

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

LACC on the Move!

Musical Chairs, Anyone?

Come on, It's a good thing! Signs of growth and change! There will be a whole lot of moving going on in the next few months, with the new Martin Luther King Jr. Library coming on line and the rehab of Franklin Hall. Plans call for non-classroom moves out of Franklin to begin later this month. In June, the BIG move of the library from its current site to the new building will take place. Also that month, all Franklin Hall classes and offices will be relocated so that building can be renovated and brought into the 21st Century! Our Deans are working with our move planners to smooth out the procedure and limit growing pains. Thank you in advance for your patience throughout this procedure and keep your eyes out for your invitation to the MLK Library ribbon cutting!

Maestro John Williams to Visit LACC!

Stellar LACC Alumnus John Williams is paying a special visit to campus on April 2 as part our Composers' Club Concert series, but unfortunately, the event is sold out. The LACC Foundation is sponsoring this "Friendraiser" which will include an intimate Q&A with the great man himself, and a concert featuring the rising stars of LACC's music department along with professional musicians doing arrangements of Williams' pieces. Williams himself wished to keep the event small, and we are fulfilling that wish.

Students for California's Future

Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi visited March 11th in a call to protect California students from proposed state budget cuts and urge faculty, staff & students to get involved in the issue.

"Our state and its people cannot prosper in the 21st Century if we force our schools to live on a fiscal starvation diet," Garamendi said. His signature, along with CCC Chancellor Dr. Diane Woodruff and other leaders, is attached to a March 6th letter to Gov. Schwarzenegger and members of the legislature to save education from the budget axe. They encourage everyone to get more involved. Visit <http://www.studentsforcalifornia.org/>.

DATES TO KNOW

Tuesday, April 1st is the
LACC Foundation Scholarships
Deadline!

The Foundation is offering many scholarships during the spring semester. Applications are now available online at www.laccfoundation.org or at the following locations on campus:
ASO Office (CH 126)
Counseling Dept. (AD 108)
EOP&S Office (CH111A)
Financial Aid Office (CH111 B)
OSS (CH 109)
Foundation Office (Bungalow B-3)
Library (MLK LIB)
Center for Student Life (CH 117)
Student Assistance Center (AD 105)

Spring Holidays

Spring Break = Monday, March 24 –
Sunday March 30, 2008
Sat March 29 = Campus is closed.
Mon. March 31 = Cesar Chavez Day
Mon., May 26, 2008 = Memorial Day
Sat. May 24 = Campus is OPEN

Summer 2008

Priority registration begins April 14
Continuing students - April 17
New students - May 12
Session 1: 5 weeks beginning 6/16
Session 2: 8 weeks beginning 6/16
Session 3: 5 weeks beginning 7/21

Security!

In our on-going effort to enhance the overall safety and security on the campus, the sheriff's office provides a student escort service. Escorts are available free of charge Monday through Friday, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call #3 from an office phone, or 323.662.5276, or stop in the sheriff's office and make arrangements for a uniformed security officer or police cadet to safely escort you to your vehicle in an LACC lot.

“Within Us” Performed at CSULA

Last month the LACC Theater Academy was selected to perform “Within Us,” a collaborative effort by co-authors and students, at the multi-state regional theater festival at CSULA. Although the troupe will not advance to the Washington D.C. Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival, they did place with discretionary awards, holding their own among some top universities! Congrats, Academy!

Congratulations Kelli Jackson!

Last weekend at the California Community College Forensic Association state championship tournament in Concord, LACC's Kelli Jackson finished as the top overall competitor in Programmed Oral Interpretation, winning a gold medal in the event. She also won a silver medal in Poetry interpretation. The LACC Forensics program congratulates Kelli on her outstanding performance and once again thanks adjunct instructors David Satlin and Drew Lobenstein for their coaching efforts. This is a great finish for Kelli and for LACC.



