



Office of the President

Date: April 17, 2020

Good evening LACC Family:

The weather has been remarkable these past two days and today is supposed to be just as nice. I hope you are able to step outside sometime today just to take in the fresh air. Oh, yes, one of the side effects of fewer cars on the road is cleaner air!

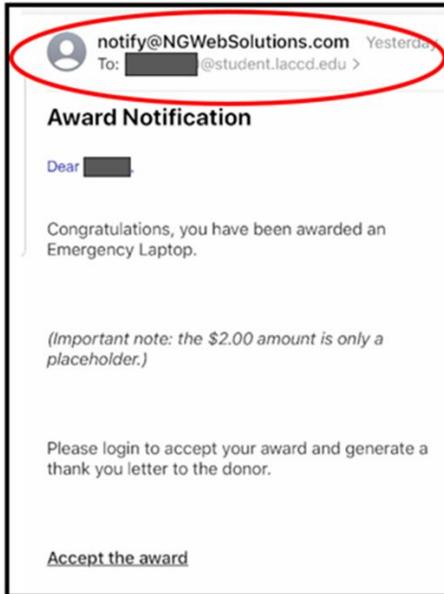
Here is some good news. The State announced that they have a fund for undocumented Californians. It is a coronavirus relief fund. I do not have a lot of details. And unemployment eligibility has been extended to independent contractors, gig workers, and those who are self-employed. Please let your neighbors, your family, and your friends know about this opportunity.

In Governor Newsom's press conference on Tuesday, he said California needs to increase testing, protect high-risk residents from infection and expand hospital capacity before the state can begin to modify the stay-at-home order he imposed one month ago. He highlighted six key indicators that will guide California's decision as it considers lifting the stay-at-home order including:

- 1. The ability to closely monitor and track potential cases.*
- 2. Prevent infection of high-risk people.*
- 3. Prepare hospitals to handle surges.*
- 4. Develop therapeutics to meet demand.*
- 5. Ensure schools, businesses and child-care facilities can support social distancing.*
- 6. Develop guidelines for when to ask Californians to stay home again if necessary.*

So, it seems that we will not be meeting again on campus anytime soon. Yesterday, I heard that we should not plan on any gatherings of people in Los Angeles at least through the summer months (June, July and August). I also heard a statistic yesterday that in the last 250 years there have been 10 pandemics and with all 10 pandemics a major outbreak occurred 6 months after it appeared to have run its course. A sobering bit of information. Diligence and distancing are the order of the day.

VERY IMPORTANT: If you applied for a Chromebook (laptop) or the Kroeger Food for Less gift card through the student portal, please check your student email. You will receive an email notification to accept the award you have been selected for. You will need to officially accept the award, and to write a thank you letter, in order for the laptop or gift card to be mailed to you. Here is an example of the email you will receive:



Also, I know there were a few questions about our virtual commencement. The LACCD will host a virtual commencement recognition ceremony online on June 9th to celebrate the graduating class of 2020. As I mentioned before, we are going to keep our reservation with the Greek Theater as long as we possibly can, but we have to be realistic with our planning in terms of how the pandemic progresses. Please save the date to view our district-wide virtual graduation recognition ceremony on June 9th. I will have more information for you very soon.

From Academic Affairs

NetTutor offers free online tutoring for LACCD students in 37 different areas, including Accounting, Chemistry, History, Math, Political Science, writing, and more.

Here's how students can access this tutoring:

1. Log into your student portal
2. Click on "Online Tutoring" on the Student Homepage
3. Enroll in LACCD Online Tutoring
4. Click on "Go to the Course"
5. Click on NetTutor in left-hand menu to see the list of subjects for which tutoring is available

This is in addition to our own LACC tutoring support services that are available online/remotely: English Writing Center, the Math Pi Shop, the Writers Block, and other department/ discipline specific tutoring services.

On Monday, April 20, the Summer Schedule of Classes will be posted online. You will receive an email with your appointment for registration by May 1st.

Important dates for students:

April 22nd – second disbursement of financial aid

May 4th – registration for summer classes begins

May 10th – last day to petition for Pass/No Pass

May 10th – last day to withdraw with an EW (emergency withdrawal)

If you have not been able to communicate with your professors or attend class, you may be excluded from your class in the near future. If you need help contacting your professor, please email hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu, and our welcome center staff will help you get connected.

From Student Services

Students will be able to receive Pell grants for the summer 2020 term if they are eligible. You can reach out to [Financial Aid through the Cranium Café](#) to get more information about Pell Grants. You can sign up for cranium café through canvas. If you need help navigating your canvas or cranium café, email hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu and our outreach staff will assist you.

We have something new for you all that started yesterday. It is called “What’s on Your Mind,” and it is held every Wednesday from 12:30pm to 1:30pm. This is designed to help ease the stress of all of the changes that the students are experiencing as a result of COVID-19. This forum will be hosted by our very own student Collegian Newspaper Editor, Ande Richards, and our Life Skills Coordinator, Joe Exnowski. You can remain anonymous as a participant and can sign in with just your first name or a nickname. These forums will be recorded and archived on the LACC website for students to access. The Zoom meeting ID is: 506 692 050.

Also, the Office of Student Life is still taking applications for the upcoming 2020-2021 Associated Student Government Elections. The deadline to turn in an application to run for office is April 20th, 2020 at 4:00pm. If you are interested in running for office, please email Armineh Dereghishian, deregha@lacc.edu for an application and more information. Student Government Elections will take place online. The voting period will open on Monday, May 11th, and conclude on Friday, May 15th. You can hear all of the candidates speak at the live candidate forum that will be hosted online on May 4th. I will send you more information about this very soon.

As our week continues and the news every day is mixed with uplifting thoughts of coming back to social gatherings, and also with the reality that those are likely months away, just remember that this is temporary. We will be back together again.

BELIEVE **ACHIEVE** **SUCCEED!** Stay strong. Stay united. Stay looking forward.

Be well and be safe,

Mary

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