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THE LOS ANGELES COLLEGE PROMISE

The opportunity to create change – a change so powerful it will provide generations of Americans a path to the middle class – is rare. It takes bold leadership and inventive communities to take that opportunity and make it a reality.

The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) has seized the opportunity to provide a free year of college to the thousands of high school graduates who crave the chance to attend college, but are unable to meet its steep cost. Los Angeles has the nation's largest population of high school students with income levels below the poverty line so it's no wonder thousands of Los Angeles Unified School District students do not go on to higher education.

“LACCD’s Trustees, led by Board President Scott J. Svonkin, have created the nation’s largest program providing a tuition-free community college education to students.”

The Los Angeles College Promise creates a path for our high school students to enter college and pursue their educational goals and careers. LACCD’s trustees, led by Board President Scott J. Svonkin, passed a resolution in January 2016 to bring this program to Los Angeles. Svonkin is on President Obama’s College Promise National Advisory Board which is a national campaign to provide tuition-free community college for students. The Promise – a partnership between Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), City of Los Angeles, L.A. Chamber of Commerce, UNITE LA and private philanthropy – serves LAUSD and charter school graduating seniors through a comprehensive strategy designed to support students to complete a higher education degree and/or a work-force certificate.

Important aspects of the Promise are waived tuition for the first year of college, priority enrollment and a dedicated support team providing a wide array of academic and student support services. First year tuition is funded by California Community Colleges’ Board of Governors Waiver and outside sources including the City of Los Angeles Mayor’s Fund, the LACCD Foundation, private philanthropy, federal and state grants and other foundations.

The LA College Promise Benefits Los Angeles, our region and California by:

- **Creating** a college-going culture for our students
- **Increasing** the number and rate of college-bound high school seniors
- **Stimulating** the economy by responding to the workforce readiness gap in California

For more information, visit: www.lacollegepromise.org

We encourage you to visit our campuses. Learn more at: www.lacolleges.net



A message from Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez

In my 30+ years working in California public higher education, I've never seen a more exciting time in the evolution of community colleges. The national movement to allow students to attend community college tuition-free has been enthusiastically supported locally – and for good reason. A community college degree is an exceptional value and a major accelerator in improving economic status and employment.

Community colleges are the incubators for worker training and uniquely designed to support the educational aspirations of those who must juggle working part- or full-time or are supporting families while they attend college.

Today, California community colleges are responsible for:

- Educating 70% of the state's nurses;
- Training 80% of our firefighters and law enforcement personnel;
- Training and certifying 80% of our emergency medical technicians;
- Accounting for 49% of UC's bachelor degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics; and
- Educating nearly 42% of all California veterans receiving GI educational benefits.

Every year, the nine colleges that make up the Los Angeles Community College District educate and train nearly 250,000 students in nearly 600 degree and certificate programs. We support student success with exceptional professors and learning facilities. This year alone we've hired nearly 200 new full-time tenure-track faculty with several dozen more currently being recruited.

Our colleges have been transformed over the past decade with a series of voter-supported bond measures that replaced or repaired deteriorating buildings with modern classrooms, libraries and laboratories. During this process the district has become a leader in sustainable construction. At least 77 of the projects are expected to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design standards. Strategic landscaping with native plants has reduced water use substantially on each campus.

We have state-of-the-art facilities, often with equipment that surpasses local four-year college labs and classrooms. Due to the comprehensive facilities investment at all of our colleges, students transferring to a four-year college are better prepared to continue their academic careers or enter the workforce. The investment is evident in West Los Angeles College's Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene program. Only 15 community colleges in California were selected to offer this four-year degree.

This November, voters have the opportunity to consider a \$3.3 billion bond measure that will continue our work upgrading college facilities such as child development centers, arts complexes, central energy plants and renewable energy projects. In addition, the funds will upgrade campus security and technology systems and accessibility for disabled persons.

Our engagement with high school students to create a college-going culture is growing. A new state law (AB 288) allows LACCD to teach college courses for LAUSD high school students at their high schools. This dual enrollment opportunity introduces students to new subjects while allowing them to earn college credit. The Los Angeles College Promise – a program that provides a free year of community college to all LAUSD and charter high school graduates – launches in Fall 2017. The "Promise" will use extensive outreach to high school seniors to assist in the completion of financial aid applications and streamline the process for enrolling in higher education.