I encourage all of you to attend TechEd 2008, April 13-16 at the Ontario Convention Center! Please encourage students who are interested educational careers to attend. Registration is Free! Please follow instructions on: <http://www.techedevents.org/lacc/> Our own Prof. Evan Kendall (English/ESL Department) is a presenter!

Title: Disinformation Technology Beta - Learning Management Systems and Web Hosting

Presenter: Evan Kendall **Room #:** 105

Date: 4/15/2008 @ 1:15PM - 2:15 PM

Category: Concurrent Theme: Virtual Learning Sub Theme: New & Emerging Technologies

Ed Level: ALL EDUCATIONAL LEVELS

Tech. Prof.: INTERMEDIATE KNOWLEDGE, ADVANCED KNOWLEDGE

Organization: Los Angeles City College

Description: Learn HOW and WHY you should be the Web Master of your own domain. Set up a local test server to easily test drive FREE applications, like Moodle, SMF, Joomla. Also, contracting with a hosting company. Run your own show. Dr. Kendall teaches online and has explored many platforms (Moodle, Dokeos, ATutor, Joomla (CMS), SMF (Forums), etc...) and is willing to share. As part of the revolution, we are duty bound to learn how to disseminate information, not let decisions be made for us. Evan Kendall will show you how to do it yourself. Independence is always revolutionary.

The Sound of Music, LACC Style

The Chamber Chorale (Music 561), an auditioned choir, meets Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 6:50 pm and the College Choir (Music 501), open to all, meets Mondays from 11:10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. and Wednesdays from 11:10 a.m. 12:10 p.m. The Spring Concert repertoire will include pieces by Benjamin Britten, Randall Thompson, Z. Randall Stroepe, John Williams and more. Private auditions can be set up. Chamber Chorale has participated in the Music Association of California Community Colleges Conference each fall for several years and has also been featured at Disneyland as part of the Community Arts Showcase, two years in a row. Be a part of this great music making. Join now! For questions, please e-mail or dial extension 2885.

Looking for Some Interesting Reading?

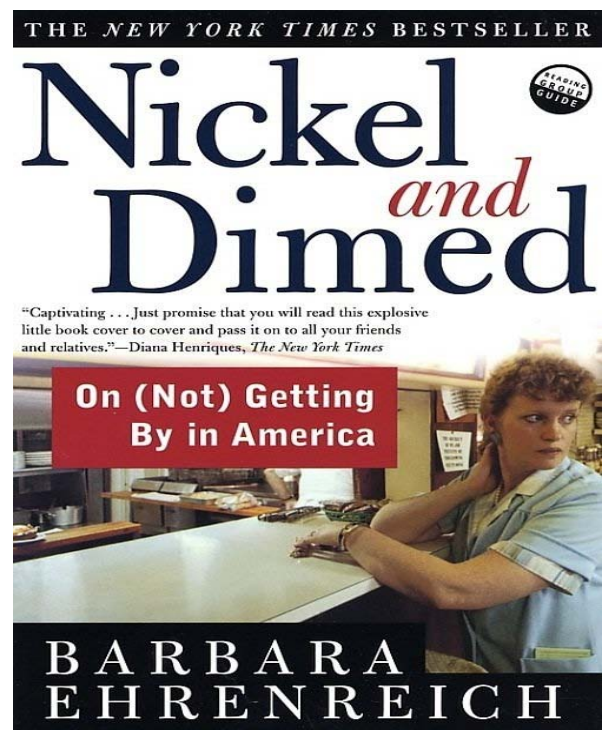
We regularly receive a variety of newspaper and magazine articles from the state Chancellor's Office! Education articles are sent to us frequently and spotlight local, state and national college events, announcements and news. Just click: <http://www.lacitycollege.edu/facstaff/staffdev/acadnews.html> The link to the Education Articles is on the top bar of the Faculty & Staff page as well. <http://lacitycollege.edu/citymain/facultystaff.html>

Additionally, the work of several Hewlett and Irvine grantees focused on improving outcomes for underprepared students is highlighted in "Rethinking Remedial Education," an article that appeared recently in *Inside Higher Ed*. The article points to data that suggests students who fail may, indeed, have the ability to succeed, but don't sustain successful performance over time. Citing innovative programs such as the Digital Bridge Academy at Cabrillo College, projects supported by the SPECC program of The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, and MDRC's SSPIRE program (funded by the Irvine Foundation), the article underlines the creative work being done across the state to help underprepared students succeed. I am sure you will enjoy reading about this groundbreaking work and the challenges ahead. The article can be viewed at: <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2008/01/29/california>.

