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LACC RECEIVES GRANTS FROM HOLLYWOOD FOREIGN PRESS ASSOCIATION FOR CINEMA/TELEVISION STUDENTS

(September 23, 2021) --Los Angeles City College (LACC) has been awarded grants from the Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA) to support Cinema/Television students.

“This generous gift from the Hollywood Foreign Press Association is so generous and comes at a time when our students need it the most,” said Dr. Mary Gallagher, President, Los Angeles City College. “These grants will continue to provide resources that our students need in order to successfully compete in the film and television industry.”

The first grant for \$25,000 will establish fellowships for full-time students in LACC’s Cinema/Television Department. Fellowships are intended to support diverse students who demonstrate financial need, those that might be at risk of leaving the program due to economic barriers, or international students who bring a different point of view and voice to their work. The HFPA fellowships will help cover tuition, books, living expenses and filmmaking supplies.

The second grant for \$20,000 will provide funding for students to produce films while showcasing diverse talent and voices in entertainment. The Filmmakers Production Mini-Grants Program will support advanced LACC Cinema/Television students working on short films and documentaries for their portfolio and entry into film departments at four-year colleges. This will allow students already struggling to meet their basic needs, the opportunity to have funds to invest on their project.

Students can apply for up to \$1,000 to help cover equipment rental, crew and actor payments and other costs.

“The Hollywood Foreign Press Association has a proud history of supporting the next generation of cinema and television students,” said HFPA President Helen Hoehne. “Through these two grants, LACC students will be offered valuable resources and learning opportunities — both of which we hope will help them as they continue on the road to success in the entertainment industry. We look forward to watching them grow in the coming years.”

Hoehne added that the HFPA is committed to continuing its unwavering support of educational efforts through the organization’s philanthropic mission.

“We are so appreciative of the ongoing support and the recognition of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association for the need to provide additional resources to our incredibly diverse student body as they build the skill sets that are necessary for a successful career in the film and television business,” said Robert Schwartz, Executive Director for the Los Angeles City College Foundation.

“This extraordinary gift will be transformational for our students, enabling them to enhance their portfolio and broaden employment and networking opportunities,” said Jen Vaughn, Cinema/TV Department Chair and Associate Professor of Cinema.

To date, the HFPA has generously awarded LACC a total of \$2,4350,000.

Students can find out more information about the Cinema/TV Department at <https://www.lacitycollege.edu/Departments/Cinema-TV/Department-Home>.

About Los Angeles City College

Established in 1929, Los Angeles City College is one of the oldest of the California 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. 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.

About the Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA)

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA) was founded in 1943 – then known as the Hollywood Foreign Correspondents Association – by a group of entertainment journalists based in Los Angeles. During World War II, the non-profit organization established a cultural bridge between Tinseltown and millions around the world seeking an escape and inspiration through entertainment. The HFPA continues to do so today with a membership representing more than 55 countries. Since 1944, the group has

hosted the annual Golden Globe® Awards – the premier ceremony which honors achievements in both television and film. The licensing fees from the Golden Globe® Awards has enabled the organization to donate more than \$44.5 million to more than 70 entertainment-related charities, film restoration, scholarship programs and humanitarian efforts over the last 27 years.