Our goal is to establish Los Angeles Community College District as the best urban community college district to study and work at. We are well on our way and welcome your support as we continue to help people achieve their professional and personal goals in pursuit of a better life.

Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D.
Chancellor, Los Angeles Community College District



LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE

Why Los Angeles City College?

Los Angeles City College is home to one of the most vibrant and diverse campuses in the country. Located minutes from Hollywood, the alternative neighborhoods of Silver Lake and Echo Park and hip Los Feliz restaurants and shops, LACC was established in 1929 and provides a wide range of professional and vocational programs. Transfer agreements with four-year universities make it easy for students to continue their education or enter the workforce after earning certification in areas such as business administration, retail management, nursing, radiology, child development and law enforcement.

LACC has renowned theater arts and music programs with Emmy, Grammy and Oscar award-winning alumni including Clint Eastwood, Morgan Freeman, Cindy Williams, Chet Baker, Charles Mingus and John Williams. LACC's music department recently received a \$10.1 million gift – the largest gift ever to a southern California community college – from the Herb Alpert Foundation to provide free tuition and private lessons to all qualifying music majors.

LACC's Foundation provides financial support for students and a variety of academic programs. In 2015-16, the foundation distributed \$500,000 to 900 students and issued nearly \$100,000 in emergency loans, stipends and grants to 118 students.



A Closer Look



- Test scores for nursing, radiology and dental technology students are consistently high (86% - 100%) with students well-prepared to enter the workforce.
- LACC's superior journalism program received a 2016 "Best College Newspaper" award from the Los Angeles Press Club and is a finalist for the 2016 National PACE award.
- The Child Development Program has a transfer agreement with Cal State University Los Angeles for students to earn their bachelor's degree.
- LACC's STEM Academy supports students planning to transfer to four-year universities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math with students placing in the top 10% on national tests.
- LACC offers a variety of support services for student success, including a popular "First Year Experience" program for new college students; cultural, social and academic clubs; an active student government; and exhibition opportunities in art, photography and film.

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EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE

Why East Los Angeles College?

East Los Angeles College serves 14 neighboring communities surrounding its 88-acre Monterey Park campus. With an enrollment of more than 60,000 students each year, ELAC offers 61 state-approved career technical education certificates and 55 associate degrees, 18 of which are transfer degrees.

ELAC created a college-to-career pathway for local students in a partnership with LAUSD, Garfield High School and Cal State University Los Angeles. "GO East LA's" goal is a multi-year program preparing students for future success by increasing awareness, preparation and retention, completing a community college degree and transferring to a four-year university.

The college completed construction on a comprehensive Language Arts and Humanities Building, the largest building in the District, a Math and Science Complex, and a Campus Student Center and Bookstore. ELAC's South Gate Educational Center serves the Southeast Los Angeles Communities. Groundbreaking on a new comprehensive center in the City of South Gate will take place in early 2017. These additions expand ELAC's ability to serve its students.



A Closer Look

- Recognized as the #2 community college in California and #13 in the nation for adult learners, ELAC provides a range of services for these students including a child development center, extended library hours, transfer center, career and job services center and an array of tutoring labs.
- The number of students transferring to four-year universities has increased nearly 40% since 2012. ELAC is ranked #12 for transfer students to the Cal State system and #15 to the UC system.
- The brand new 95,000 square foot Mathematics and Science Complex hosts vibrant STEM programs, including a STEM cohort for incoming students, several National Science Foundation grants, and a math lab. More than 40 students conducted STEM research in 2015-16 at institutions such as USC, UCLA, JPL, and UC Berkeley.
- ELAC is committed to expanding educational opportunities in the Eastside communities. In 2016, ELAC offered more than 120 classes in areas such as engineering, administration of justice, and Chicano studies at local high schools, middle schools and community sites.
- ELAC's Performing and Fine Arts Complex hosts modern facilities supporting student learning and excellence. In 2015-16, the ELAC Theater Department presented six full-scale productions and six intimate productions. For a second year in a row, ELAC was one of only three schools selected to present a production at the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival, Region VIII in Hawaii.

