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Los Angeles City College Announces The Hisako Terasaki Art Scholarship

LOS ANGELES - (May 30, 2019) Los Angeles City College (LACC) is excited to announce the formal establishment of **The Hisako Terasaki Art Scholarship** in the LACC Visual and Media Arts Department. The mission of this department is to educate developing artists and art professionals to become socially-engaged, culturally-aware, and technically proficient in their chosen areas. The scholarship will provide merit-based scholarships for talented art students with financial need.

LACC alumna Hisako Terasaki is a second generation Japanese-American who grew up in Boyle Heights, just east of downtown Los Angeles. Her parents, Shuichi and Chizu Sumioka, had a flower shop on the corner of 1st and Fickett Streets. When she was a young teenager, she, her sister Tokiko, and her parents were interned at the Poston, Arizona relocation camp. During the period of hardship after the war, Hisako enrolled at LACC to study Art. In 1954, she married Paul I. Terasaki, who had a distinguished career as a pioneer in human organ transplant technology. Hisako learned copper plate printing while raising four children and had several exhibitions of her work over the years. In honor of her 90th birthday, her children have started this scholarship to support students at the college that had such a formative effect on her.

The art program at LACC prepares students for upper division study at a four-year university or art school and/or to earn an Associate of Arts degree, or Certificate of Achievement. Secondary objectives include portfolio preparation for students seeking admission to the Arts and Entertainment industry and other two-year vocational training programs. The studio arts courses provide a solid foundation in the various areas of studio art, including ceramics, drawing, painting, printmaking, and sculpture. The department prides itself on having an interdisciplinary program, consisting of Media Arts and Visual Arts. The prize winning journalism program allows visual artists to engage with print, and online media. The Visual & Media Arts Department allows for close collaboration with the Cinema Department. The Art Department has a high transfer rate to prominent universities such as UCLA, USC, and Cal Arts.

Contributions to this scholarship in honor of Hisako Terasaki can be made by contacting Carole Wenger, LACC Director of Alumni Relations at wengerc@lacitycollege.edu, 323.953.4011.

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. In the past decade, a total of 6,651 students have transferred to four-year colleges and universities, including 4,040 students attending Cal State universities and 1,086 students transferring to UC campuses. 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. LACC provides students and adult learners vital pathways to more advanced education and enhanced employment. In 2019, LACC celebrates its 90th anniversary.