



Office of the President

Date: April 29, 2020

Good Morning LACC Students:

I hope you all are doing well and situated for your week's work. I have the answer to a question that was asked at Tuesday's Town Hall. If the topic does not interest you, just skip to the next paragraph.

One of the questions asked on Tuesday was whether you would be given more time to complete your classes this term. There are two answers to that question, depending on the circumstance. A few LACC courses were designated as hard to convert by the faculty - meaning the entire course, or more likely a fraction of the course, could not be converted to online and would require some face-to-face time to complete the course this term. These hard to convert courses will be extended into June, in the hope that we can return a small number of students, faculty, and staff to campus, while practicing physical distancing and other preventative measures, to enable you to complete your class. Students in these classes will receive an IP (In Progress) grade until the material/assignments/activities can be completed face-to-face. For students who need extra time to complete the course material and complete assignments, faculty should confer with students individually and work out an incomplete (I) contract. Students would then receive an "I" at the end of the term and the grade would either be changed later by the faculty once the student submits all work that was not completed, or if they do not submit the materials or complete the assignments, the grade reverts to the grade the faculty would have assigned without any deadline(s) being extended.

Did you know that Professor Nareh Manooki, who is an LACC Engineering instructor and leads the LACC Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Undergraduate Research Group at LACC, has a side job! Well, guess what, she worked at Boeing and holds her own patents. While she continues to meet online with her research group, she also 3-D prints face-shield frames for local hospitals using a design approved by the NIH. She has created a process where local healthcare facilities can make an agreement with LACCD schools to allow faculty and students to produce face-shields for them. The LACC Physics and Engineering department has joined her team by using our 3-D printers to help fill requests. Orders have been received from Glendale Adventist, Kaiser Urgent Care, and USC Verdugo Hills Hospital. So far the team has delivered about 400 reusable face shields. The LACC Foundation is helping to fund materials for the effort. Thank you Professor Manooki, LACC SWE, our physics and engineering department, and our LACC Foundation for supporting our local healthcare providers with much needed PPE!

Enough information for one day! I hope to see you at the Town Hall tomorrow at 12:30PM. I have an idea to add to my Town Hall meetings. I would like to announce names of students who have been accepted into universities, and those who have received scholarships. I will ask instructors and students to send me the information. If an instructor has been instrumental in the student's success, we will mention his/her name, too.

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Be well and be safe,

Mary

Yours in the success of our students,

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