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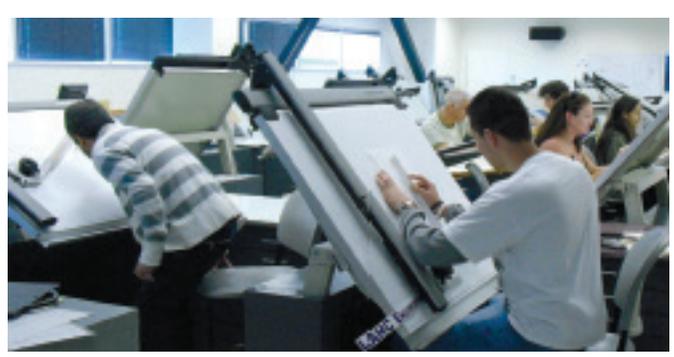
LOS ANGELES HARBOR COLLEGE

Why Los Angeles Harbor College?

Los Angeles Harbor College has offered academic and vocational opportunities for area residents for nearly 70 years. The college serves nearly 10,000 students – a diverse cultural and ethnic student body that reflects the population in the cities it serves: Carson, Harbor City, Gardena, Lomita, Wilmington, San Pedro and the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

LAHC offers programs for students looking to transfer into a four-year university through its Associate in Arts degree and Associate in Science degree programs. The college also offers occupational training programs in culinary arts, business and office administration, engineering technology, computer technology and nursing.

The campus has seen a number of new construction in recent years, including a Library and Learning Resource Center, Child Development Center and Wellness Center. The recent completion of the \$60 million, 72,000 square foot Sciences Complex is a leader in green efficiency, featuring a net-zero energy plan.



A Closer Look

- Harbor is working with the Port of Los Angeles and Cal State Dominguez Hills to expand and enhance its Global Logistics curricula and provide paid internships to prepare students for new and emerging trends in port operations.
- Harbor nursing students have recorded a 95% pass rate or more for the California Board of Registered Nursing licensure exam in the last 5 years.
- Academic performance for Harbor’s student-athletes has improved with the successful integration of its CHAMPS (Challenging Athlete’s Minds for Personal Success) Program. CHAMPS gives students the tools and support needed to successfully advance in their education and sport, and supports interaction between athletes, coaches, faculty, staff, and support programs.
- The partnership with Harbor Teacher Preparation Academy (HTPA) on Harbor’s campus allows students to simultaneously earn a high school diploma and an Associate Arts degree. HTPA is the first established Early College/Middle College High School in the nation with the largest percentage of students earning both a high school and college diploma. HTPA has been recognized as a California Gold Ribbon School and among the top 200 best high schools in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.
- Harbor’s new Science Complex has enabled the expansion of its STEM Passport Academy which provides enhanced learning and career-related opportunities to underrepresented and underserved students. Through this program, Harbor students have interned at organizations, including NASA, and conducted research at prestigious universities, such as Auburn, in robotics and aerospace.

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LOS ANGELES MISSION COLLEGE

Why Los Angeles Mission College?

Nestled against the mountains in Sylmar, Los Angeles Mission College provides accessible, affordable, high-quality learning opportunities in a culturally and intellectually supportive environment. The college has strong historical ties with the neighboring communities of San Fernando, Pacoima, Mission Hills, North Hills, Sun Valley and Lake View Terrace. Seventy-eight percent of Mission's students are Hispanic – one of the highest percentages in the nation.

Mission has a robust science, technology, engineering and math programs offering free tutoring at all levels of math and science, paid internships at CSUN, Caltech, UCLA and UC Riverside/JPL, parent engagement programs and partnerships with local private sector and manufacturing companies for internships and employment.

The Culinary Arts Institute is housed in a state-of-the-art facility and offers certificate programs in Professional Baking & Patisserie, Restaurant Management and Culinary Arts.

Mission plans to open a satellite campus in Tujunga in 2017 offering comprehensive educational programs as well as support services such as financial aid and career counseling.



A Closer Look



- 23% increase in the number of transfers to UCs and Cal State universities over the past year (2014–15).
- 100% passing rate for certified nursing assistant students on the California licensure exam (Spring 2016).
- 9% increase in full-time students over the last two years (2014–15).
- New degree offerings: Elementary Teacher Education Associate in Arts Degree for transfer and Kinesiology Associate in Arts Degree.
- Mission College's popular community event, "San Fernando Valley Food & Wine Festival," raised \$45,000 in scholarships in 2016.
- Mission is the new Veterans Hub for the San Fernando Valley.
- A new Student Health Center opened in 2016 providing a variety of health services including primary and acute care and behavioral health counseling.

