it is very important that we focus on the positive work we have accomplished as a campus and celebrate the fact that we continue to move forward despite whatever obstacles a depressed budget might bring.

I hope you will find this newsletter to be informative. We welcome feedback so please do not hesitate to contact the President’s Office with any comments or suggestions.

I wish you and yours a very happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

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On October 25, 2010, nearly 150 members of the Los Angeles Harbor College campus community — faculty, students, staff, and administrators — as well as off-campus community members participated in the Strategic Vision Summit. Moderated by Gary Colombo, English Faculty Member at Los Angeles City College and former Vice Chancellor of Institutional Effectiveness, the goal of this Summit was for the campus community to develop a vision for our campus by evaluating the progress made towards the Seven Goals to Achieve Student Success of the Strategic Plan of Los Angeles Harbor College 2008-2012:

1. Learning and Instruction: To offer innovative, state-of-the-art, learner centered instruction in all Harbor College programs to promote effective learning.

2. Student Support & Services: To provide a positive and respectful environment that fosters educational and personal achievement.

3. Participatory Governance: To maintain an environment where students and all college personnel have a voice and an opportunity to participate effectively in governance.

4. Economic Resources: To optimize and be accountable for the responsible use of all financial resources.

5. Partnerships: To collaborate with local and global communities and organizations to enhance opportunities that are beneficial to our students, the college, and its mission.

6. Institutional Environment & Physical Resources: To provide and ensure an aesthetically pleasing, safe, and healthful environment conductive to learning.

7. Human Resources & Development: To ensure a campus community that values diversity and promotes and encourages a climate of mutual respect, personal and professional growth, effective communication, and teamwork.

After evaluating each of the seven goals, each group reported their findings to the Summit group as a whole, providing invaluable feedback.

We look forward to seeing you at our next Summit which will take place on February 3, 2011. For more information, please contact Danielle Jack at x4011 or jackdt@lahc.edu.
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In order to increase student enrollment in other STEM fields such as mathematics, physical sciences, and life sciences, one of the goals of Harbor College is to develop multiple cohorts consisting of students from local feeder high schools such as San Pedro, Narbonne, Carson, and Gardena which may be financed by a National Sciences Foundation HIS-STEM Grant the award of which is tentatively set at $3.5 million over the next five years.  

Andrew Sanchez, Director, Title V

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On November 15, 2010, Los Angeles Harbor College proudly hosted Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa’s Town Hall to an enthusiastic crowd of 140 faculty, students, staff, administrators, and community members. Mayor Villaraigosa chose Los Angeles Harbor College as an ideal forum to meet and hear from community members in the Harbor area.

Attendees were treated to a fine reception provided by our Culinary Arts Program and were given an opportunity to ask Mayor Villaraigosa questions on a wide range of issues. After a lively question and answer session, attendees were divided into five groups and asked to give their feedback on five topics: Public Safety, Education, Jobs, Environment, and Transportation.

The Mayor’s Staff expressed that Mayor Villaraigosa was very happy and enjoyed the event. The Office of the President would like to thank everyone who participated and made this event possible.

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Son Nguyen- History – Fall 2010
Juan Baez – Theater Arts – Fall 2010
Kathy Vo- Nursing – Fall 2010
Deborah Larson – Nursing Fall 2010

"August of 2010 my dream came true. It was then I was named the instructor of Theatre Arts at Los Angeles Harbor College; a place where I have grown as a student and performer; a place where I know I will grow as a teacher".

Son Nguyen

Son is the new History Instructor in the Social and Behavioral Sciences Division. For the past five years Son taught at Cerritos College and Saint Joseph High School. He also taught at Rio Hondo and Cypress College. Son's specialty is Asian History.