

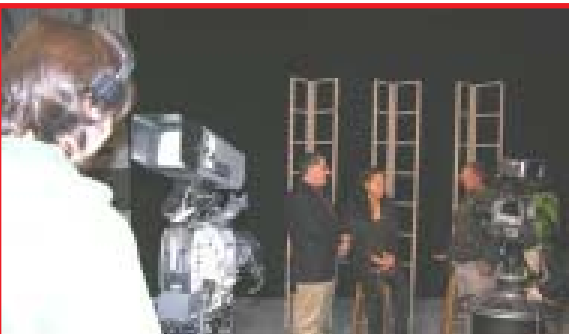


Assemblymember Portantino Tours Los Angeles City College



The Chair of the California Assembly's Higher Education Committee, Anthony Portantino, toured Los Angeles City College recently. A former TV and film producer, he explored LACC's renowned Cinema/TV Department, observed the ongoing construction, visited the on-campus WorkSource Center and met with faculty, staff and students.

"We need to use our limited resources more effectively," Portantino stated, referring to the billions in the state budget shortfall. "We should put them where we can get the biggest return on our investment – and our children are our best investment."





Back row left to right: Myra Siegel, Vice President Student Services; Arsen Mkrtychyan, Student Body President; Allison Jones, Dean Academic Affairs; Dr. Jamillah Moore, President, Roger Wolf, Chairperson Math Department; Wendel Eckford Assistant Professor of African American History; Dr. Lawrence Bradford, Dean Academic Affairs.

Front row left to right: Ani Vartanyan, ASO Student Representative; Mattie Moon Chairperson Social Sciences, Anthony Portantino, Chair of the California Assembly's Higher Education Committee; Belinda Acuna, Dean, Student Services-Access and Ken Sherwood, President of the Academic Senate. Portantino was impressed with the four campus construction projects taking place at once – the Martin Luther King Jr. Library; the Child Development Center; the Science/Technology Building; and the parking structure/field – all a result of voter-approved Propositions A and AA.

Named "Freshman of the Year" by the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, Portantino has authored Assembly Bill 1409, which would expand California education from a traditional K-12 model to a seamless K-14 experience by allowing more concurrent enrollment and stronger partnerships between high schools and community colleges.