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LOS ANGELES PIERCE COLLEGE

Why Los Angeles Pierce College?

Los Angeles Pierce College sits on 426 acres in the western San Fernando Valley. Its thriving campus is a mix of hundreds of international students alongside an already diverse student population.

Each semester close to 22,000 students select courses among a dynamic mix of career, technical, transfer, workforce education and general interest programs. The college's comprehensive curriculum includes exceptional science, technology and nursing departments. Pierce is also noted for its agriculture and veterinary programs.

Pierce's 15-week semester plan has led to higher enrollment, improved learning and retention. With two five-week summer sessions and one five-week winter session, students enjoy the opportunity to move more quickly through the curriculum with greater academic success.



A Closer Look



- Los Angeles Pierce College is among the top 10 colleges for transfers to a CSU and the top 15% for transfer to a UC.
- The new Library Learning Crossroads building provides access (in print and electronically) to more than 190,000 books, 60 online databases and 40 periodicals. The building includes the Center for Academic Success, Associated Student Organization, PierceOnline and food services.
- Pierce hosts an Open House (formerly "Farm Walk") every spring for the community, students, and prospective students.
- Voted "Best Community College" for 2016 according to Los Angeles Daily News' Readers Choice.
- Pierce awarded over 2,800 degrees and certificates in 2016.

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LOS ANGELES SOUTHWEST COLLEGE

Why Los Angeles Southwest College?

In honor of its founding history, Los Angeles Southwest College provides a student-centered learning environment committed to empowering students and the community to achieve their academic and career goals through the attainment of certificates and associate degrees leading to transfer and workforce preparation.

LASC offers associate degree programs in 49 fields as well as 14 occupational certificates of achievement and 40 occupational skills certificates. A number of those enrolled are first-generation college students, with a majority from the city of Los Angeles as well as portions of Gardena, Hawthorne and Inglewood

When Los Angeles Southwest College opened its doors in 1967, there were just 600 students and 22 full-time faculty members. Today, the campus is home to more than 8,000 students, 75 full-time faculty members and 150 adjunct instructors from all areas of expertise and industry. To accommodate that kind of growth, the campus recently opened a new School of Career and Technical Education Building as well as a renovated theater and library.



A Closer Look



- Ranked second among all California community colleges in transferring African-American students to schools in the California State University system (2014–15).
- Had a 31% increase in the number of degrees awarded as well as a 23% increase in the number of certificates bestowed to students (2013–14 to 2015–16).
- Honored with the prestigious Entrepreneurial College Award for 2016 by the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship for leadership in implementing entrepreneurially minded programs and its assistance to and celebration of thinkers and doers.
- Awarded a \$1.5 million grant to implement the Basic Skills and Student Outcome Transformation program to accelerate student learning and program completion.
- Recently opened School of Career and Technical Education building received Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum status, the highest certification level for green building thanks to its use of energy, water, materials as well as overall indoor environmental quality.

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LOS ANGELES TRADE-TECH COLLEGE

Why Los Angeles Trade-Tech College?

A highly-skilled workforce is the single most important asset any community and business can have. As the community college founded in 1925 to ensure a well-trained workforce, Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC) combines academic and hands-on training tied to industry recognized standards.

LATTC has provided the region with the most sought-after skills for over 90 years. Students receive high-quality academic and technical instruction to meet their career development goals that include transfer and workforce development. Situated on 33-acres at the nexus of downtown and south Los Angeles, Trade Tech serves over 25,000 students annually.



A Closer Look

- LATTC's nationally-recognized Pathways to Academic, Career and Transfer Success (PACTS) student success model organizes the institution into distinct pathways: Advanced Transportation & Manufacturing; Applied Sciences; Construction, Maintenance & Utilities; Design & Media Arts; Health Sciences; Liberal Arts; with Culinary Arts and Cosmetology (in development). Degrees and certificates have increased over 82% over the past five years.
- LATTC ranks #21 (out of 1,655 community colleges nationwide) for "value added" educational benefit and projected earnings of their graduates by the Brookings Institute's "Beyond College Rankings."
- The Best Choice Schools website ranks the top 50 Culinary Schools/Programs in the nation. LATTC's Culinary Arts program is listed as 1st in Southern California and 20th in the nation (2016) because of its hands-on training. A brand new Culinary Arts/Multi-Purpose Building is scheduled for completion in 2018.
- LATTC was selected as the only community college in the nation to house a Federal Transportation Institute, with support to train high demand occupations in the transportation sector.
- LATTC led a community coalition for a federal Promise Zone designation, known as the South Los Angeles Transportation Empowerment Zone (SLATE-Z). This designation allows critical preference on hundreds of federal grants for the college and surrounding community, supporting meaningful additional opportunities for jobs and careers.