The American Association of Community Colleges advocated with congress, to increase the amount of Pell dollars awarded to community colleges students from \$4.17 to \$4.6 billion! AACC also helped to add \$25 million to the Basic State Grants in the Carl D. Perkins Act and Provides increases for TRIO, Gear UP, HSIs and HBCUs. In the 2006-2007 academic year, more than 2 million community college students benefited from Pell Grants, receiving over \$4.6 billion dollars. With its partners, AACC is advancing work on equity and student success through the Achieving the Dream: Community College County national initiative. AACC's Project Reach is working to develop community service learning opportunities for students with disabilities to explore possible career paths, enhance employability and foster personal growth. Read more at www.aacc.nche.edu.

Spring Book Program Discussions Set

Come join us and comment, challenge, question or support the premise of "Nickel and Dimed: on (Not) Getting By in America" with **Author Barbara Ehrenreich**, who will visit the campus at **11 a.m. Wednesday, May 7th**.



SCHOLARSHIPS



Do you need financial support to continue your education?

The LACC Foundation is here to help!
Apply for the many scholarships the Foundation
is offering in the Spring semester.

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Educating Minds. Opening Hearts. Celebrating Community.

Please turn in your completed applications to the Foundation Office in Bungalow B-3 by April 1, 2008.

Please continue to get the word to students about LACC Scholarships. We have twice the pool of money this year and we are determined to give it all to worthy students.

Welcome Our New VP!

On April 1st. Bruce Baron will begin as LACC's new VP of Admin. Services, bringing a wealth of finance and budgeting experience to the campus community. Bruce has 30 years in his chosen career of higher education administration both at the university level and the community college level, He is no stranger to the L. A. Community College District, having worked as VP for Administrative Services at LA Southwest College.

He also worked for eleven years in the City University of New York, serving as Budget Director, Finance Director, Assistant Vice President and Vice President for Administration. Since 2005, he has served as Vice President for Administration in the Victor Valley Community College District in Victorville, California.

Baron holds a Bachelor's Degree from the City University of New York and a Master's Degree in Adult and Community Education from City College of New York.

Special Guest Set for Next LACC Academic Senate Meeting

On March 20th, Assemblyman Curren Price will attend Academic Senate. Price was an elected member of the Inglewood City Council before being elected to the California State Assembly in November of 2006. As a result of his proposed legislation to increase financial aid for students through the Cal-Grant program, Price was named "Legislator of the Year" by the University of California Student's Association.

Getting the Word Out There

Thanks again to all departments who answered the call and provided materials to present at the Feb. 24th CSU Super Sunday event reaching out to African American mega-churches; the February 27th Educate, Energize & Empower event which trained LAUSD parents on how to get their children ready for college; and the Feb. 28th LA Weekly Opportunity Rocks Career Fair. Additionally, a beautiful, full-color newsletter explaining the bond construction program to our community is now in production. "Building Today for the Economy of Tomorrow" will be mailed to residents in LACC's surrounding zip codes to keep them abreast of the projects that are pending, those underway and those completed on our campus.

LACC Goes Blue to Get Green

Staff and faculty can bring any paper that tears to the **blue bins** in the mailroom, AD317, financial aid office, reprographics, library, physics FH 223 or near the Harris Construction trailer. This new, to be expanded recycling pilot program is being coordinated by the Student Environmental Club and our Facilities Department. Volunteers will move and empty bins and plan Earth Day activities in April.