

Office of the President

Date: May 13, 2020

Good Morning LACC Family:

I hope your week is going well and that you are making good progress in your classes this term. I know the challenges you have faced with these changes. The fact that you have adapted, you have struggled, you have had victories, and you have persisted shows your grit and resilience. This is an unfortunate situation, but one that will define the decades ahead in a much different way than we can even imagine today. Remember, this is temporary; and, although we do not know when it will end, it will end. Keep moving forward and hang in there. Please let us know if we can help you: hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu.

Today is a special Town Hall. We will have Congressman Adam Schiff here to conduct the Town Hall with you. It will be a similar format to my Town Halls. It will be on Zoom – we have been able to expand the Zoom room to accommodate everyone who wants to attend. Here is the Zoom meeting ID: Meeting ID: 998 7446 2626

Due to our special Town Hall today, **there will be no Student Town Hall tomorrow**, but I will see you again next Tuesday.

We have a little over 700 Chromebooks that will be distributed to you this week. We have a list of students who were approved to receive these laptops. If you were contacted by us to verify your address, you know you will receive a Chromebook. If you have not been contacted by us, and you know that you applied through your student portal for a laptop, please email us at hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu and we will check our list and let you know if you will be receiving one.

If you want to participate in our virtual recognition ceremony, Resilient Times for Brilliant Minds, we have extended the deadline to apply. **You have until tomorrow, Thursday, May 14 to apply. You need to do two things: 1. Complete the online graduation petition found at: <http://www.lacitycollege.edu/Academics/Counseling/Online-Advising/Graduation-Petition> and you need to email us at: hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu to let us know that you want to participate.**

We will celebrate the completion of your degree/certificate this year in a virtual recognition ceremony. The theme is: Resilient Times for Brilliant Minds. This will not replace your graduation; however, this will give you the recognition you deserve for the hard work you have done. Here is the website with all of the information about the virtual recognition ceremony: <https://www.lacitycollege.edu/Campus-Life/Office-of-Student-Life/Commencement/Virtual-Recognition>. This website has important information and deadlines for what you need to do to prepare and participate in this virtual recognition ceremony. [The LACC virtual recognition ceremony for our class of 2020 themed: Resilient Times for Brilliant Minds will be held on Tuesday, June 9 at 5:00 p.m.](#)

Speaking of virtual recognition ceremonies, the Black graduation ceremony this year will be held next Tuesday, May 19th at 3:00. The link to the ceremony will be sent out soon. The

Lavender graduation ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 2nd at 4:00. It will be virtual as well. I will send you the information as we receive it.

Remember, we will have an in-person commencement ceremony for our Class of 2020 when we can gather again face-to-face. I am hoping that will be no later than June 2021.

The date has passed for an automatic EW (emergency withdrawal) if you want to withdraw from a class. However, you can still withdraw from a class and petition and EW. Just go to Admissions and Records through the Cranium Café (you can access that through your canvas site) to get the petition to complete and submit.

We know that some of you withdrew from classes and received an email from us that you owe financial aid back due to falling below the required units for your financial aid disbursement. We have inquired about what can be done to help you. We have a list of those students affected and we will contact you as we progress on our inquiries.

The end of a semester always gives way to nerves and stress, and this year has been exacerbated by our conditions. After this week, there are two more weeks of class and then final exams.

As we continue to forge ahead to the end of this unique experience we are all sharing together, I hope you are managing to work in some personal rejuvenating time in between this hectic situation. I look forward to the Town Hall with Congressman Schiff today. I hope to see you there.

BELIEVE ACHIEVE SUCCEED! Each day that you complete gets you closer to meeting your goals.

Be well and be safe,

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