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LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE

Why Los Angeles Valley College?

Founded in 1949 Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC) is an urban oasis, sitting on a 105-acre campus in the heart of Los Angeles's San Fernando Valley. LAVC offers more than 140 associate degree and certificate programs, and is noted for exceptional vocational programs in registered nursing, child development, media arts, and respiratory therapy.

LAVC serves as a leader in student success, with pathways for certificates, degrees, transfer and continuing education.

The campus is in the midst of a \$612 million improvement project creating new sustainable structures and renovating existing buildings. Recent additions include the award-winning Allied Health and Sciences Center with state-of-the-art classrooms and labs; the Belle & Harry Krupnick Media Arts Center with a state-of-the-art television studio; Library & Academic Resource Center, which is home to the college's library, tutoring services, computer lab, and historical museum; and the award-winning Community Services Center featuring a new Gymnastics Center and indoor climbing wall. The new Student Union offers more than 42,000 square feet for a cafeteria, bookstore, and student health center.



A Closer Look

- Over 80% of LAVC Transfer Alliance Program (TAP) students have been accepted to UCLA over the last 5 years, and TAP transfers performed better than non-TAP and UCLA students who entered directly from high school.
- More than 90% passing rate for the California Board of Registered Nursing exam for the past nine years; more than 90% passing rate for credentialing for respiratory therapy.



- LAVC is the only community college in the San Fernando Valley to offer students college credit for internships and work experience through its award-winning Cooperative Education Program.
- New programs include state-approved associate of arts degrees for transfer in Elementary Education, Journalism, Music, and Psychology; an associate of science degree for transfer in Film, Television and Electronic Media; a certificate of achievement in Retail Management.
- The LAVC Foundation provided \$184,000 in scholarships, stipends, and awards in 2016.

LEARN MORE ABOUT

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WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE

Why West Los Angeles College?

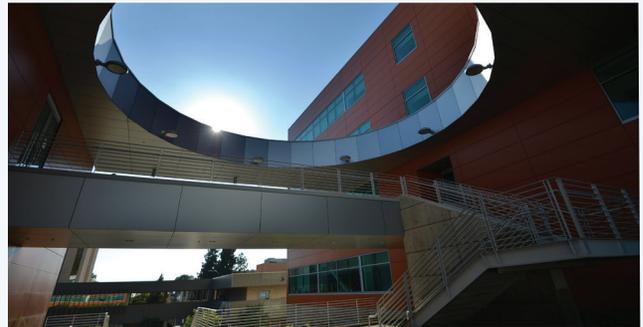
Located in the hills of Culver City, West Los Angeles College has a small, private college feel with a park-like setting and landscaping to enhance student gathering. It has beautiful views from Century City to the Pacific Ocean. West has 15,000 students including continuing education, 125 full-time faculty and approximately 400 part-time faculty.

West offers classes leading to university transfer, associate degrees, bachelor's degree, career certificates and courses in a wide range of disciplines such as computer science, business, humanities, science, language arts, film and television production, aviation tech, public safety, global studies, creativity and robotics. West's Distance Education program is one of the largest in California. It was ranked #2 in California by AccreditedSchoolsOnline.org.

The new Science and Math Building supports West's premier Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene providing students with state-of-the art facilities. West is one of only 15 community colleges in California selected to offer this bachelor's degree. The 88,000 square foot building houses lecture halls, classrooms and science laboratories. Professors have global eminent experience in fields such as public health, stem cell research and geological exploration. Hailing from USC, UCLA, UCI and UCSC, these faculty bring open-ended inquiry to students who experience scientific discovery.

The Building Program at West Los Angeles College has transformed the campus into a 21st century educational institution with a global vision. The new construction supports the college's educational master plan while enhancing outdoor spaces and pedestrian walkways, adding a new parking structure and increasing green space. West has new dance studios, smart-learning lecture halls, a café and modern student services facilities.

A Closer Look



- West has increased the number of degrees and certificates awarded from 600 to over 1,000 – an increase of 54% in one year.
- Dental hygiene, medical assistant, certified nursing and paramedic students are passing their professional exams at rates of 92% to 100%. Nearly every successful student is employed, typically within six months of graduation; the average salary for paramedics and dental hygienists is \$75,000 per year.
- The TV/Film production program, featured in the Los Angeles Times and on KCET-TV, is adding an animation and post-production program. 100% of 2016 graduates are employed in their field or have transferred to four-year universities.
- Full-time enrollment has increased nearly 12%
- In the last three years, STEM students have participated in paid summer internships at Caltech, UCLA, JPL/NASA, Tesla and Base 11 Foundations.
- West hosts regional conferences in STEM, Global Studies, Creativity and Art.

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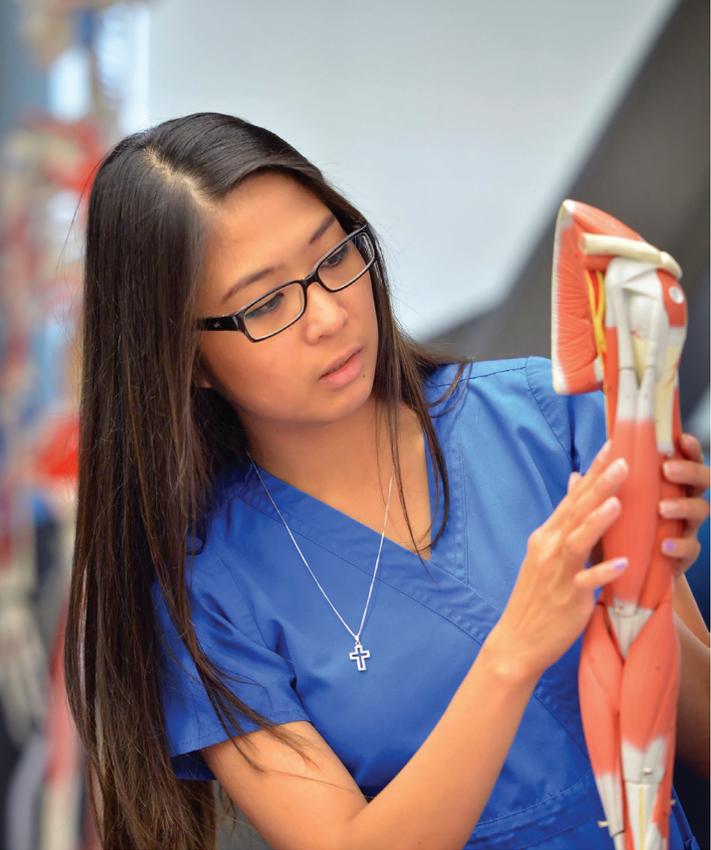


Positioned to Move Students

Mobility and connectivity are crucial to a successful future. Los Angeles Community College campuses are positioned to take advantage of public rail and bus lines, and they offer students and adults the classes and facilities to put them on the right track for success.



-  Metro Blue Line
-  Metro Chandler Bus Corridor
-  Metro Gold Line
-  Metro Red Line
-  Metro Green Line and Proposed Extension
-  Metro Purple Line and Proposed Extension
-  Metro Expo Line
-  Future Construction or Proposed Rail Extensions





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For more than 75 years, the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) has made higher education affordable and accessible to more than 3 million students, 80 percent of whom come from underserved populations. LACCD, the largest community college district in the nation, currently serves nearly 250,000 students at nine colleges that span an area of 900 square miles. Buoyed by a mission to provide its students with an excellent education that prepares them to transfer to four-year institutions, the LACCD offers workforce development programs designed to meet local and statewide needs, while encouraging students to pursue opportunities for lifelong learning and civic engagement.



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Dr. Jill Biden, a community college professor and wife of Vice President Joe Biden, visited Los Angeles City College on September 14, 2016 to launch the Los Angeles College Promise. Dr. Biden is the honorary chair of the national effort to provide a tuition-free community college education to students.

For more information on the Los Angeles College Promise, see page 2.

